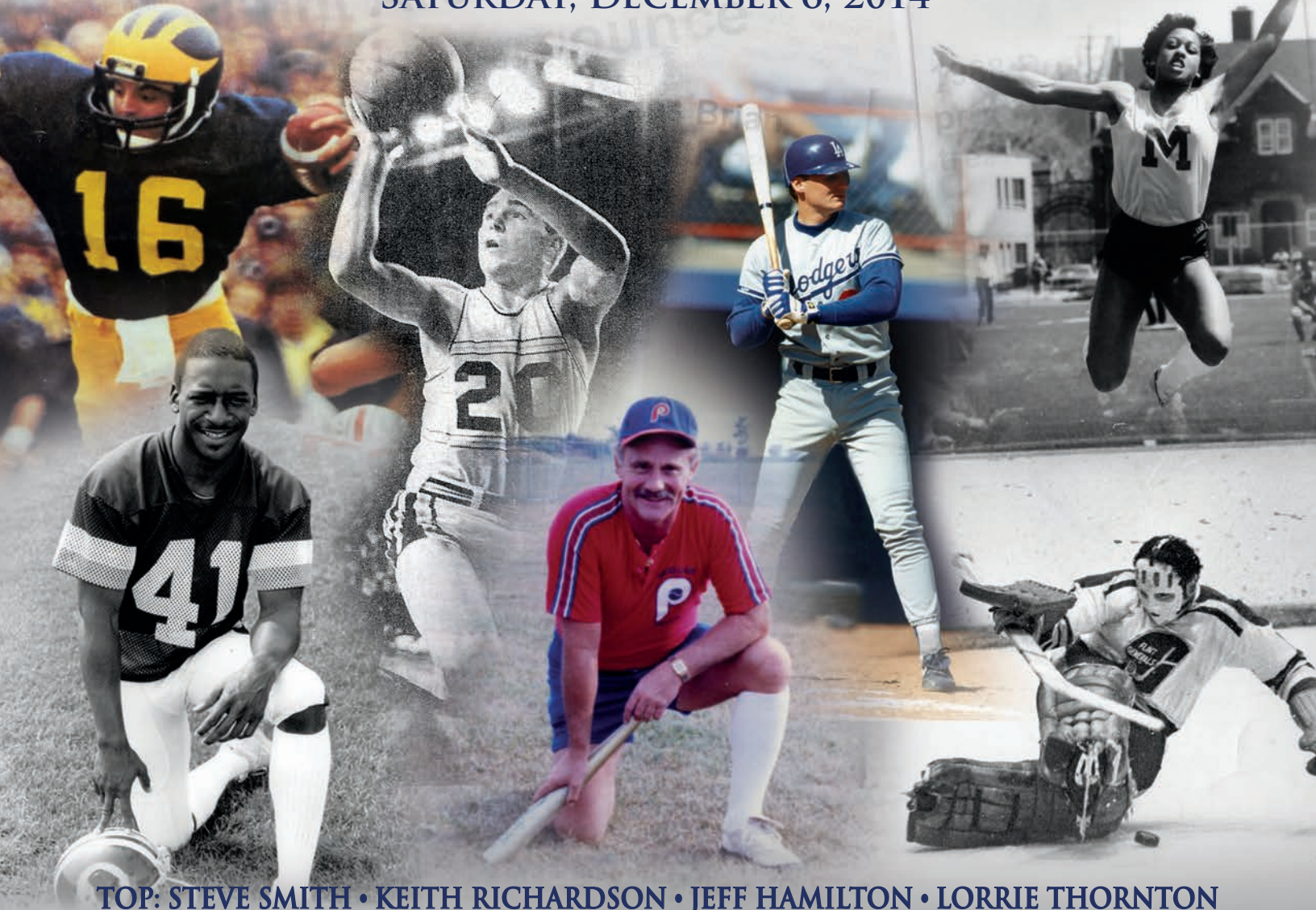


35th Annual

GREATER FLINT AREA SPORTS HALL OF FAME

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2014



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1977 HOLY ROSARY FOOTBALL TEAM
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Welcome to tonight's Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame program. Tonight marks the 35th consecutive year that this extraordinary organization has led our entire community in a celebration of excellence, achievement and service. It is an honor and a privilege to work with this impressive group of people.

The intent of the GFASHOF is to preserve the rich heritage of Flint area athletics, and it is a task carried out entirely by volunteers. After nearly twelve months of preparation, tonight we are ready to recall and recognize the accomplishments of individuals and teams who have been a part of this great athletic tradition.

Brian Carpenter, Jeff Hamilton, Steve Smith, Lorrie Thornton, Keith Richardson, Bob Perani, "Bud" Stebbins, along with the 1978 Northern Boys Basketball team, the 1991 Flint Powers Girls Basketball team and the 1977 Holy Rosary Football team make up one of the best Hall of Fame classes ever!

The Board of Directors wishes to express its appreciation to The Flint Journal and MLive for its continued support of tonight's program. We thank The Journal for donating the Hall of Fame plaques you see on display, and for its help in publicizing the activities through its sports department.

Ben Roof from A-Frame Awards has also been a vital and loyal supporter of the Greater Flint Sports Hall of Fame for many years. His personal and corporate support is greatly appreciated.

A big "thank you" also goes to Genesys Conference and Banquet Center and the Genesys Athletic Club for their extraordinary efforts in hosting the program and in providing a permanent home for the Hall of Fame, and supporting the GFASHOF in its outreach efforts to young athletes and leaders in our community.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the Selection Committee, I hope that this evening is enjoyable, memorable, and a reminder to all about the talent and spirit that has defined our community in the past, and provides a foundation and a vision of hope for the future.

Warm regards,

Bill Haley, President

THE GREATER FLINT AREA SPORTS HALL OF FAME
35th ANNUAL INDUCTION BANQUET

Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame

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GREATER FLINT AREA SPORTS HALL OF FAME



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

CRITERIA AND CONSIDERATIONS FOR NOMINATION:

1. All 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 area.
4. All individuals and teams must have an official nomination form on file with the Executive Secretary prior to any consideration for possible induction.
5. Primary considerations for Individuals would include: All-State, All-Conference, All-American, college, professional, national, world, Olympic accomplishments. Team considerations might include: Conference, state, national championships or other significant accomplishments.

PROCESS FOR SELECTION:

All nominations on file (currently over 150) are reviewed and researched by two separate Board of Directors committees (Individuals and Teams) appointed by the President. The "Individuals" Committee, through a voting procedure, selects up to fourteen candidates to send to the independent nine member Selection Committee. The Selection Committee, after review, selects no more than six individuals, a majority of whom are living, for induction to the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame. Team selections are made by the "Teams" Committee. Final process approval of the Board of Directors is required.

RULES:

1. Any individual or team who meets the aforementioned criteria may be nominated.
2. All nominations must be made on official Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame "Nomination Forms." These forms (individual, teams, special service and Bd. Of Dir/Selection Committee) are available on the GFASHOF website-www.GFASHOF.org or they may be obtained at the Genesys Health and Fitness Center registration desk.
3. Professional athletes shall not be eligible for election to the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame unless they have retired from professional participation for at least three years.
4. No individual inductee will be formally inducted without his/her or family approval.

Questions: Contact Mr. Bob Root, GFASHOF Executive Secretary
Carman-Ainsworth Senior High School - 810/591-5510
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REMINDER: DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING NOMINATIONS IS APRIL 1ST EACH YEAR.

TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

SOCIAL HOUR AND CASH BAR 3:15 TO 4:15

WELCOME, INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND OFFICERS.....BILL HALEY, PRESIDENT

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: BILL TROESKEN, MEMBER BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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THE 2014 INDUCTEES

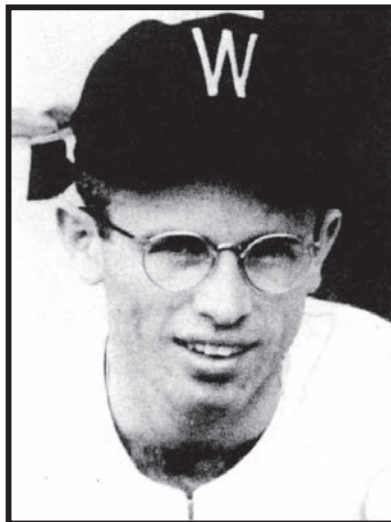
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***Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame
Board of Directors
2014 Member Emeritus Recognition***

Since 2011 the Board of Directors has honored eight former members for their meritorious service during their years with the Hall of Fame. The eight former members previously receiving **EMERITUS** recognition are **DICK DALY, JOAN LEVEQUE, JIM MASSAR, ERNIE MYERS, JIM RUTHERFORD, CATHY SNYDER, TOM YEOTIS AND FRED BRIGGS.**



Tom Cole



Nick Pappadakis

EMERITUS status is granted to former members of the GFASHOF Board of Directors recognizing their active participation and contributions in the activities and leadership of the organization that exceed what may be considered normal and traditional.

This year the Board of Directors has voted to accord **EMERITUS** status to **TOM COLE** and **NICK PAPPADAKIS**. These gentlemen provided extraordinary leadership over an extended period of time, in a variety of capacities, that enabled the organization to successfully continue their mission of honoring individuals and teams for remarkable achievement in athletics.

MR. COLE was a charter member of the organization and served many significant leadership roles over a twenty-six year period that included being Vice President and President as well as serving on the Selection Committee as Chairperson.

MR. PAPPADAKIS served for twenty-two years, including a very important seven year assignment as Executive Secretary (1984-1991) as well as serving as Vice President (1992-93) and President (1994-95) of the organization.

All **EMERITUS** selections are permanently listed in the annual induction banquet souvenir booklet and on the GFASHOF website (www.GFASHOF.org).

2014 GREATER FLINT AREA SPORTS HALL OF FAME BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Back Row (L to R): Bob Root, Mike Vance, Roger Foutch, Bill Haley Jr., Craig Coney,
Jim Vukovich, Marty Crane, Bill Troesken

Front Row (L to R): Bill Parish, James Blakley Jr., Tom Healey, Kathy McGee, Bob Burek, Dean Yeotis, Bill Basilius
(Not pictured: Duncan Beagle & Kathy Snyder)

2014 GFASHF SELECTION COMMITTEE



Back Row (L to R):

Tim Bograkos Jr., Dean Howe, Harry Jackson, Jake Brisendine

Front Row (L to R):

Dan Cady, Sue Conway, Ray Collard, Judy Hamilton
(Not pictured: Clifton Turner)

Hall of Fame Logo

One of the first activities of the Board of Directors was a contest to find a logo for the hall of fame. The winner of that contest was Robert Wolfe of Second Ave. in Flint, whose drawing won out of over several dozen entries.

In submitting his drawing, Wolfe explained the meaning:



Basis of Logo Design

Laurel Wreath: A symbol conferred as a mark of honor in ancient times upon heroes and victors in athletic contests.

Eternal Flame: Symbol of having a beginning but without interruption or end.

Five Stars: Symbol of five years of excellence in the athletes chosen sport. A requirement for the Hall of Fame honor.

Arrow Head: Symbol of the Greater Flint Area.

Vertical Lines: Upstanding moral character, an example to follow.

By Bob Wolfe



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Nov. 10, 2014

Greater Flint Hall of Fame,

I had the pleasure of coaching Jeff Hamilton during the summers of 1981 and 1982. Jeff led our Centilli-Grossi teams to the Connie Mack World Series in both of those years. In 1982 the team finished as national runner-ups. Jeff played fantastic during the series and was selected to the all-tournament team.

In my 30 years of coaching summer, high school and college baseball Jeff was one of the most talented baseball players that I worked with. That talent continued beyond summer baseball as in a few short years he was playing for the Los Angeles Dodgers in the Major League World Series. Congratulations Jeff on being selected to the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame, this is truly a well deserved honor.

Sincerely,

Ted Mahan/Olivet College Baseball Coach

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Jeff Hamilton

By Bill Khan

Jeff Hamilton was in a foul mood as he sat in the Los Angeles Dodgers' dugout, unaware that he was about to have a front-row seat to history.

Hamilton made the second out in the bottom of the ninth inning in Game 1 of the 1988 World Series, taking a called third strike when a sidearm delivery by Oakland's Dennis Eckersley grazed the outside corner of the plate. The previous pitch in the three-pitch at-bat was also a called strike on the outside corner.

"I was fuming, because I was mad because of the strikeout," Hamilton said. "I don't get the corners. The corners seem to get a lot bigger for me compared to other guys."

Remember, while not technically a rookie, Hamilton was in his first full season in the majors. Eckersley was in the prime of his Hall of Fame career. Who do you think got the close calls?

As Hamilton stewed over the strikeout, pinch-hitter Mike Davis walked, setting the stage for an ailing Kirk Gibson's iconic game-winning homer. The Dodgers carried the momentum from that epic blast all the way to the world championship.

"It was just kind of surreal," Hamilton said. "When it happens you're like, 'No way.' You go crazy. He actually did know what was coming. Everybody knew, because we went over it in the meetings. It's a lot easier when you have an idea what's coming."

Hamilton, a 1982 Flint Carman High School graduate, played more than 71 games only twice in his six-year career, spent entirely with the Dodgers. One of those years was 1988 when he became the team's regular third baseman partway through the season. He would become one of only four Dodgers to start all 12 of the team's postseason games, along with Steve Sax, Alfredo Griffin and John Shelby.

At the time, it was hard for Hamilton to enjoy the ride to the world championship.

"It's hard," he said. "That was really my first full season in the big leagues. Then to go through that, it was very nerve-racking. There's so much energy. You actually do feel like everything's caving in on you, because you can be a goat real quick for a long time. Every game we lost was my fault. That's the bad thing about being the rookie on a team with vets."

Hamilton said his most enjoyable experience in the big leagues actually came in a losing cause.

On June 3, 1989, he was called upon to pitch for the first time since high school in a 22-inning game against the Houston Astros. He pitched 1 2/3 innings, striking out Billy Hatcher and future MVP Ken Caminiti before allowing the game-winning hit to Rafael Ramirez. Hamilton became the first position player to get a decision in a big league game since Rocky Colavito on Aug. 25, 1968.

"Even with the World Series, that was probably the most fun I had playing, just because it was clean fun," Hamilton said. "I get to go in and let it rip. I found an old 8-millimeter video of me pitching. I think it was from the 1981 team when we went to the state finals. It was ugly."

Hamilton was drafted by the Dodgers in the 29th round of the 1982 draft, right out of Carman.

He was a three-sport athlete in high school, twice making first-team All-Big Nine Conference as a football quarterback and baseball shortstop. Hamilton made the 1982 Class A All-State baseball team. He was recruited by Michigan State as a quarterback.

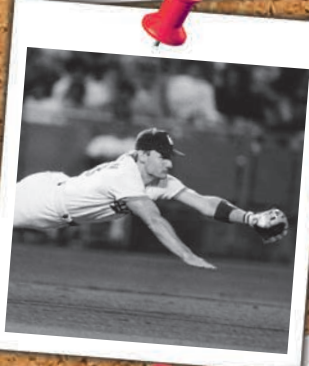
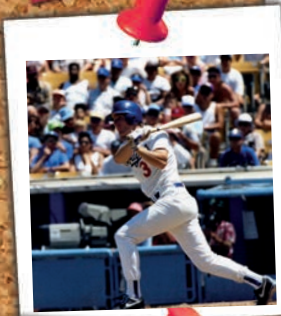
However, if he could have picked a sport to play beyond high school, it wouldn't have been football or baseball. "Basketball was my favorite," said Hamilton, 50, who lives in Fenton. "They didn't have the 3-point line when I played. I just played basketball because I loved it. I probably could've played football. I don't think there were a lot of guys who could throw like I could throw back then."

Hamilton's high school highlights were leading the football team to a tri-championship with Beecher and Powers Catholic in 1980 and the baseball team to the 1981 Class A championship game. The Cougars lost 7-6 in 10 innings to Harper Woods Bishop Gallagher. No team from Flint has reached the title game since then.

The pressure of playing in a state final as a teenager was nothing like the pressure of playing in the World Series seven years later.

"I think I was hitting .700 through the whole tournament, so the pressure's off," Hamilton said. "It wasn't that bad. Pressure's the deciding factor in everything."

As a major leaguer, Hamilton hit .234 with 24 homers and 124 RBI in 416 career games. He was 2-for-19 in the 1988 World Series.





November 14, 2014

To the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame:

The University of Michigan is proud to be part of today's Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame ceremonies and the induction of former Wolverine quarterback Steve Smith.

Steve excelled as a dual threat quarterback for the Wolverines under coach Bo Schembechler. He completed 324-of-648 passes for 4,860 yards and 42 touchdowns while adding 1,694 rushing yards and 31 scores. Steve's 42 passing TDs currently ranks sixth all-time at Michigan and his 31 rushing TDs lists seventh all-time among U-M players.

Steve became the first quarterback in school history to throw four touchdowns in a contest, tossing a school record four scores against Purdue during the 1983 season, when he was named the team MVP.

Steve finished his career with 6,554 yards of total offense, a mark that lists fourth all-time, behind a trio of recent Wolverine signal callers. He was a member of the 1980 and '82 Big Ten Championship teams, posting a four-year record of 36-12 overall and 30-5 in Big Ten action.

We salute Steve on his well-deserved induction into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame and for his incredible four years as a member of the Michigan football program.

Congratulations to Steve and all of the members of this year's induction class.

Go Blue!

David Ablauf, Associate Athletic Director
Public and Media Relations

Class of

2014 INDUCTEE



Steve Smith

By Bill Khan

Remember that 1979 football season when Steve Smith rewrote the Flint-area record books as Grand Blanc's quarterback? What many people don't know is he played the entire season with a broken kneecap.

Anyone who was around back then surely recalls the Bobcats' epic 51-50 victory over a Beecher team that featured two future NFL players in Carl Banks and Lonnie Young.

In that game, Smith starred in one of the greatest games in Flint-area history while playing with a broken finger and a sprained ankle. Flash forward to Smith's senior year at the University of Michigan, a season in which he led Michigan to a 9-2 record and a berth in the Sugar Bowl.

He managed to throw for 13 touchdowns that season while playing with a separated shoulder in his throwing arm.

Imagine what a healthy Steve Smith could've done.

He learned to excel through pain, starting with his memorable senior year at Grand Blanc. He was years before his time as a passing quarterback, shattering Rick Leach's Flint-area passing record with 4,012 career yards. Leach, who also started at quarterback at Michigan, had 3,473 from 1972-74 at Flint Southwestern.

"They limited me to no sprints during the week," Smith said. "It was painful all the time. I wasn't going to miss my senior season. I broke it earlier. I just didn't know I had a broken kneecap. I knew the knee hurt really, really bad, but I didn't know why."

Smith had surgery after the season, sacrificing his senior year of basketball and returning in time to play baseball.

"It made the high school experience way more fun," Smith said of being a three-sport athlete. "It's a shame more kids who have the potential to play three sports don't get the opportunity anymore. If you're a really good football or basketball player, it's like you can't play three sports. Sports have become such a year-round thing. It's great, but it's kind of too bad. You look back at a Carl Banks and what a great basketball player he was."

Smith was prepared for the white-hot spotlight of being the quarterback at Michigan because of the scrutiny he received over his transfer from Swartz Creek to Grand Blanc in 1979. Smith was Swartz Creek's starting quarterback for two years before he left for Grand Blanc.

"Back then, nobody transferred," Smith said. "It was a big deal. It was because of me transferring, not because it was Steve Smith, All-American quarterback. I didn't mind the spotlight. I didn't like some of the negative connotations that went with it, saying I moved out because of selfishness and moved because I wanted to go to a better program. I didn't like that part of it. As far as the spotlight being on me my senior year, if you're going to play at Michigan, get ready for that. For lack of a better term, it was good college prep."

Smith said he chose to transfer after it was announced Swartz Creek was dropping athletics. Athletics were quickly reinstated after a millage vote passed, but Smith had already moved.

"If it wasn't for the millage problem and them dropping sports, I never would've considered leaving to begin with," he said.

With Smith providing the energy, Grand Blanc steamrolled the opposition, its only close game in a 9-0 regular season being the 51-50 victory over Beecher. The ride ended abruptly with a 36-35 loss to Escanaba in the first round of the playoffs. Grand Blanc averaged 46.2 points per game.

"1979 was one of the most fun years I ever had," Smith said. "We started rolling with Clarkston; we beat them pretty bad. We were putting up big numbers. Looking back at the numbers, probably out of 10 games we played, I didn't play in the second half of five of them, because we were putting up such big numbers. In today's world, people don't have a problem scoring 50 or 60 points. People didn't score 50 points back then."

Smith's performance earned him a scholarship at Michigan, where he was the Wolverines' starting quarterback his final three seasons. He might have started for four years, but he saw brief duty in 1980 when the red-shirt rule didn't exist.

"I played a quarter in the Minnesota game," Smith said. "In the Rose Bowl my freshman year, I took two snaps at the end of the game; that's what did me in. It's too bad, because I really would've liked to have played. If I played another year, who knows? I'll never forget Bo (Schembechler) calling me into his office. The red-shirt rule was back. At the time, I held the total offense record there. He said, 'Man, I'd love to bring you back. We could've set some records.'"

Smith had a 26-10 record as Michigan's starter. His 4,860 passing yards and 42 touchdown passes were school records when he graduated. As Michigan evolved into a pro-style offense upon his departure and developed a string of future NFL quarterbacks, he dropped to ninth in passing yards and sixth in touchdown passes.

His records were first broken by his successor, Jim Harbaugh.

Smith was a dual-threat quarterback, rushing for 1,736 yards and 31 touchdowns at Michigan. He can't help but wonder if the trend toward mobile quarterbacks in the NFL would've made him a better pro prospect today.

"I'd loved to have played in today's game to see how that would've worked," said Smith, who was 6-foot, 195 pounds in his playing days. "The era of football when I played, they were looking for a pocket passer who was 6-3, 6-4. They didn't want quarterbacks to run in the pros. Today's game has changed a little bit. Who knows? In hindsight, there are a lot of things I wish I could have done, but I still had a great time."

Smith played two seasons with Montreal in the Canadian Football League before getting an NFL tryout as a running back with San Diego in 1986. He tore his hamstring in San Diego. His last NFL camp was with Detroit, which tried him out as a safety.

"I was actually having a pretty good camp," Smith said. "Three weeks into camp, I just decided I didn't want to do it anymore."



IN MEMORY OF OUR OUTSTANDING COACHES

All of the players and assistant coaches from Flint Holy Rosary's 1977 State Championship Football Team are paying tribute to the outstanding men who coached and motivated our team. Unfortunately three of them passed away before their great efforts were recognized by the Greater Flint Athletic Hall of Fame.



Bill Herrmann



Ken Garner

We could not have gone "UP THE HILL" as Coach Bill Herrmann used to say without the "COOL, CALM, VICIOUS DETERMINATION" that was always part of Coach Ken Garner's pre-game talk. They were joined on the sidelines by the team's 12th man, Gene Matts. He kept our team properly equipped and properly pumped.

Their ability to create game plans and to motivate each of us to play as a team and at our very best allowed us to overcome all odds to become the first ever football state champion from Flint.

**THANKS COACH HERRMANN, COACH GARNER AND MR. MATTS,
YOU WILL ALWAYS BE IN OUR HEARTS AND IN OUR MINDS.**

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1977 Holy Rosary Football Team

By Dan Nilsen

Holy Rosary High was really hurting after its first two trips to the state football playoffs. On their third trip, the Wolverines made Crystal Falls Forest Park feel the pain.

After two straight losses to the same team in the first two years of the state playoff format, the Wolverines put a hurt on the Trojans in the 1977 Class D final and came home with a 21-20 victory for the first state football championship in Flint-area history.

Motivated by a 50-0 loss to Crystal Falls in the 1975 final at Western Michigan University's Waldo Stadium and a 14-6 heartbreaker in the first high school game ever at the Pontiac Silverdome in 1976, Rosary vented its frustration on the Trojans in 1977 with a hard-hitting defense and opportunistic offense to finally topple the U.P. powerhouse.

"Ordinary kids do extraordinary things," said Al LaBrecque, the defensive coordinator along with Ken Garner under head coach Bill Herrmann. "We got to know Crystal Falls, and the fear factor was no longer there after the 50-0 beatdown in 1975. We should have beaten them in 1976. We had them."

"In our mind, we should have won that game," agreed Mike Ayre, a senior running back and cornerback. "We played really well in '76, and to come away losing like that was really frustrating. In a lot of respects, that '77 team didn't have as much talent as '76 and '75. We were small in stature and small in numbers, but we hit like a train wreck."

Rosary was a 23-man team from a small Catholic school built near Kearsley High. The school had only two hallways, according to Eric LaBrecque, and students spent half their day taking classes at Kearsley.

But Rosary had enough athletes to produce seven state championships in football, volleyball, softball and girls basketball, as well as two boys basketball state finalists, from 1972-77.

The football team was led by Ayre, a 1,000-yard tailback and All-State cornerback, quarterback Ron Fray, nose guard and All-State center Tim Stiglich, and tight end/cornerback Dan Lehoux. The rest of the offensive line had Jerry Crist and Tony Kroska at guard and Mike McFarland and Jim O'Connor at tackle. Jeff Fray was a junior split end, Dan Ayre a junior flanker. Mark Schaffer, Paul LaBrecque and Joe Simon alternated at fullback.

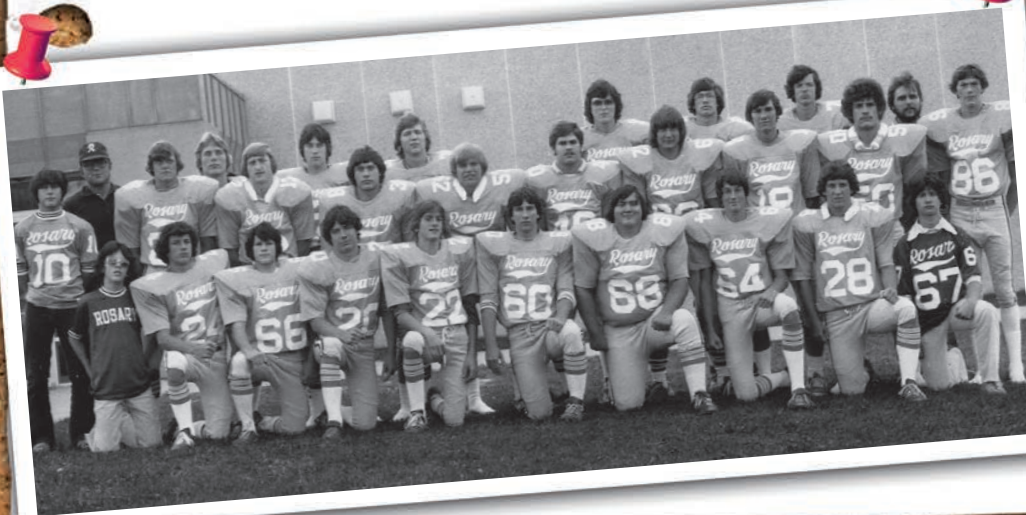
On defense, Kroska and Paul LaBrecque played linebacker, John Candy and Joe Arnes were defensive backs, Schaffer, O'Connor, McFarland and Dave Berta were on the line, and Dan Ayre was at safety. Jeff Fray alternated at defensive end and tackle with Berta. John Haley was the placekicker, good from 45 yards in.

Bill Herrmann was a strict but creative head coach who conditioned the team at a preseason camp in West Branch and installed a new gimmick play every week. He was also a master motivator who played down his teams as underdogs while firing them up with the theme music from "Rocky" throughout the '77 playoffs.

The Class D Wolverines played all B and C schools in their Mid-Eastern Eight Conference, and that's what gave them enough bonus points to make the playoffs at a time when only eight teams qualified in each class. Rosary wasn't even unbeaten in 1977, suffering a loss to Goodrich in week eight that made week nine a virtual playoff game.

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ROW 1: Manager Scott Dolan, Dan Ayre, Luke Turchi, John Candy, Carl Martel, Paul LaBrecque, John Haley, Brad DePottey, Mike Ayre, and Manager Kevin Shelton **ROW 2:** Manager Mark Turchi, Jeff Fray, Joe Arnes, Joe Simon, Jerry Crist, Mark Schaffer, Tony Kroska, Ron Fray, Tim Stiglich, and Jeff Weygandt **ROW 3:** Coach Bill Herrmann, Dave Berta, Eric LaBrecque, Jim O'Connor, Mike McFarland, Dan Lehoux, Joe Pastor, and Assistant Coach Dennis Corbin.
Not pictured: Assistant Coach Ken Garner.





November 14, 2014

To the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame:

Michigan Athletics is honored to have former women's track and field standout Lorrie Thornton inducted into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame.

A four-year letterwinner on the track (1980-83), Lorrie won the 1983 Big Ten Indoor title in the long jump, which helped the Wolverines win their first Big Ten Track and Field Championship. She went on to place eighth in the event at the 1983 NCAA Indoor Championship held at Joe Louis Arena.

Lorrie was also a member of Michigan's record-setting 800 and 400-meter relay teams. She also competed in the 55- and 60-meter dashes, setting school indoor marks.

Lorrie set University of Michigan records for the indoor and outdoor long jump, recording leaps of 20 feet and 19-5, respectively. Those marks were within inches of the qualifying standards for the 1984 U.S. Olympic Trials but Lorrie chose to pursue a Law degree rather than compete for a spot on the Olympic team.

We extend congratulations from the entire University of Michigan Athletic Department to Lorrie on her induction into the Great Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame.

Congratulations to Lorrie and all of the members in the Class of 2014.

Go Blue!

David Ablauf, Associate Athletic Director
Public and Media Relations

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Lorrie Thornton

By Bill Khan

Clif Turner could have brought up any number of great performances by Lorrie Thornton when recalling her track and field career at Flint Central High School.

But the one moment that stood out didn't take place during a competition. It said more about Thornton, the person, than Thornton, the star athlete.

"She's just a great, great person," said Turner, who coached Central while Thornton was competing from 1977-79. "One of the things I remember is she'd fight for anybody on the team's right. We had a special ed young lady on the team. Some of the girls were like, 'We don't want her. She's so slow.' Lorrie and Renee, my daughter, said 'Anybody who wants to can run. If it takes her a while to run two miles, we'll wait for her.' That basic attitude that everybody should have the opportunity to perform."

Turner also recalls an athlete who worked just as hard in the classroom as she did on the track. So it's no wonder that when Thornton's athletic days were over, she was ready for the next phase of her life. Now 53 and named Lorrie Vick-Leonard, she is an assistant vice president and senior counsel for a law firm in Chicago.

When her record-breaking career at the University of Michigan ended in 1983, Thornton faced a major decision. She set Michigan's indoor and outdoor long jump records with leaps of 20 feet and 19-5, respectively, putting her within striking distance of the standard for the 1984 U.S. Olympic trials.

Life turned out well for Thornton. She went to law school and has had a successful career as a lawyer. Yet, she sometimes wonders what might have been.

"I think about it all the time," she said. "In women's track and field, Indiana University in Bloomington had a really good long jump coach. That was one of the law schools I was accepted into. He'd been talking to me, hoping I would go there so I could spend my spare time on those extra few inches. It was scary. I figured if I was going to do that, I wouldn't do well in school. I just wish I'd have been counseled a little bit. I could've taken a year off; no harm, no foul. Back in those days, in '83, you go to college, do the best you can and move on to the next part of your life."

Central won the 1977 state championship while Thornton was on the team, but an injury kept her from competing during the second half of the season.

As a senior in 1979, Thornton won the state Class A championship in the long jump with a leap of 19 feet, 7 inches. It was an all-classification state meet record that stood until Trinette Johnson of Detroit Cass Tech went one inch longer in 1989. Thornton's leap is still the second-longest ever in a state meet in any class. Even with Thornton's 10 first-place points, however, Central didn't even make the top 10 after winning the state title two years earlier.

"Once Renee left Central, I was very lonely," Thornton said. "We didn't have a lot of young women who ran track who had the same level of dedication I had. With Renee, it was easy; she was always there. We lived around the corner from each other. If it rained, a lot of girls wouldn't go to practice. Mr. Turner always told us if you're not practicing, someone somewhere else is. When you meet, she will win. That's how I got through my senior year."

In college, she went a career-best 20 feet even during an indoor meet in 1981. That jump felt different, even though it wasn't much longer than her previous best.

"An inch is a long way when you're jumping," Thornton said. "It sounds kind of corny, but when you're jumping it almost feels like you're soaring. If you can keep your legs extended and close your eyes, it almost feels like you're flying." Thornton's best performances came indoors, as her outdoor best at Michigan was 19-5 in 1981. That was still good enough to stand as the Wolverines' record for 13 years. She was eighth in the NCAA indoor meet in 1983. The jump that earned her eighth place came in the semifinals, as she scratched on all three jumps in the finals at Joe Louis Arena. "I always had trouble outdoors, because I was always so pumped up," she said. "It was hard to figure the wind. I would overstep the board. Indoors, it's more controlled. I could run fast and practice that speed, and the conditions would still be the same."

At Michigan, Thornton was also on record-setting 800 (indoors and outdoors) and 400 (outdoors) relay teams. She set school indoor marks in the 55- and 60-meter dashes.

"With up to 16 events, she probably did half of them at one time or another if I asked her to," Turner said. "We had a very good team. It was just a great group."

In addition to track, Thornton earned varsity letters in basketball, cheerleading and volleyball.

"Flint was awesome," Thornton said. "We had the CANUSA Games and Flint Olympian Games. I participated every year. Flint used to have a summer track league at Northwestern. For me, growing up in Flint, there was always summer sports. CANUSA Games was always the highlight, hosting people in your house, going over there. We've had a lot of great athletes come out of Flint. I think it's because of our Olympian Games. There was great competition."





On behalf of Central Michigan University, I am honored to salute Keith Richardson on his induction into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame.

Mr. Richardson exemplifies the university's core values, and is a shining example of the role that education can play in a person's life.

We at Central Michigan University are proud to proclaim Mr. Richardson one of our own, and are equally proud of his accomplishments both as a student-athlete at the university, and his dedication to the student-athletes whom he coached and his role in educating young people.

Once again, Central Michigan University salutes you, Keith, and all the members of this year's induction class.

Sincerely,

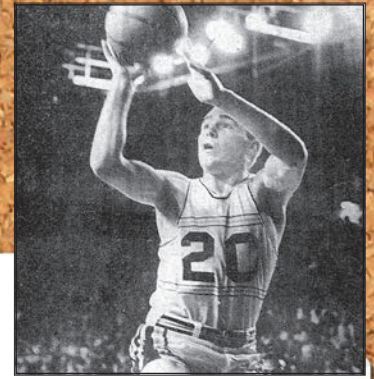
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Dave Heeke
Director of Athletics
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Keith Richardson

By Bill Khan

When Keith Richardson checks out the plaques of previous Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame inductees, he sees a lot of familiar faces staring back at him.

Many of them were former teammates, coaches and adversaries during his days as a high school athlete at Flint Central.

Others were athletes he coached in basketball and track at Flint Southwestern. "When I counted the number of people already inducted into the Hall of Fame, I had some sort of relationship with over half those people, which means a lot to me," Richardson said. "It makes it very special to go in with these people."

Now a plaque honoring Richardson will be among those of the former Flint-area greats he admires.

Richardson was active during a great era in Flint sports.

As an athlete at Central, he was on a state basketball semifinalist in 1958 and a mythical state football champion that fall.

In nine years coaching basketball at Southwestern, he went 123-71 from 1971-80. Among the athletes he coached were young men whose greatest accomplishments were in football — Rick Leach, Gene Johnson, Rodney Feaster, Reggie Williams, Booker Moore and Daryl Turner.

"Some high school coaches didn't want their basketball players playing other sports," Richardson said. "We didn't have that privilege. I wouldn't have done it anyhow, because of my background. We had kids who were just good all-around athletes."

Richardson was not only a multiple-sport athlete in high school, he was involved in four sports at Central Michigan University.

He went to CMU to play basketball, playing in every game during his four-year career from 1959-60 to 1962-63. His 438 points in 1961-62 ranked 11th in school history at the time. He also played one season of baseball. Perhaps his most impressive accomplishment, however, came as the result of a whim.

While the basketball team practiced in the field house, the indoor track and field team was also getting in its work. "After practice, I'd just go over and fool around with the high jumpers," said Richardson, who never competed in track in high school. "I was going higher than they were. So the track coach, Lyle Bennett, talked to Ted Cole, the head basketball coach, and asked him if I could high jump in the meets when I was a freshman. When it didn't interfere with basketball, I would high jump in the track meets. Quite often, we'd have a track meet on Saturday afternoon and then a basketball game that evening. It was a busy time, but I was glad to be able to do it."

Richardson's best effort was his first. In his first competitive jump, the 6-foot-2 freshman cleared 6 feet, 4 3/4 inches. It was a school record and the fifth-best jump in the nation at the time.

"I was pumped up," Richardson said. "I kind of surprised myself, as well as other people. That record doesn't sound like much today; a lot of high school kids are doing that. That was before the Fosbury Flop. Nobody had gone 7 feet yet. Now they're up around 8 feet. The pits we were jumping into was not nearly as good as they have now. You could've done the Fosbury Flop once and probably broken your back."

In high school, Richardson was a starter as a junior on the 1958 basketball team that lost in the semifinals by an 81-58 score to a Benton Harbor team led by future NBA player and basketball Hall of Famer Chet Walker.

He didn't play football as a junior, but wanted to come out for the team as a senior. Richardson and his father went to the house of Central football coach Bill Doolittle, asking if he could play.

"He said he'd love to have me out," Richardson recalls. "He said that after a couple weeks if it appeared I was going to play, great. but if it looked like I wasn't going to play much, he'd let me know and I could just start playing basketball early. He said it wouldn't be like you were quitting or anything. A lot of coaches would say, 'No, you didn't play last year; heck with it.'"

Richardson wound up starting as an end and also handled kicking duties. He was part of an 8-0-1 team that won the mythical state title, capping the season with a 51-0 rout of arch rival Flint Northern in the annual Thanksgiving Day game. "It's just a shame that a lot of kids don't have that chance to compete at that level anymore where you're at Atwood Stadium and you have over 20,000 people at a game," Richardson said. "When I grew up, we'd go to the Thanksgiving Day game, then we'd go home and have Thanksgiving Day dinner; that was just tradition. To be able to be part of that and actually get to play in the game, then we beat Northern 51-0, that was just frosting on the cake."

That 1958 team was previously inducted into the Hall of Fame.

In baseball, Richardson battled .367, leading the team in hits and runs.





BOB PERANI

I have been thinking about writing this for over a month. Trying to put into words what Bob Perani meant to me, to hockey, and to Flint, this is not an easy task.

To say he touched the lives of every hockey player in the area is not an understatement, just ask around. To say that he touched the lives of many, most quietly and unknown to the masses, is not an understatement, just ask around.

What he meant to me? I could never overstate the importance of his hockey knowledge, his mentorship, nor his friendship to me. I was very blessed to be able to call him a very close friend. I was blessed to be able to spend so much time with him over the years in many different places, areas and arenas. Very few know that he arranged for me to live with his parents in Toronto when I first turned pro so I was protected, taken care of and had a nice place to live.

No matter what was going on in his own life, business or family, he always made time for everyone. Every kid that walked into the Perani store would ask, "Is Bob here?" my kids included. To a kid, every kid, he came and said hi, no matter how busy he was at the time.

The word Icon is used a lot these days, but that is the word that keeps coming to mind. If a poor kid coming from Canada to play minor hockey in MI, turning the Flint Generals into a household name with sellouts being the norm and "THE" thing to do in Flint, starting up his own pizza place, starting a very small equipment shop with a pet store in the back, or turning that 1 store into a 17 location nationwide chain, being the biggest retail chain hockey store in the country, oh, did I mention that the event center in his NEW hometown Flint, MI is now named Perani's Arena and Event Center? If that does not scream ICON, I do not know what does, but Bob would joke and say, "If it was easy, everyone would do it!"

BUT that is not why I think he is an ICON or role model. To me, he is an icon for different reasons, being married to his wife and best friend, Kris for 41 years. He lived in the same house for most of their marriage. Making sure kids could afford equipment even when they couldn't, he figured out a way for the family. Kris and he ate at small joints to help out local people. Lastly, but most importantly, being an awesome dad to Lahna and Robert and Papa to a "few" grand kids. I guess I think he is an ICON because he did not act like one.

My dilemma is this, I don't really know if Bob is being inducted into the GFASHOF because of HIS ability to play hockey, which he could be. If it's HIS association with hockey in the area as player, team owner, store owner, because he could be. If it is because of the legacy he left for all of us in the Flint area, because it could be. So I guess, ICON is a good word because no matter what Bob Perani you knew, he is a Hall of Famer.

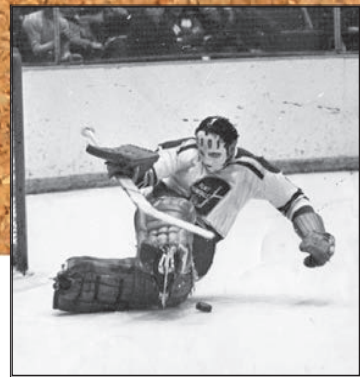
Thank you Bob for being YOU

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bobby Reynolds". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'B'.

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Bob Perani

By Bill Khan

Bob Perani was born in Italy, grew up in Canada, retired to Thailand, but make no mistake about it — Flint was his home.

Perani was considered the first star player for the Flint Generals, who joined the International Hockey League in 1969-70. Perani came to Flint that season, the first of five in which he played goaltender for the Generals. When his hockey career ended, he remained in Flint and started a small hockey equipment business on Davison Road. To help make his venture a bit more profitable, the store also doubled as a pet shop before moving to a larger location in the Dort Mall.

That business is no longer small and no longer needs a side business to thrive. Perani's Hockey World has 21 stores in the United States and three in Canada as one of the world's largest independent distributors of hockey equipment. As the business grew, some people tried to persuade Perani to move his headquarters outside of Flint. He would hear none of that.

"Flint supported him and got behind him so much," said his son, Robert Perani. "He had the opportunity to leave, not only as a professional hockey player, but he had opportunities to move his business. He didn't want to leave Flint or the community, because Flint had given him so much. He felt it was a way to give back by staying in town. He did believe in Flint and the community. He wanted to support them as much as they supported him."

Perani was on a flight to Tokyo on his way back to Thailand when he died at the age of 69 on April 15, 2012. He planned to sell his home there in preparation for a return to Flint and full-time involvement in his business. The news of Perani's death was devastating to the local hockey community.

"With all iconic people, when they pass away so suddenly it's not only a shock, but leaves a void," said Bobby Reynolds, who was a player and coach when The Perani Group owned the Generals of the United Hockey League. "He touched so many people and so many people felt so close to him. That void is there because he touched so many people's lives. He was so active in trying to keep hockey in Flint and making sure the main store in Flint stayed on Dort Highway. He was so loyal to the Flint area. Who knows how much money he sunk in, knowingly and unknowingly, to keep hockey in the Flint area and helping people out."

Perani often backed up his loyalty to the Flint area with his money.

"It didn't matter what the financial situation was for the person, he would treat everyone the same," Robert Perani said. "If they were into hockey, he'd find a way to get the hockey equipment to them. He'd deliver it himself or give them a special deal and make it affordable for them. He just wanted kids to play hockey. He enjoyed it so much that he made a living out of it. If some kid could just play it to have fun or keep them out of trouble, that's what he wanted to do."

Ron Mitchell had a unique perspective on Perani, originally idolizing him as a youth, then going into business with him to help keep professional hockey in Flint as part of The Perani Group.

"He always had time to talk to the kids," Mitchell said. "He's one of those people as a kid I looked up to and as an adult I looked up to. It was my pleasure to go into business with him. If it was Bob, myself and (John Patch) running it, there might still be a team. There were just too many hands with too many ideas and not enough money." As a player, Perani won the James Norris Memorial Trophy in 1967-68 with the Muskegon Mohawks for allowing the fewest goals in the IHL.

His best season in Flint was in 1970-71 when he had a 2.84 goals against average and three shutouts in 43 games. Those were the glory years of pro hockey in Flint, years in which IMA Sports Arena (now named Perani's Arena and Event Center) was routinely sold out.

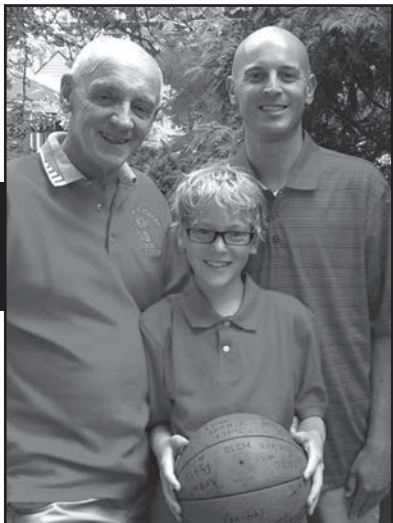
"It was an event," Mitchell said. "The lobby was always packed. There was always a ticket line for the box office opening, because they pretty much sold out every game. Everybody was on their feet cheering. Everybody had a favorite General. There were tons of homemade signs. Back in the day when he played, there was no plexiglass. It was just a screen, so you could hear the players talk. It was just an awesome thing."

Perani is the first pro hockey player who wasn't raised in the Flint area to be inducted into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame. Reynolds, who grew up in Fenton, is the only other athlete to play pro hockey in Flint who is enshrined in the Hall.

"We never thought he was actually eligible," Robert Perani said. "This was one of the few phone calls I've gotten that actually made me shake and tremble, because I was overcome with emotion. My dad's not here and my mom's not here to enjoy this. When you grow up with my dad, you don't really fully understand what he meant to the community. When something like this happens, it really comes full circle. This is really what he meant to people around here."



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*Coach Bill Troesken and the Vikings collect the
1978 State Championship Basketball hardware.*

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1978 Flint Northern Boys Basketball Team

By Greg Tunncliff

Two of the teams Flint Northern played in the 1978 Class A state basketball tournament had future NBA players on their rosters.

The Vikings had nobody of that caliber on their squad, but look who took home the state championship trophy. Northern beat a Flint Northwestern team led by Trent Tucker in the regional final and smothered future Detroit Piston Walker D. Russell of Pontiac Central in the state championship final to claim perhaps the most unlikely of the school's nine state titles.

"We didn't have any All-Americans or All-Staters," said Northern coach Bill Troesken. "We had a bunch of hard-working little guys. It was a group of kids that when you asked them to do things, they responded."

One of the things Troesken asked of his team was to slow down Tucker in the regional championship game. The Northwestern All-Stater and future New York Knicks guard was known for shooting the ball, not passing it, and he logged a then-Flint Class A career-record 1,294 points from 1975-78.

The Wildcats led the Vikings 28-17 with 6:34 left in the second quarter of the regional championship game, when Northern switched from a zone defense to a man-to-man set. Behind the defensive efforts of Curtis Carroll and Kent Smith, the Vikings turned Tucker from a shooter into a passer and came back to post a 71-55 victory in front a sellout crowd of 4,500 at IMA Auditorium. Tucker made only seven field goals and finished with 18 points, his lowest output of the state tournament.

"Trent Tucker was the best player in the state that year, and we had to exert so much energy to keep him under control," Carroll said. "We got to the point where he was reversing the ball."

Northern not only stymied the 6-foot-5 Tucker, but its tenacious defense held the Wildcats to a paltry 12-of-35 shooting (34.3 percent) in the final 16 minutes of the game.

The come-from-behind victory turned out to be the turning point for the Vikings, who went on to complete their state championship run with a 23-3 overall record and were ranked 25th in the nation in Basketball Weekly's top 30 prep teams.

"Sometimes you are rolling the dice," said Troesken. "It was our ability to maintain our defensive pressure in a man-to-man set that we had not done before. You just understand that something good could be happening here."

While Northern featured a senior-laden team – 12 of the 14 boys on its tournament roster were seniors – it did not have any All-State players. The Vikings had two players earn first-team All-Saginaw Valley Conference West Division honors in seniors Craig Tucker, Trent's cousin, and Gary Pool. Seniors John Chapman and Garry Townsend both snared second-team All-SVC West accolades.

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Standing L-R: Jim Fowler (Athletic Director), Coach Bill Troesken, Marvin Pryor (Principal), Steve Harris, Kermit Pitts, Ron Johnson, Kent Smith, Garry Townsend, Gary Pool, Kevin Brown, Curtis Carroll, John Prater, Trainer Dennis Gerace.
Kneeling L-R: Terry Walker, Bruce Cross, John Chapman, Craig Tucker, Sam Anthony, Rick Nelson, Glen O'Neal, Keith Parris.



November 14, 2014

To the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame:

I would like to congratulate Brian Carpenter on his induction into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame. This is a tremendous honor and we are grateful for the contributions that Brian made to the University of Michigan football program.

A major contributor in the secondary during the 1980 and 1981 seasons, Brian contributed 63 career tackles, one sack and nine pass breakups. He collected six interceptions, including one in the 1981 Rose Bowl victory over the Washington Huskies.

Brian's pick helped the Wolverines capture that elusive first Rose Bowl victory for coach Bo Schembechler during that 1980 season. Carpenter had 12 tackles and the interception as Michigan beat Washington, 23-6, in the "Granddaddy of Them All."

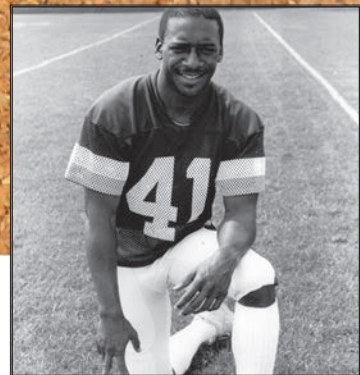
A member of the program from 1978 through 1981, he helped the Wolverines compile a 37-11 overall record and a 27-6 mark in Big Ten play. Brian was a member of the 1978 and '80 conference championship teams.

The University of Michigan Athletic Department congratulates Brian on his induction into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame. Thanks for being an integral part of the Michigan football family.

Go Blue!

David Ablauf, Associate Athletic Director
Public and Media Relations

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Brian Carpenter

By Bill Khan

Brian Carpenter's NFL career was just beginning to pick up steam. Then it was over.

After the best individual season of his three-year career in the NFL, the former Flint Southwestern High School star abruptly hung up his cleats.

It was time to move on.

Carpenter had three interceptions and two fumble recoveries in 1984, playing the first three games with the Washington Redskins and the final 13 with the Buffalo Bills. He was only 24 years old that season, but never played again. "I hurt my back in Buffalo," said Carpenter, whose interceptions came in three straight games in November with the Bills. "I pretty much wanted to retire. I just didn't want to play anymore. I got released from Buffalo and got called to go to Atlanta. "I didn't want to play. I was tired of it all -- the politics, the business of it, the wear and tear, the running, the conditioning; just all of it. I just wanted to move on to the next phase of my life."

While his NFL career was short, Carpenter left football with a lifetime worth of incredible memories.

It started back in ninth grade at Whittier Junior High when he was on a team that went 9-0 and didn't allow a point. At Southwestern, Carpenter was part of 18 straight victories in 1976 and 1977 before the Colts lost 15-14 to East Lansing in the first round of the state playoffs. The unbeaten team in 1976 missed the playoffs back when only eight teams in each of four classifications made the postseason. Now, 32 teams in each of eight divisions make the postseason.

"I'm proud of the things we did," Carpenter said. "I think about my junior high team, being undefeated and unscored on; that was one of the best (memories) for me. I'll never forget the feeling of being 9-0 and not getting in the playoffs and being with Booker (Moore) and (Rodney) Feaster and those guys."

Carpenter didn't get the chance to compete for a state championship in high school, even though the Colts were ranked No. 1 in the state.

In the next two phases of his career, however, Carpenter would play in the ultimate games. He earned a scholarship to the University of Michigan, where he helped coach Bo Schembechler win his first Rose Bowl in the 1980 season. The Wolverines beat Washington 23-6, after losing in Schembechler's first five trips to Pasadena. Carpenter had 12 tackles and an interception in that game.

"My brother, Butch, went out to the Rose Bowl and lost twice," Carpenter said. "I wanted to win because they had lost, and for Bo. There were just a lot of things we wanted to get off our back at Michigan. It was great to be able to finally get that done."

Carpenter didn't dream of playing in the NFL until his senior year at Michigan, when he was invited to play in the East-West Shrine Game.

He was chosen in the fourth round of the 1982 draft, going 101st overall to Dallas. He was traded to the New York Giants at the end of training camp, playing four games in a strike-shortened season.

It was in 1983 with the Redskins that Carpenter had the opportunity to play in a Super Bowl. The Redskins lost 38-9 to the Oakland Raiders.

"I got in on special teams and some of it on nickel," Carpenter said. "They were up so much, it was pretty much a running game, so they didn't get into passing situations a lot."

"Running out of the tunnel, to know people all over the world are watching, is pretty amazing. To know this little boy from Flint, Michigan is here was something else."

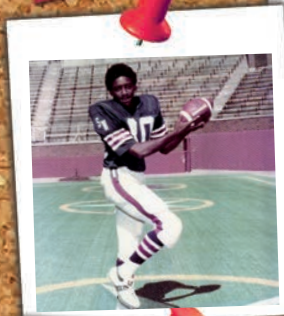
During his college and NFL career, Carpenter had head coaches and assistant coaches who were a who's who of the profession: Schembechler, Lloyd Carr, Tom Landry, Bill Belichick, Bill Parcells and Joe Gibbs.

He was also surrounded by some pretty impressive people when he was home with the family. "My father was a superintendent at General Motors," he said. "My mother was an R.N. All of my siblings graduated from college. I've always been blessed to have good quality people around. My brother-in-law is a judge, Nate Perry. My brothers, aunts and uncles were All-Staters. It was pretty interesting sitting at the table for Thanksgiving and you think you're No. 1 in the state and you realize all your uncles and aunts were, too."

One of his cousins, Lorrie Thornton, is also being inducted into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame this year. Thornton and Carpenter were state-champion long jumpers, Thornton in 1979 at Flint Central and Carpenter in 1978 at Southwestern. Carpenter was also on winning 440- and 880-yard relay teams in the 1978 Class A meet, leading the Colts to a runner-up finish to Detroit Cass Tech.

"We came through in an era where athletes were unbelievable," Carpenter said. "All we wanted to do was win the city and win the Valley. In Flint back then, if you won that, you pretty much were tops in the state."

Carpenter remains in the Washington, D.C. area, where he owns a janitorial supply business.



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Congratulations are in order for Bud Stebbins' well-deserved induction into this year's Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame.

Recognized as the ambassador of slow-pitch softball in our area, he also extended the playing days for many of our area's athletes by influencing the formation of over-50 and over-60 leagues.

Bud Stebbins was an outstanding athlete, participating in football and baseball while attending and graduating from Flint Central High School. From there he went on to Ferris Institute, where he played on their baseball team while graduating with a pharmacy degree.

Returning to Flint, he served as a pharmacist, but became bored with counting pills and started a new career establishing the Grand Blanc News and Printing Company. A successful entrepreneur and philanthropist in the area, he turned to baseball and then softball as his recreational outlet.

He was soon introduced into slow-pitch softball in the Detroit and Oakland County area and brought it to Flint, where he is considered the godfather of slow-pitch softball in Genesee County.

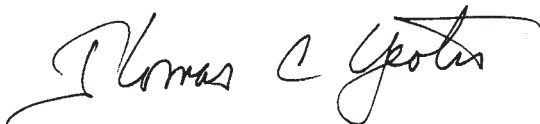
At the time – in the early 1970's – there were over 120 area teams playing blooper-ball throughout our Flint Community School program. Unfortunately, there were only a half-dozen or so pitchers that dominated blooper-ball. With the eventual demise of our community school program, slow-pitch softball became an easy transformation.

Bud's Printers' team excelled on the field, winning several state championships. After turning 50, he helped establish the "over 50 and 60" softball leagues in the city that became quite popular.

I had the pleasure of competing against Bud's Printers in the over-50 and 60 leagues, and although I consider him a friend, when it came time to play the game and he crossed the foul line, he was a fierce competitor.

His admission into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame is most worthy, and I am pleased and proud to have this opportunity to introduce him as my innovative and friendly foe.

Sincerely,



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Morton "Bud" Stebbins

By Dan Nilsen

Bud Stebbins did more than sponsor slowpitch softball teams in the Flint area for 40 years. He brought the entire game to town.

Stebbins, a Flint Central graduate who owned Grand Blanc Printing and the Grand Blanc News, is acknowledged as the man who introduced slowpitch to an area that had known only fastpitch and blooperball to that point.

That pioneering move and his lifelong support of the game have earned Stebbins induction into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame as the Special Service Award honoree.

Stebbins, who died last January at 79, had already been sponsoring blooperball teams in Flint for a decade when he happened upon a slowpitch game in Battle Creek in 1971. Blooperball was like slowpitch, except that the pitcher could deliver the ball as high as he wanted, making it difficult to hit.

Stebbins liked the version he was seeing at Bailey Park.

"We pull in to watch and they're serving up the ball," he told the Flint Journal for a 1998 article. "Not pitching it, just serving it up. It looked like fun."

He went back to Flint and organized a 16-team tournament at Cummings School that eventually grew to 32 teams and ran for 10 years.

Because his blooperball teams had won four state championships from 1967-1971, Stebbins got an invitation to play in a slowpitch regional in Algonac. His team finished second there, qualified for state and placed fourth.

It was all slowpitch after that. Stebbins organized a league in Grand Blanc in 1972 and was instrumental in developing the Bicentennial Park fields there and the IMA Potter Lake complex in Davison. Later, he and Davison softball director Mike Quinn put together a super league of elite area teams.

"I remember being dragged to ball fields all the time," said Matt Stebbins, Bud's son who later played on his dad's teams. "I spent more time at Cummings field and down in the hole at Kearsley Park than anywhere."

Stebbins' Grand Blanc Printers were the class of the area, along with Quinn's Conover-Moore A's, and they drew the best players.

"Everybody wanted to play for him," Matt said of his dad. "He was probably the best sponsor around. We'd go on weekend trips to tournaments and he'd pay for rooms and sometimes travel expenses. We went all over the country – Colorado, Kentucky, Texas."

In 1998, Bud was a first-ballot selection to the Michigan Amateur Softball Association Hall of Fame. At the time, his credentials included a 2,150-575 (.789) managerial record, six MASA state championships, six appearances in the American Softball Association national tournament, a fifth-place finish in the 1986 ASA nationals and a runner-up finish in 1989.

He was a fiery manager who liked tangling with umpires and "got run out of his share of games," said Matt.

"Obviously, there were no umpires on the selection committee, or I wouldn't be standing here today," Matt joked at the Oct. 1 press party announcing the GFASHOF inductees.

At one time, Bud Stebbins figured he had 300-400 guys play for him, and he always made sure they were outfitted nicely and had the best equipment. He was still sponsoring teams into the early 2000s, in a 50-and-over league at Whaley Park.

"If I had all the money he spent on softball, I'd have a lot better inheritance," Matt laughed. "But I wouldn't trade it for anything. It was some of the best times we ever had."



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1991 Flint Powers Catholic Girls Basketball Team

By Bill Khan

It was about more than just one season when Powers Catholic won the state Class B girls' basketball championship in 1991.

It completed the process that began in 1988 when the Chargers reached the state Class A title game, only to lose 71-49 to Birmingham Marian. That team introduced the rest of the state to coach Kathy McGee's program, which had been overshadowed locally by Beecher, Northern and Northwestern in the 1980s.

The 1991 championship was also the beginning of a dynasty. It was the first of four state championships in an 11-year span. The Chargers also lost in the state finals twice during that span.

Those teams were part of a remarkable run in which Powers won a state-record 18 straight district championships from 1988-2005 and reached the state semifinals nine times in 12 seasons.

"It changed things," McGee said. "When this group of seniors was freshmen, it was the first year we ever made it to the finals. That's when the dream really started to get back to that championship and get it done. When this group not only made it to the championship but won it, it really set the stage. The kids became believers. Once you believe you can do something -- to quote Jack Pratt -- things can get done. I believe this group of players was instrumental in making believers out of a lot of young players that they had at camp."

Powers was barely tested during its state championship season, with the 41-29 victory over New Boston Huron in the title game matching the closest margin of victory in a 26-1 season.

Powers trailed 11-8 after one quarter, but had the game under control after a 19-6 second-quarter run. There were only 26 points combined in the second half of a defensive battle.

"It was almost as if the entire game was in slow motion," said Sarah Willyerd, who scored 11 points in the final. "I had a friend on that team who I'd grown up playing AAU with. I have to give that team credit; they were well-coached and actually contained us to a certain degree. We never felt in jeopardy of losing that game, but they contained us the best possible way they could have. That was frustrating, because we were used to running people into the ground."

Lisa Negri scored a game-high 15 points against Huron.

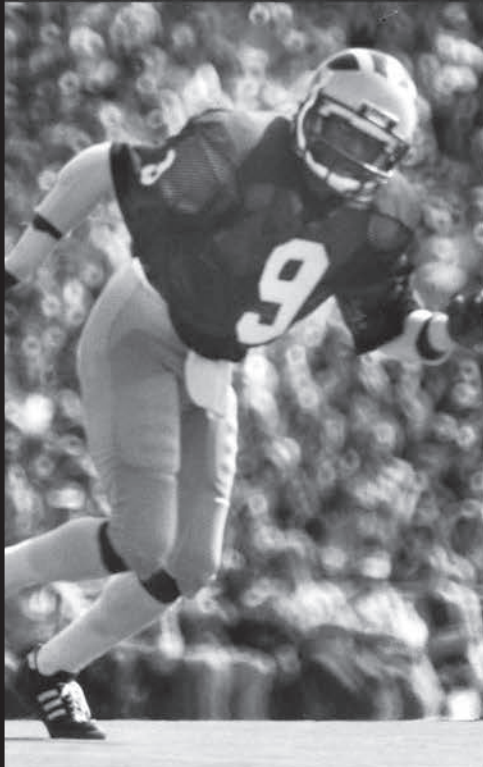
"I just remember I could not even believe we were there, the whole arena being so big and so many people there," Negri said. "It was so exciting. We were just really lucky we had the opportunity. We'd played together for so long. We knew how to work together as a team to get it done."

Powers' one loss in 1991 proved to be a valuable teaching moment. In the fifth game of the season, Powers lost 49-44 to Plymouth Canton, which reached the state Class A semifinals that season. That was the highest point total the Chargers allowed all season.

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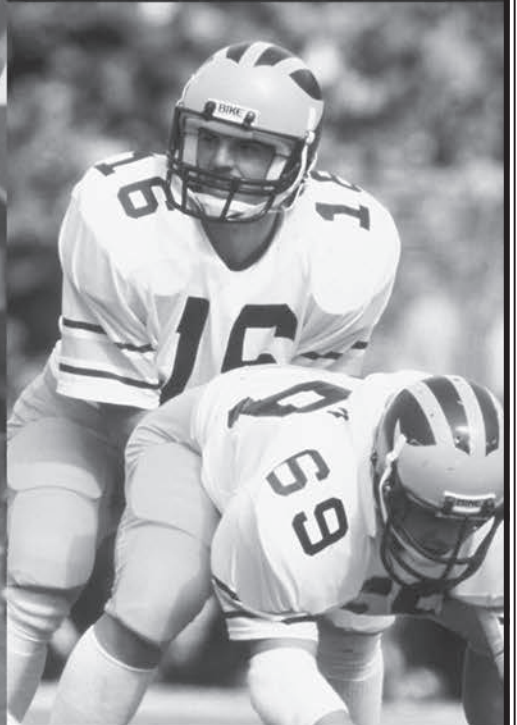
*Standing L-R: Asst. Coach Kae Eidson, Asst. Coach Betsy Kreston, Coach Kathy McGee, Asst. Coach Brad Terebinski, Rachel Martin, Sarah Rutledge, Noelle Beaudry, Sarah Willyerd, Lisa Negri, Jill Dolphin, Marie Hamelin, Becky Flynn, Tiffany Green, Darci Stocker, Managers Jill Angle, Raoul Shah, Tiffany Panchula.
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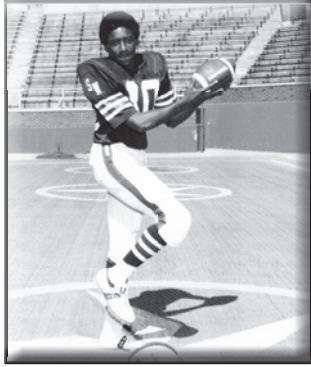
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Reggie Barnett
2000



Julius Serges
2010



Mike Goggins
1989



Ricky Patton
1999



Pam Stockton Brady
1983



1946 Haan Red Arrow Baseball
2005



Chub Guzak
1995



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
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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



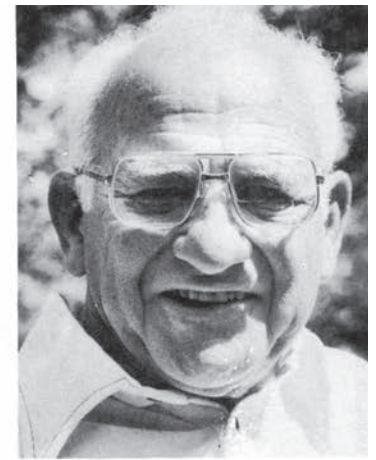
Merv Rettenmund 1981
 Southwestern H.S.-Ball State
 Univ. Played in 4 World Series
 During 13-Year Career



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



Chet Lipski 1981
 At 5'7", 145lbs. Considered
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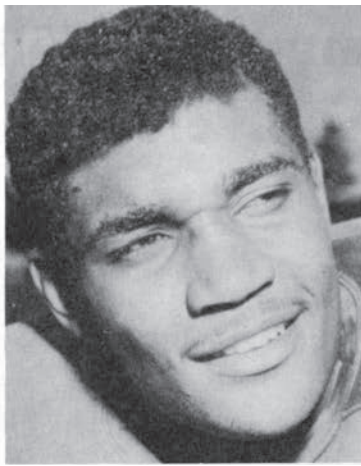
***It has been both a privilege and an honor to have known Bud
Stebbins for the many years that we have. A man who truly
deserves to be recognized.....and who will never be forgotten***





Brad Van Pelt 1981

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



Clarence Peaks 1981

Flint Central Quarterback,
MSU All American,
NFL Star Fullback



Roger Bernard 1981

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



Sue Novara-Reber 1982

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



Leo Sugar 1982

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



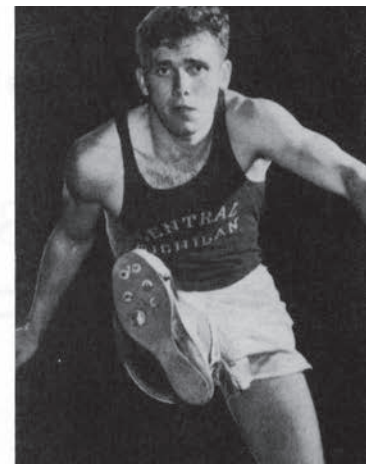
Everett A. Cummings 1982

Special Service Award for
Leadership in Developing
Athletic & Recreation Facilities



Fred Trosko 1982

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



Jim Podoley 1982

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



Jim Barclay 1982

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



Floyd Bates 1982

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



Dave Hoskins 1983

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



"Tubby" Raymond 1983

Northern H.S., Univ. of Mich.
Coached Delaware to Three
NCAA Divison II Football Titles

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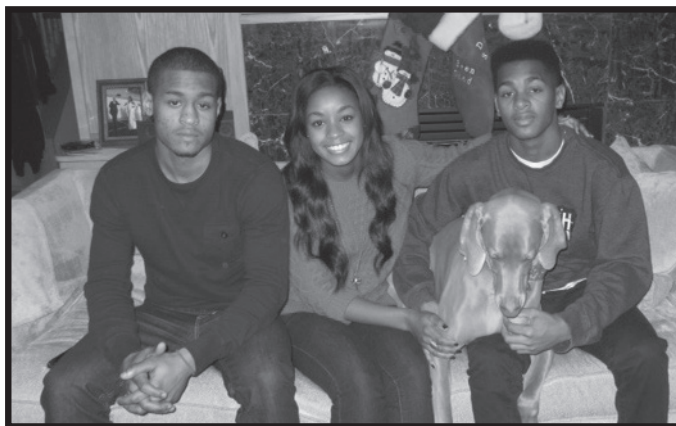
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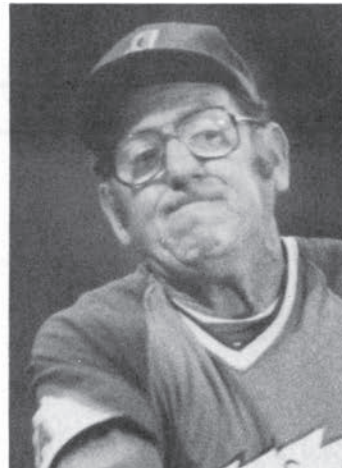
Love always, Jacob, Kyla and Jared



Bob Rowe 1983
Flushing High Star
W.M.U. Lineman of the Year
NFL All-Pro St. Louis Cardinals



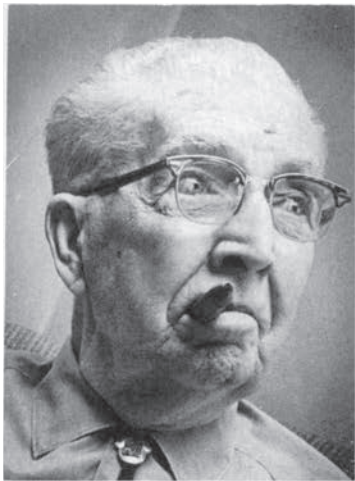
Pam Stockton Brady 1983
Southwestern H.S., 24 Nat'l
Badminton Junior Championships, 16
Nat'l Adult Titles



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



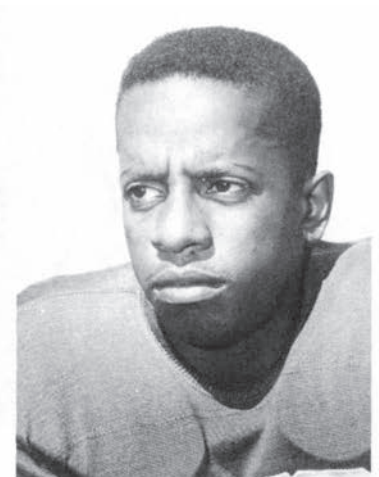
Howard "Gus" Hughes 1984
Star Athlete-St. Michael & Central,
Coached St Michael to Class C State
Championship in 1928 Basketball



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

Len "Goose" Jasinski: 1926-2014

The Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame lost a long-serving and beloved member of its Board of Directors when Len "Goose" Jasinski passed away on July 15, 2014. Len was 87 and died peacefully with his family at his side.

Len joined the board in 1993 and served faithfully until his death. Among his duties, he kept an accurate account of fellow board members who passed away each year so that they could be remembered in the banquet program each December. He also provided reams of information and photos of inductees every year to the media for use in their stories.

An outstanding athlete in his own right, Len played baseball and basketball at All Saints High School and coached both sports at that school upon his graduation at age 17. He also played on the 1951 James Lumber basketball team that won the state championship and was inducted into the Hall in 1998.

"The passing of Mr. Len Jasinski in July not only created a void on the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame board of directors, it is also served to remind us once again that the time when we can call on the 'Greatest Generation' for their wisdom, and physically admire their quiet sacrifices, their honesty balanced with consideration, as well as their devotion to the common good, is quickly passing. We must not forget the character and service demonstrated by Mr. Jasinski and his contemporaries. In fact, we need to be challenged by the value they placed on their faith, their family and their service to the community."

- GFASHOF President Bill Haley



The Jasinski family thanks the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame Board members for all you do.

We collectively honor Len "Goose" Jasinski - longtime Board member and inductee as part of the 1951 James Lumber State Champion team.

The Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame stands for the goodness generated from athletics and citizenship and wish you the very best in the future.

Congratulations to all inductees!

*A beautiful life that came to an end,
he died as he lived,
everyone's friend.
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a memory will always be kept,
of one we loved,
and will never forget.*

Phyllis Jasinski & Family

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Herb Washington 1985

Central State Champion Sprinter
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Dash, Stole 29 Bases for Oakland A's



Russ Reynolds 1985

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



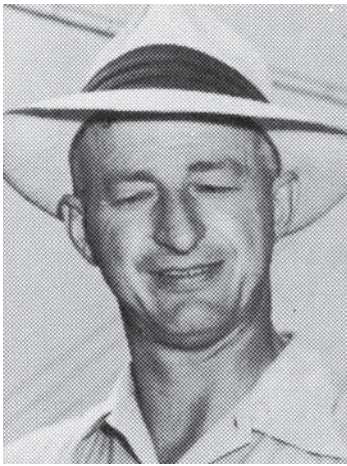
Stan Broome 1985

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



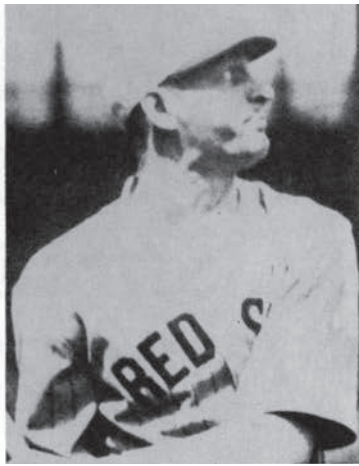
Nap LaVoie 1985

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



Ken Failing 1985

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



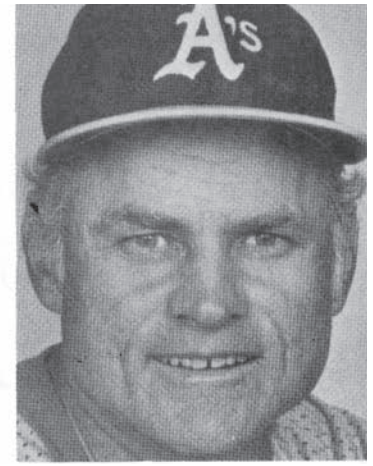
Mike Menosky 1985

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



Leroy Bolden 1985

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



Steve Boros 1985

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



Bill Barclay 1986

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



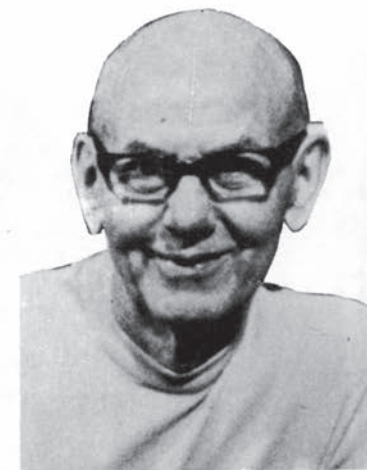
Jeanette Robinson 1986

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



Bill Minardo 1986

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



Ollie Craven 1986

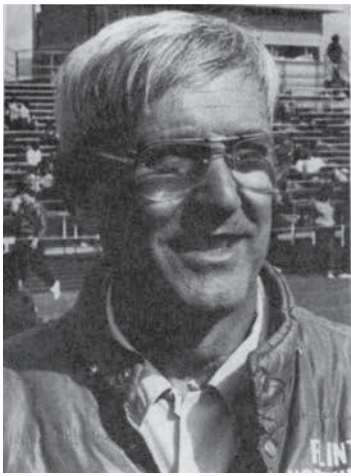
Bowled many 300 Games
Over 100-700 Series, World
Record for five games 1,324

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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



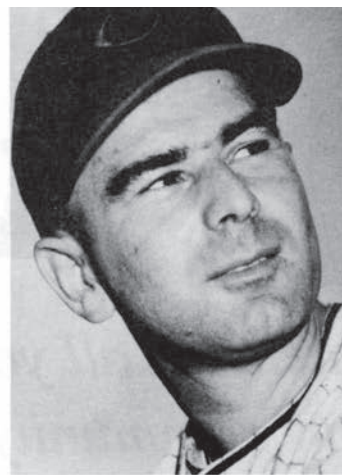
Jo Lake 1987

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 1988

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

The Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame
Female High School Athlete of the Year (2013-2014)

Ally Haran - Powers Catholic High School

Female High School Athlete of the Year for 2013-2014 belongs to Powers Catholic High School graduate, Ally Haran. A participant in soccer and basketball, she led her team to league and state championships during her 4-year tenure as a Charger. In basketball, Ally was the force behind her school's league championships in her freshman and sophomore years and led the team to a state final in her junior year. Individually, she received all league honors in all four years of competition, was second team All-State as a junior and as a Senior, was first team All-State and on the Flint Area Drill Team. In soccer, Powers was the Division III state champion in Ally's freshman year and a state finalist her sophomore year. She received All-Conference and All-State honors her freshman, sophomore and senior years and was on the State of Michigan Dream Team both as a sophomore and a senior.

Outside the sports arena, Ally was equally involved. Her record of service and leadership was exemplary. Membership in the National Honor Society, a four-year Rotary Interact Participant, a Kairos student leader and the Kiwanis Female Student Athlete of the year in 2014 highlighted her high school experience away from the athletic field. Ally is currently attending Wake Forest University on a soccer scholarship. She is the daughter of Karen and Patrick Haran.

- **Multiple league championships in basketball and State Finalist in Ally's junior year.**
- **All-Conference in basketball all 4 years.**
- **All-State honors her senior year in basketball and a member of the Dream Team her senior year.**
- **State championship in soccer her freshman year and a state finalist her sophomore year.**
- **All-State in soccer her freshman, sophomore and senior years as well as All-Conference all three years.**



The Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame
Male High School Athlete of the Year (2013-2014)

Malik Taylor - Montrose High School

- **First team All-State football in 2013.**
- **All-League in football in 2012 and 2013.**
- **All-Area football Dream Team in 2013.**
- **In 2013, 43 receptions for 1,053 yards and 14 TD's and 806 yards rushing and 12 TD's, a total of 86 touches for 1859 yards and 26 TD's.**
- **In basketball, First Team All-Conference and Associated Press, Detroit News and Detroit Free Press All-State (2013-2014).**
- **Averaged 18 points, 7 rebounds, 4 assists and 2 steals a game, as a senior.**



Malik Taylor, a 2014 graduate of Montrose High School, receives the Male Athlete of the Year award. Malik was a two-sport star athlete at MHS his junior and senior years. In both years he was All-League in football. In his senior year, he was first team All-State and a member of the All Area Dream Team. In 2013, Malik had 43 receptions for 1,053 yards and 14 touchdowns. He also had 806 yards rushing on 43 carries with 12 touchdowns. In total, Malik accounted for 1,859 yards and 26 touchdowns. He also has the school's longest catch for a touchdown with a 96 yard reception. He tied the school record for most touchdowns in a game with six.

In basketball, Malik was first team All-Conference as a senior and AP All-State and recognized as All-State by the Detroit News and the Detroit Free Press. He averaged 18 points, 7 rebounds, 4 assists and 2 steals a game.

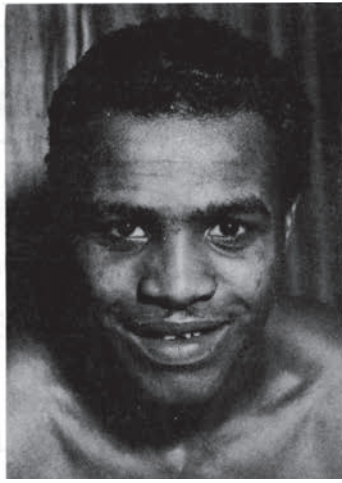
Aside from athletics, Malik was involved in the school and the community in a major way. He was a participant in the Montrose "Rake and Run" program for the elderly. Malik worked for the Montrose Blueberry Festival as a volunteer and breakfast server. He was a regular in the Carter Elementary "Ready to Read" program and he was a volunteer in the Genesee County Household Hazardous Waste effort.

Malik is the son of Margaret and Douglas Taylor.



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



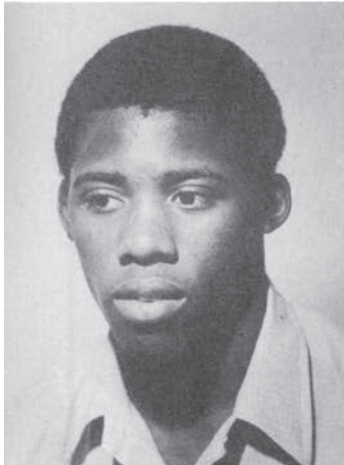
Howard Auer 1988

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



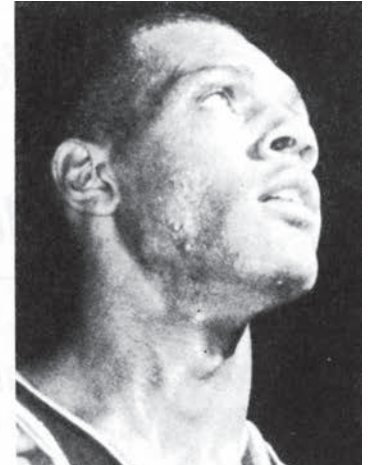
Barry Edmonds 1989

Special Service Award as
Superb Journal Photographer
Documented many events.



Bob Suci 1989

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



Gene Summers 1989

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



Ray Seidel 1989

St. Michael H.S. Starred in
Baseball Pitched 5 Seasons in
Minors



Vinnie Frechette 1989

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



Mike Goggins 1989

St. Michael H.S. 12 Letter Star
Univ. of Detroit Capt Football 1951
Catholic All-American Team



Jack Morse 1989

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

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High School Coach of the Year - 2014

Wesley Hull

Swartz Creek High School - Boys Varsity Golf Coach

- Undefeated in Metro League
- Flint Metro League Tournament Champions
- Flint Metro League Coach of the Year
- MIGCA (Michigan Interscholastic Golf Coaches Association)
Division 1 - Regional Coach of the Year
- MIGCA Division 1 - Coach of the Year
- 2014 Division 1 - STATE CHAMPIONS



*Ben Roof A-Frame
Awards Scholarship*

Jack Weller

Jack Weller is the recipient of the 2014 Ben Roof A-Frame Awards Annual Scholarship. He was selected by 2014 Coach of the Year, Wes Hull, Head Golf coach at Swartz Creek High School.

Jack is a three time All Flint Metro League honoree and was selected for Class A, Division 1, All-State honors in 2013. Jack was also a member of the 2014 Class A, Division 1, Swartz Creek State Championship Golf team.

Currently he is a freshman at Ferris State University in Big Rapids, Michigan and is a member of the Varsity Golf team.

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Steve Smith



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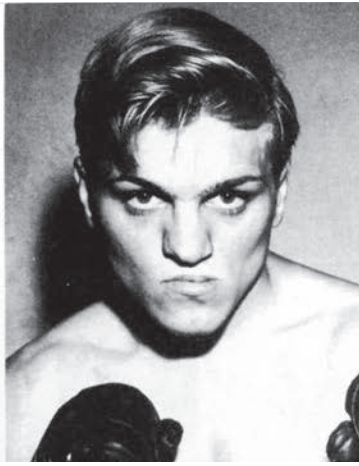
Ken Morrow 1990

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



Al Johnson 1990

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



Jock Leslie 1990

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



Mike Gorman 1990

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



Bob Harvey 1990

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



Reggie Williams 1990

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



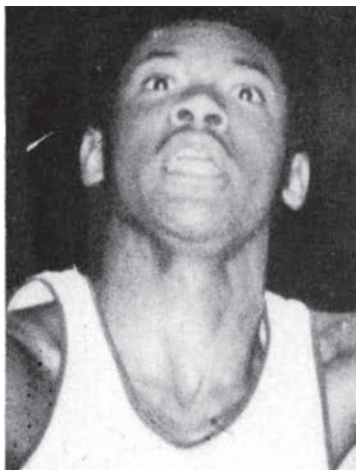
Bart Markel 1990

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



Dennis Johnson 1991

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



Terry Furlow 1991

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



Ron Pruitt 1991

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



Bobby Crim, Lois Craig 1991

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



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



Bob Leach 1991
Central Outstanding Player &
Head Coach, Uof M Baseball,
Coached Ferris, Asst. Coach NFL



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



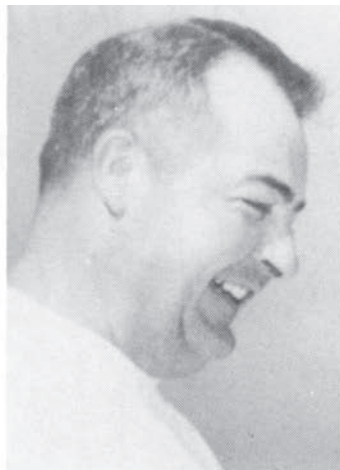
George Guerre 1992
Central-Outstanding in Football
MSU Standout Halfback, played
in North-South All Star game



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



Booker Moore 1993
Southwestern, set numerous
records, Penn State Halfback,
NFL No. 1 Draft Choice-Bills

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



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



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



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



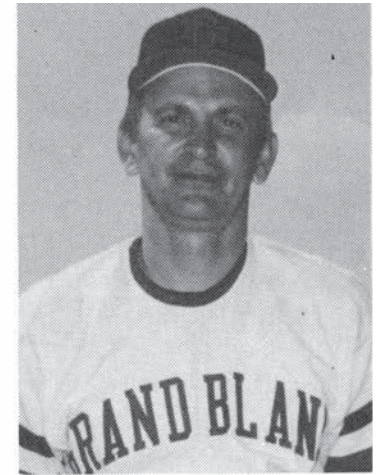
Herb Odom 1993
Northern H.S. Won
State Golden Gloves
MSU-Won NCAA Boxing Title



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



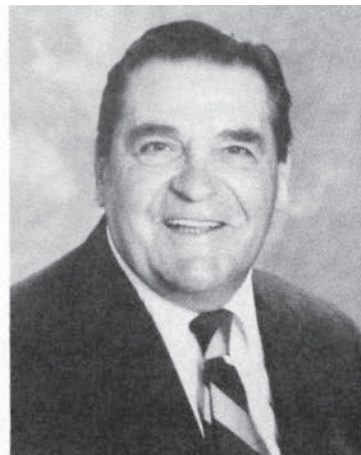
Trent Tucker 1994
Northwestern H.S.-All State
Minnesota-All Big Ten
NBA 11 years, No. 1 Draft Pick



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



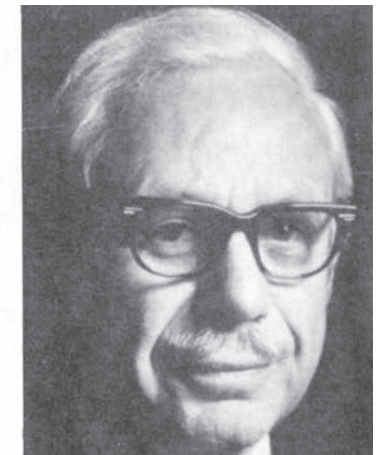
Cotton Goodell 1994
One of Flint's fastest ever Baseball
Player, Minor League Standout,
Record 31 H.R.s in 1940



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



Rick Leach 1994
Southwestern All State 3 Sports
U of M All American QB
1st Round Draft Choice-Tigers



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

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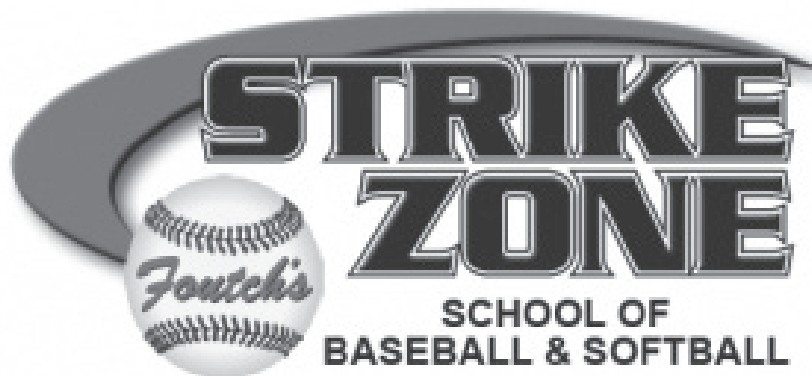
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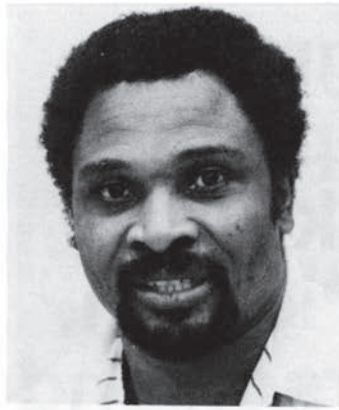
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Jack Petrill 1995
Special Service Award
Rec. Director-IMA Promoted
city's biggest events



Andy Sabota (Pelio) 1995
Northern Led Team to State
Basketball Title, played Minor
League Baseball



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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

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Bill Blamer 1996
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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



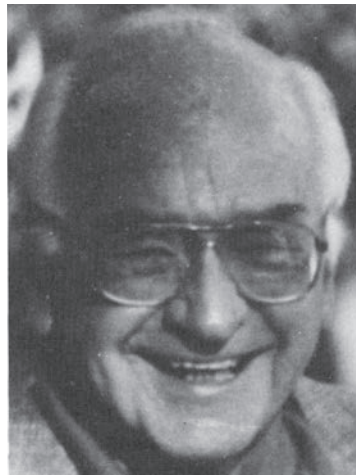
Lamar Gant 1997
Northwestern H.S., at age 18 won
first World Powerlift Championship
followed by 14 championships



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

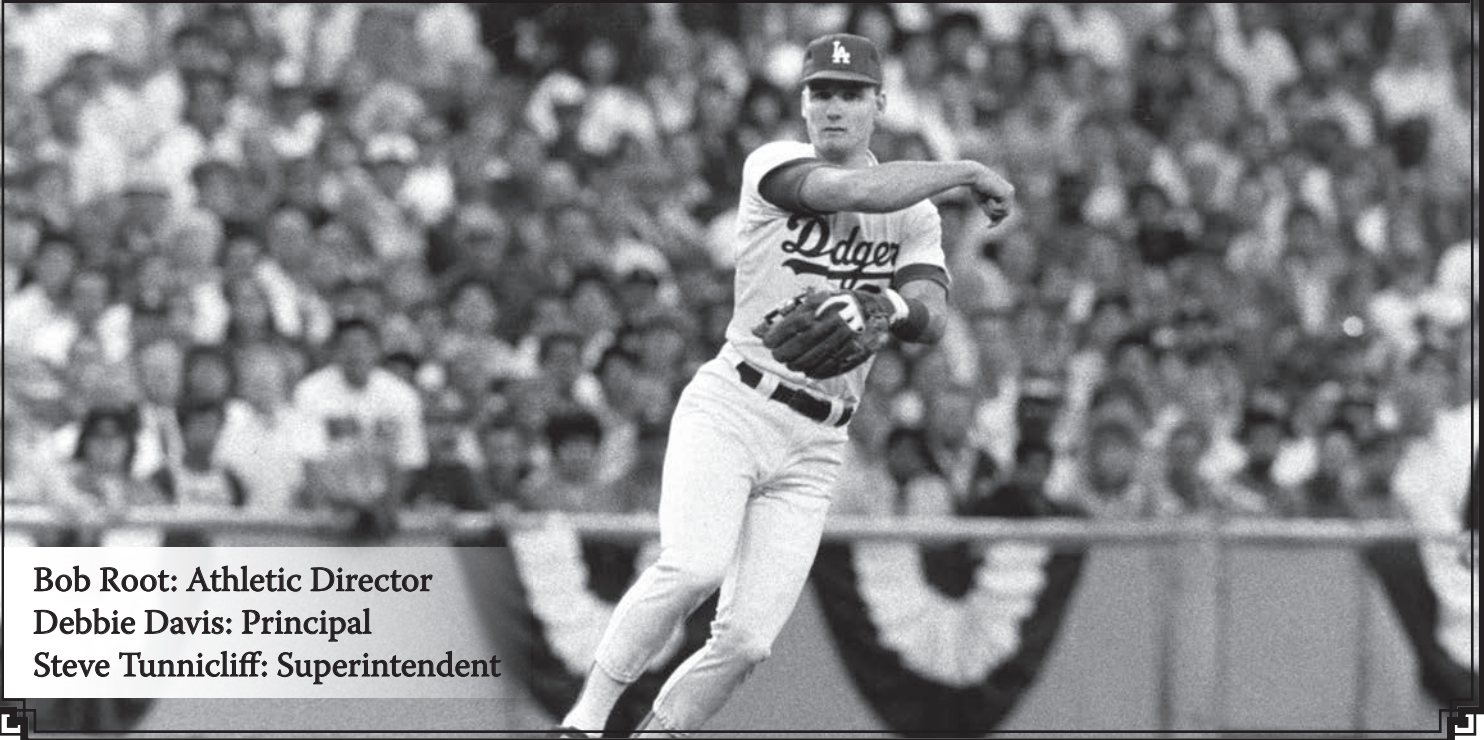


Dr. Gerald Piesko 1998
Special Service Award
Medical Assistance to Schools
and Pro Hockey Teams.



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

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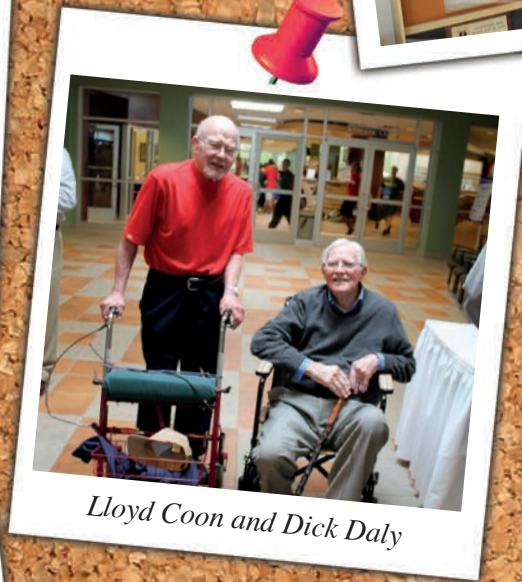
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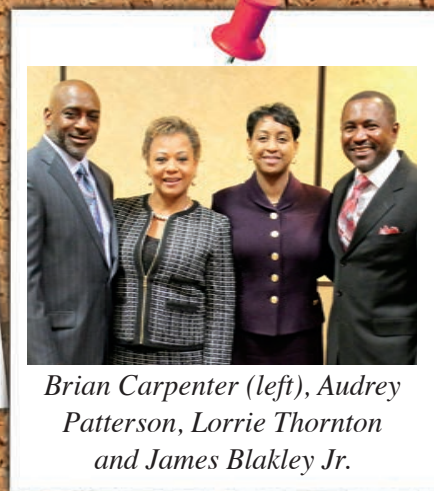
Lloyd Coon and Dick Daly



Shoes! Whose?



Shelly Waggoner, of the 1991 Powers Catholic basketball team, and Robert Perani, son of inductee Bob Perani, were classmates at Powers.



Brian Carpenter (left), Audrey Patterson, Lorrie Thornton and James Blakley Jr.





2014 PRESS PARTY



Bill Troesken introduces the inductees.



Jeff Hamilton



Lorrie Thornton



Brian Carpenter



Steve Smith



Keith Richardson



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Kathy McGee,
Powers Catholic coach



Robert Perani, speaking for his
father, Bob Perani



Powers Catholic coaches and players from the 1991 team were
reunited at the press party.



Mike Ayre, Holy Rosary football



Matt Stebbins, speaking for his
father, Bud Stebbins

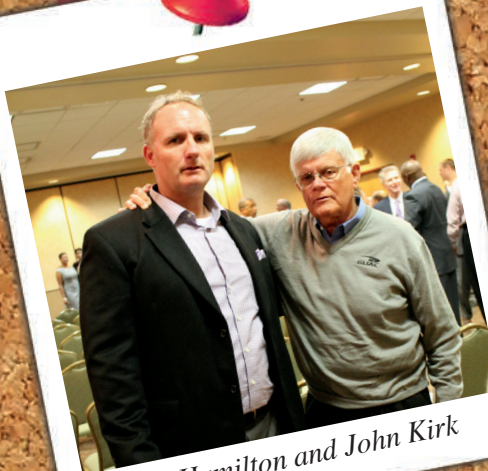


Gary Pool,
Flint Northern basketball

PRESS PARTY 2014 PARTICIPANTS



Dawn Smith, Wesley Hull and wife Kendra Hull



Jeff Hamilton and John Kirk



Jamie Foster and Jim Cole



Keith Richardson and granddaughter Ava



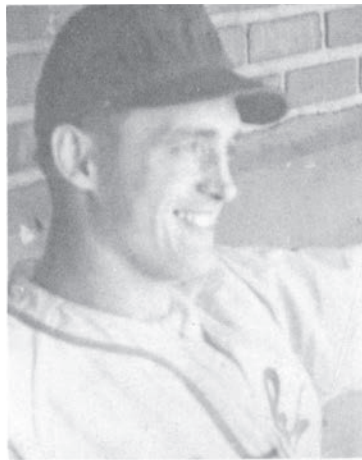
Bill Troesken and Bob Burek



More than half of the 1977 Holy Rosary football team gathered at the press party.



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



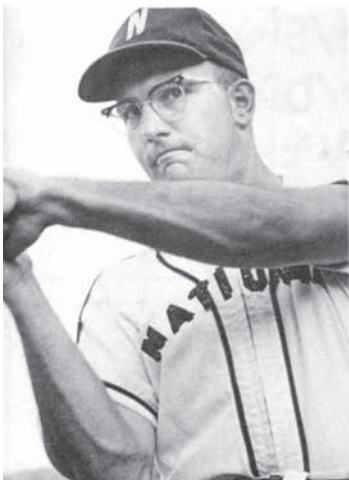
Edward Novak (Nowaczyk) '98
St. Mary. Led Team to State Basketball Title. Played in Minors Tigers & Giants organizations.



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



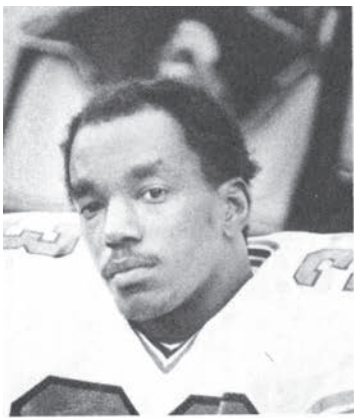
Eugene Marve 1998
Northern All Sag Valley Conf. All American Sag. Valley State Univ. NFL Played 11 years



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



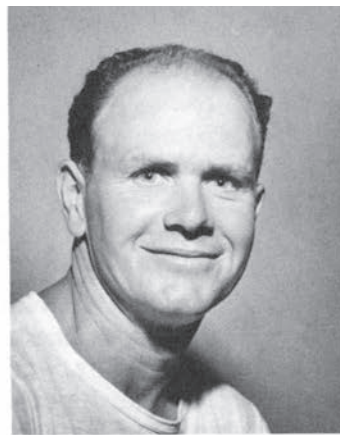
Paul Staroba 1999
St. Matthews H.S. 3 Sports All State, U of M-Led Big Ten in Punting NFL-Cleveland Browns



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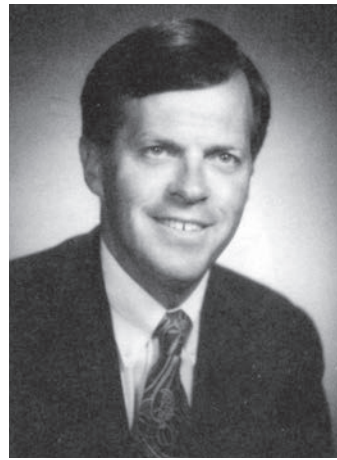
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Joe Dowdy 1999
Basketball Coach at Central for
15 Yrs. Won Five City Titles,
Fourth in City Career Victories



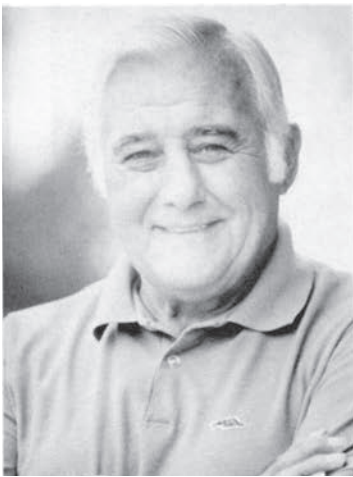
Leo Donoghue 1999
Special Service Award as
Promoter of Pro Wrestling, Won
State Welterweight Championship



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

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1978 Flint Northern Boys Basketball Team

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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



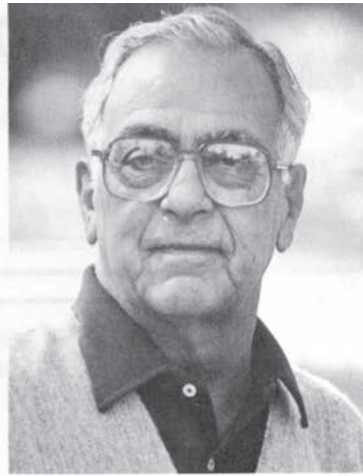
"Bud" Brotebeck 2001
Central Basketball & Baseball
W.M.U. 3 Letters, Played
in College World Series



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



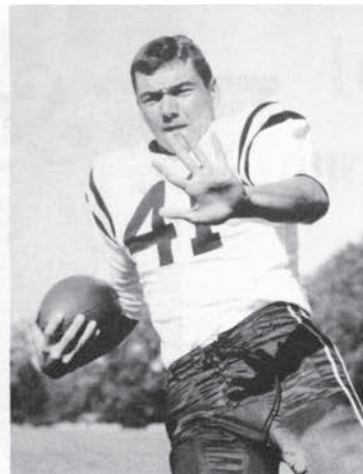
Len Hoyes 2001
Special Service Award for
Lengthy Service to Area Sports.
Past Journal Sports Ed.



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



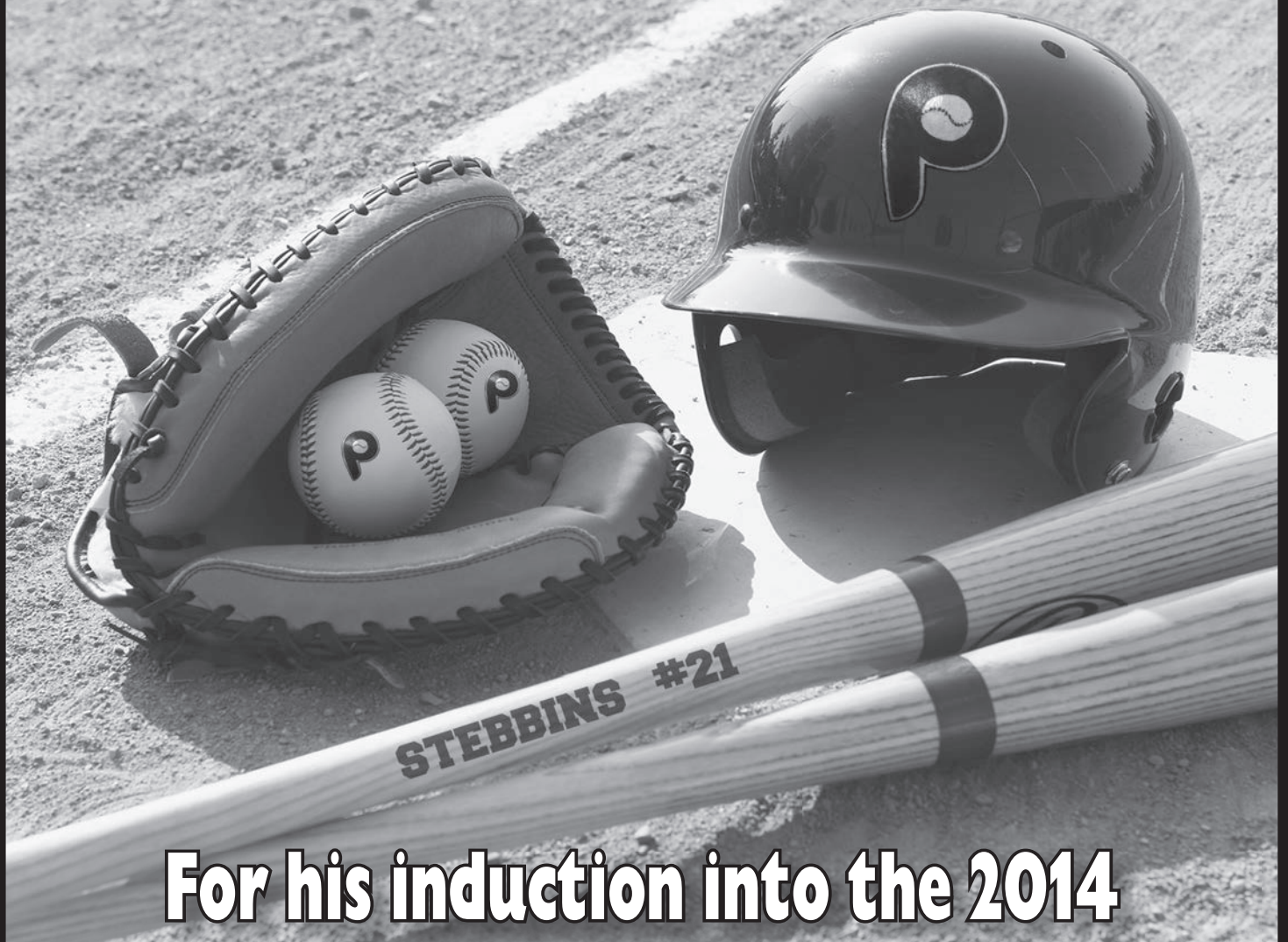
Kathy McGee 2002
Coached Powers Catholic Girls
Basketball to 4 State Titles, 13
Straight Big 9 Crowns



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

In Loving Memory of

Bud Stebbins



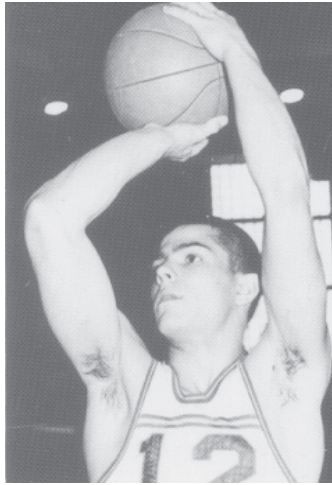
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Ernie Myers 2002
Northern & U of M Baseball
Mott Coach Won 359 Games
Coached Dutch Nat'l Team



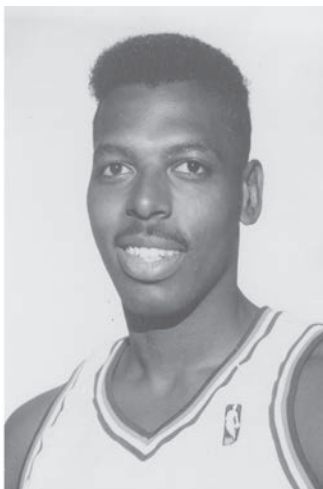
John Sperla 2002
St. Matthew & W.M.U. Star
Area Single Season Scoring
Record 2 State Class D Titles



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



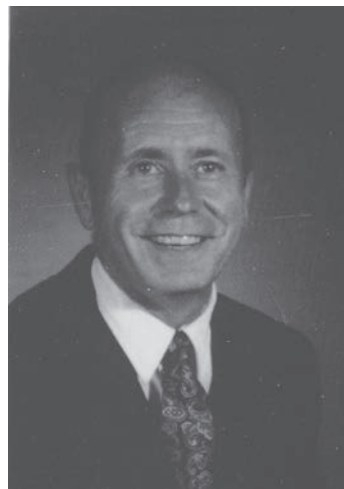
Jack Daniels 2003
St. Matthews-All State Basketball, All
City Football. Flint J.C.-Basketball,
C.M.U.- Parochial School Coach



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



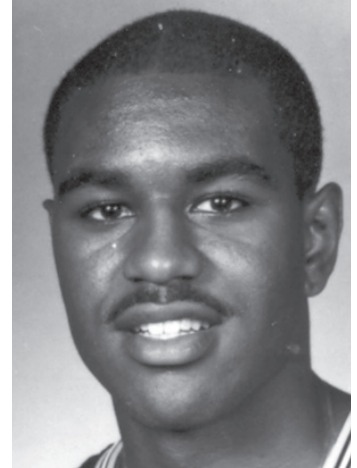
Wayne Van Slyke 2005

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

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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



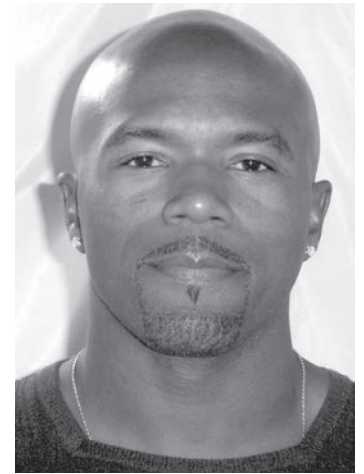
Dick Daly 2006

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



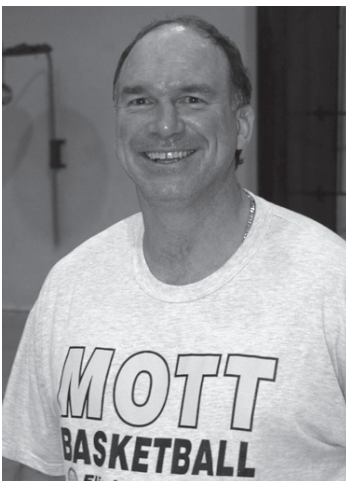
Courtney Hawkins 2006

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.



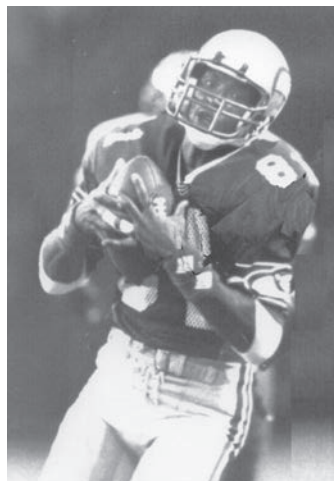
Bill Brandt 2006

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



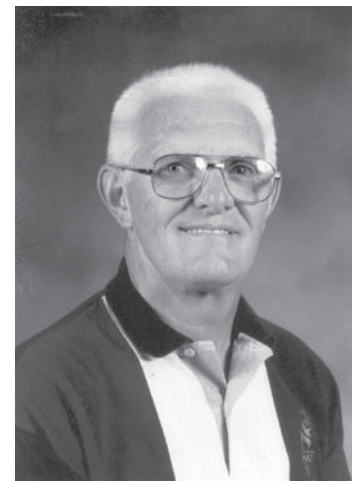
Steve Schmidt 2006

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

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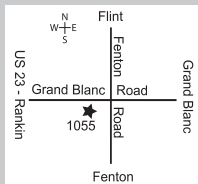


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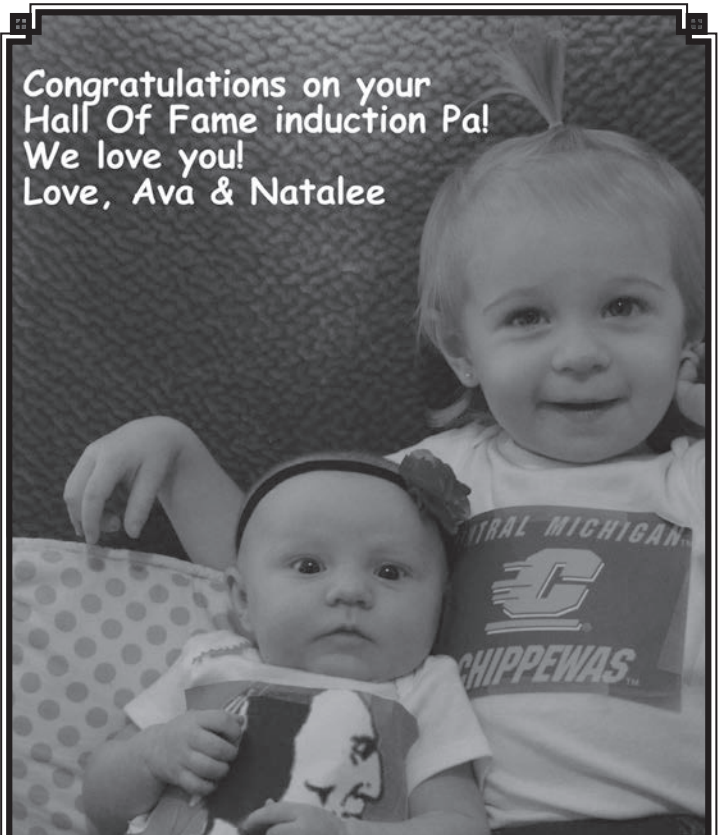
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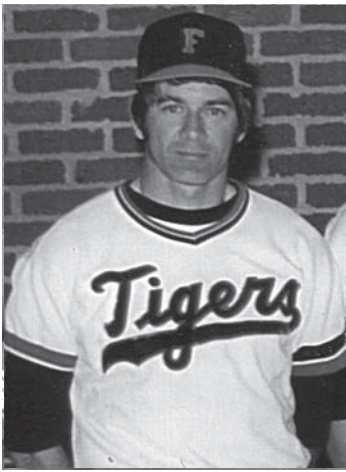
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Bill Hajek – 2007

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



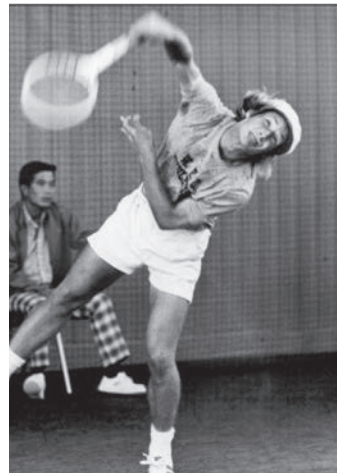
Todd Lyght – 2007

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.



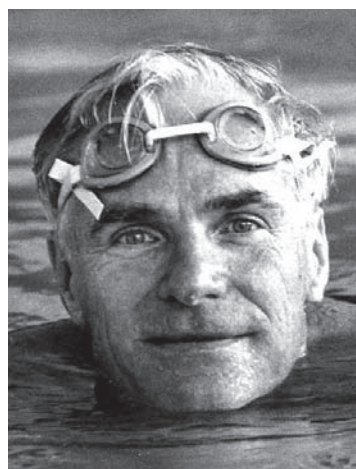
Mike Czarnecki – 2007

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

Flint Central H.S. - Swimmer, Central H.S. Swim Coach World Record Ages 60-64 MSU Swim Team-Master Competitor -



Letitia Hughley - 2008

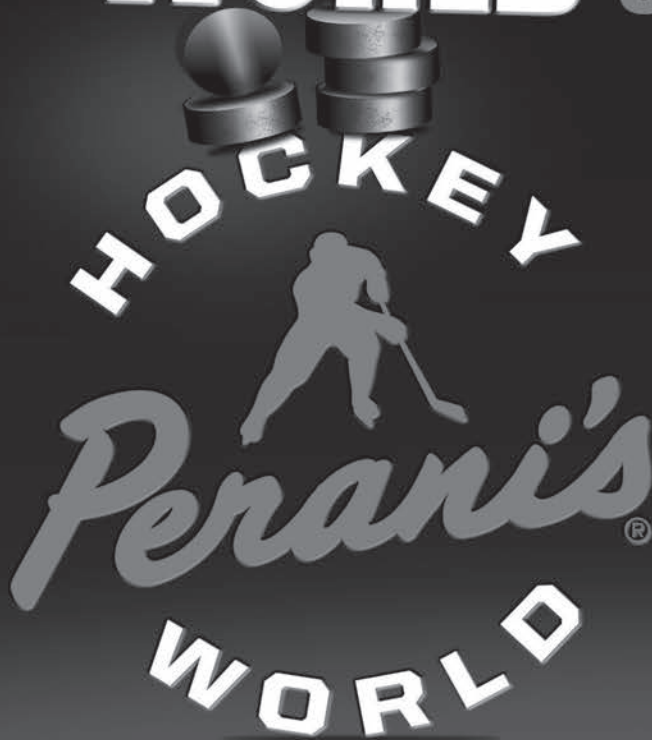
Flint Northern H.S. 3-Basketball, 3 Track State Champs, Univ. of Wash. - All Star, Pro-Sweden and Australia Northern H.S. and Mott C.C. Coach



Don Morrow - 2008

Flint Central H.S. Baseball & Basketball, MSU, Long Minor League Career, Standout City A-Baseball, AA Basketball, Promoted Hockey.

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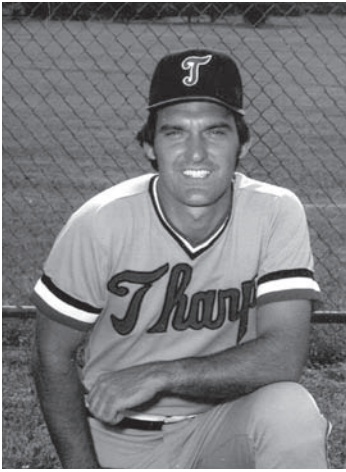
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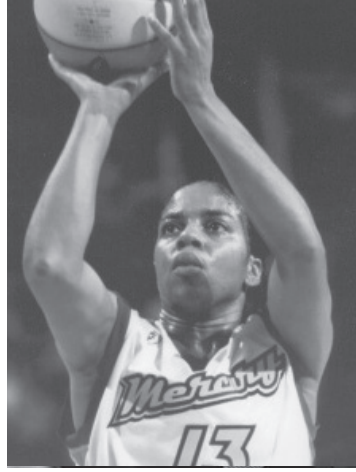


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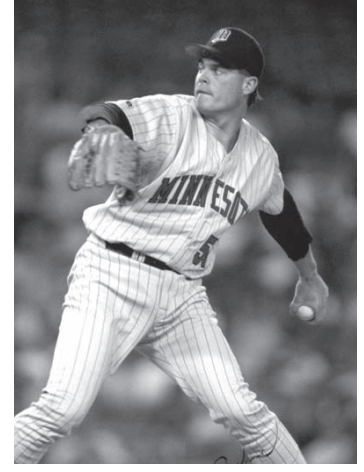
Roger Foutch - 2008
Bendle H.S. Star-All Sports.
Varsity H.S. Coach, CBL Mgr. 32 yrs.,
Stan Musial World Series Champs-
2001 and 2005.



Tonya Edwards - 2008
Northwestern H.S. All State-2 State Champs,
Coached NW State Champs, Univ. Tenn.-
2 Nat'l Champs, MVP Player WNBA,
Coaches Alcorn State Univ.



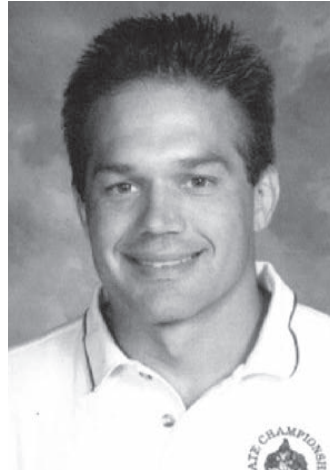
Paul Snitko - 2008
Special Service Award
Flint Northern H.S. Athlete,
Leading Sponsor of Flint area teams,
Supported various parks& charities.



Scott Aldred - 2009
Montrose H.S. All-State Pitcher &
Quarterback, Signed with Tigers
Played 15 yrs. Pro Ball.
Yankees Pitching Coach.



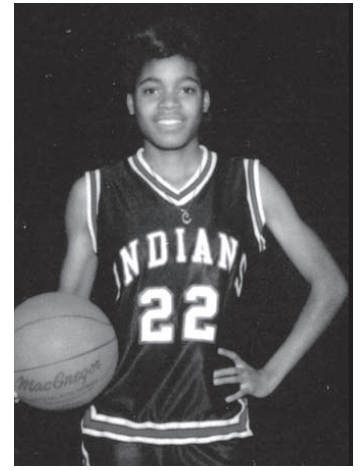
John Biedenbach - 2009
St. Matthews - 3 Sport Star
MSU Baseball, All-American - Pro-Ball
Trenton H.S. Softball Coach - Over 800
Wins. Inducted MHSSCA - 1997.



Roy Hall - 2009
Davison H.S. 2-Time All-State Wrestler
Capt. MSU. NCAA Placer. Head Coach
State Champs 5 yrs. in row, 2005 Nat'l
Wrestling Coach of the Year.



Kelly Hebler Baudat - 2009
Swartz Creek H.S. Basketball
All-State. EMU All-MAC - Hall of Fame
Pro-Ball in Ireland.



Coquese Washington - 2009
Central H.S. Basketball All-State
Notre Dame 4-Yr. Starter - All MCC
1st. President WNBA Players Assoc.



Don Batchelor - 2009
Grand Blanc 32 Yr. Career - Coach & A.D.
Ohio N.V. & Grove City, Pa College F.B. & Baseball
Pro-F.B. Canton Bulldogs & Toledo Maroons - 1923
Inducted Mich. H.S. Coaches Hall of Fame.



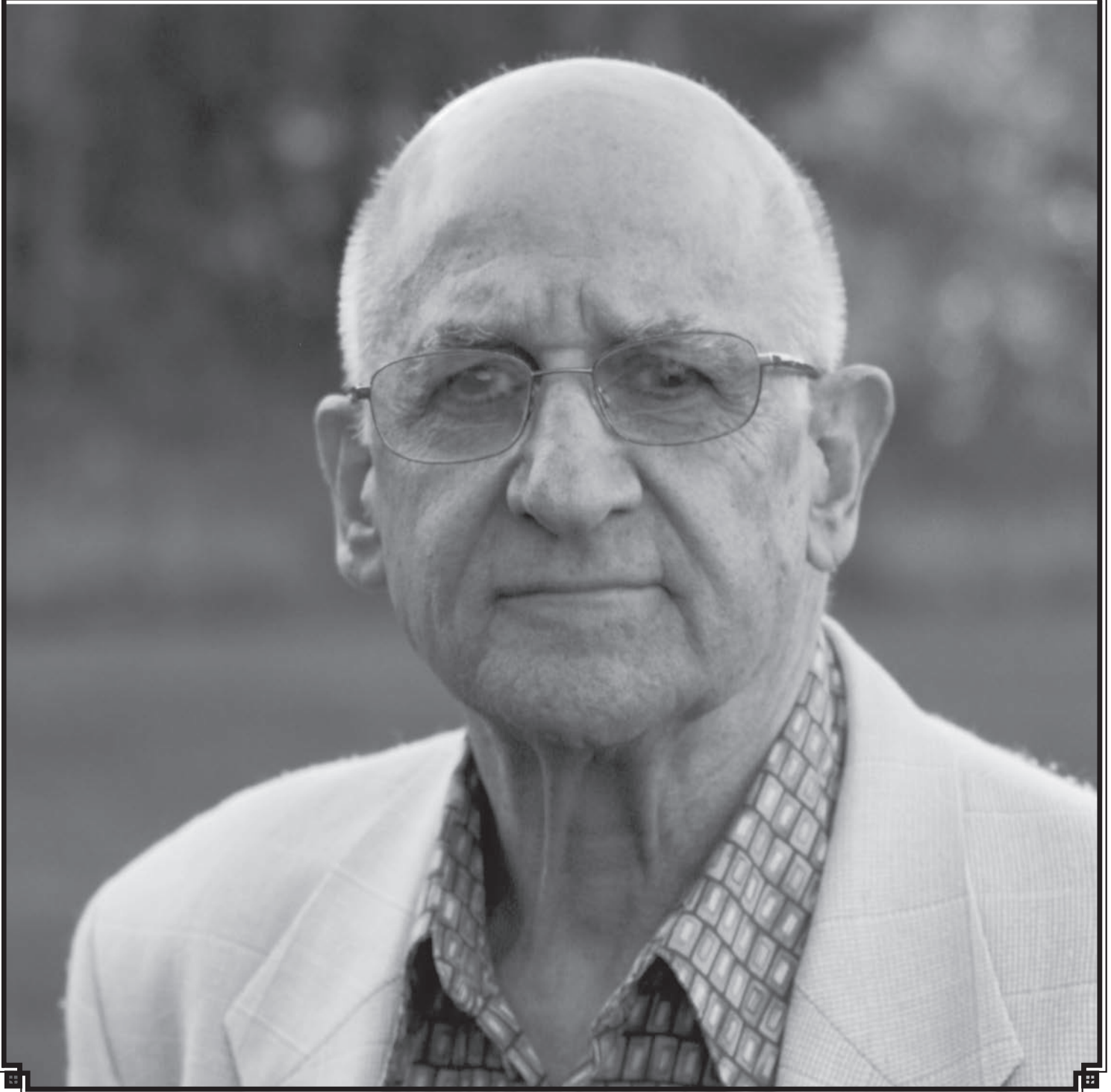
Ed Phelps - 2009
Special Service Award
Sports Director at WJRT-ABC-12
Announced Local Sports, CMU, Hockey,
Buick Open for 32 Yrs. - 5 M.A.P. Awards.

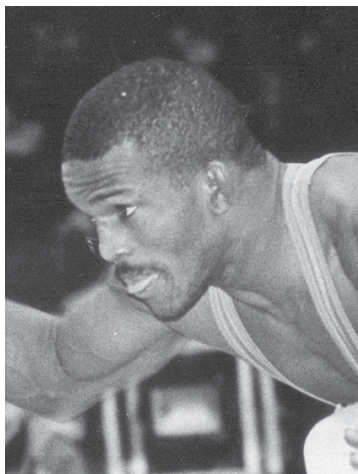
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— **Gerald R. Ford**

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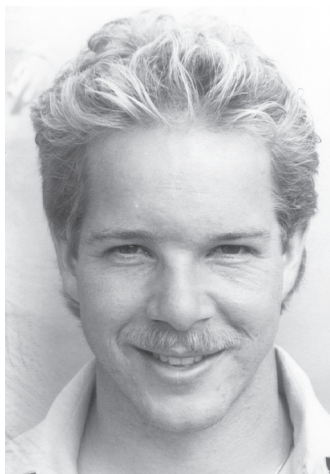
"A life that touches others goes on forever"





John Fisher – 2010

Flint Northern - Wrestler - State Champ
U of M - 4 Time All American
World Cup Champ - 1997



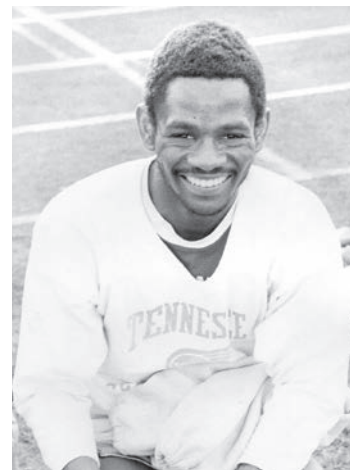
Scott Parker – 2010

Flat Track Motorcycle Marvel
Record 9 AMA Titles - 94 Grand
National Victories - 22 Year Career



Margarita Calvo – 2010

Flint Central Softball Coach - 30 yrs.
26 City Champs Inducted Into Mich.
H.S. Softball Coaches Hall of Fame
Won 104 Straight City Series



Keith Young – 2010

Flint Northern - 2 Times State Champ
Cross Country & 880 yds. U of Tenn.
All American in 1500 Meters



Nick Pappadakis – 2010

Flint Central - 3 Sports - Basketball Whiz.
All State, Flint J.C. Standout - 2 yrs.
E.M.U. - Captain, Among Nations Top 10
Free Throw Shooters



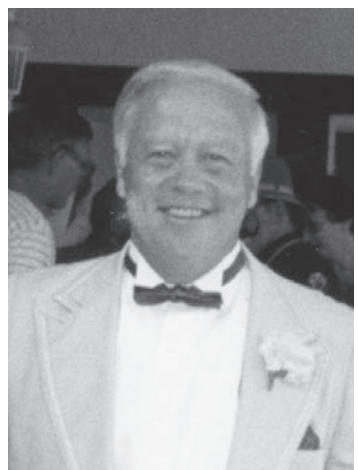
Eric Turner – 2010

PPK Nat'l Champ - 9 yrs. old.
Flint Central Basketball - 3 Straight State Champs
All American Status. U of M - 3 yrs. Starter,
Captain. Pro Ball



Julius Serges – 2010

Special Service Award
Coach, Sponsor, Entrepreneur
Julie's Pawn Shop, AA Basketball - 1972
Nat'l Champs, Bowling, Softball, Fast Pitch



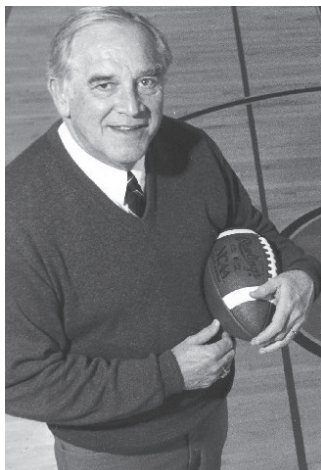
Jack Goggins – 2011

Philanthropist, supporter of Powers
Catholic H.S., Flint area schools,
teams & individuals. Star athlete at St.
Michael H.S. & WSU. "Be Ready!"



Andre Rison - 2011

Northwestern H.S. Football,
Basketball All State MSU-Rose
Bowl 1988, Pro-Bowl MVP 1984,
12 year NFL career



Fred Rademacher - 2011

Coached football at Holy Redeemer
and Powers Catholic, overall Flint
area record 104-30-1, 4 Parochial
League, 2 Big Nine Titles



Stacy Thomas - 2011

Southwestern 2-Time Basketball All
State, 3-Time High Jump Champion,
U of M Basketball,
6 years with WNBA



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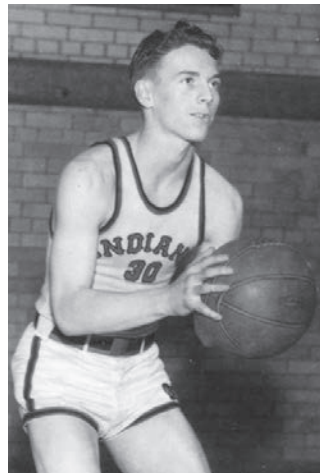
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Dave Lazar - 2011
Fenton H.S. Softball Coach 28 years,
3 Straight Class B State Champs,
Coached various Football levels
for 28 years



Cheryl Histed - 2011
Kearsley H.S. All-State Basketball,
Volleyball, Softball, played
Volleyball at MSU, MVP 1983



Fred Briggs - 2011
Flint Central H.S. Basketball 1930s,
organized 1st Michigan Open
Basketball Tourney 1947, one of the
best Sports Officials for 64 years



Bob Stallcup - 2012
Grand Blanc H.S. Cross Country,
Track Coach, Won State Cross
Country Titles in 1977, 1979,
National Coach of Year 1984



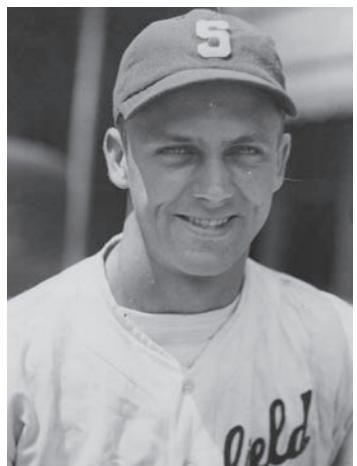
Lamarr Edwards - 2012
City AA Basketball, Helped Mott
CC to 1980 Conf. Title, 1983
GLIAC Scoring Champ at SVSU,
Bowled 51 300 games



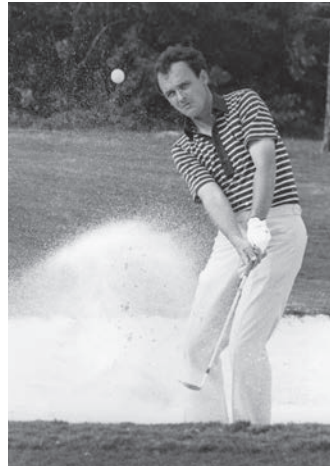
Bill Frieder - 2012
Flint Northern Basketball Coach,
1971, 1972 Class A Champs,
U of M 1980-89, Big Ten Champs
1985, 1986, NIT Title 1984



Jim Massar - 2012
Officiated H.S. Basketball 43 Years,
Football 27 Years,
BCAM Hall of Fame 1994,
MHSAA Vern L. Norris Award 1995



Lee Johnson - 2012
Flint Northern Multi-Sport Athlete,
Drafted by Boston Red Sox,
Player/Manager in St. Louis
Cardinals Organization



Jack Seltzer - 2012
Flint Southwestern Golf,
1967 State Champs, Mott CC 1971,
1972 State Junior College Champs,
PGA Professional



Bernie Borden - 2012
Special Service Award
Clio H.S. 3-Sport Athlete,
Sponsored Numerous Teams
Through Borden's Drugs

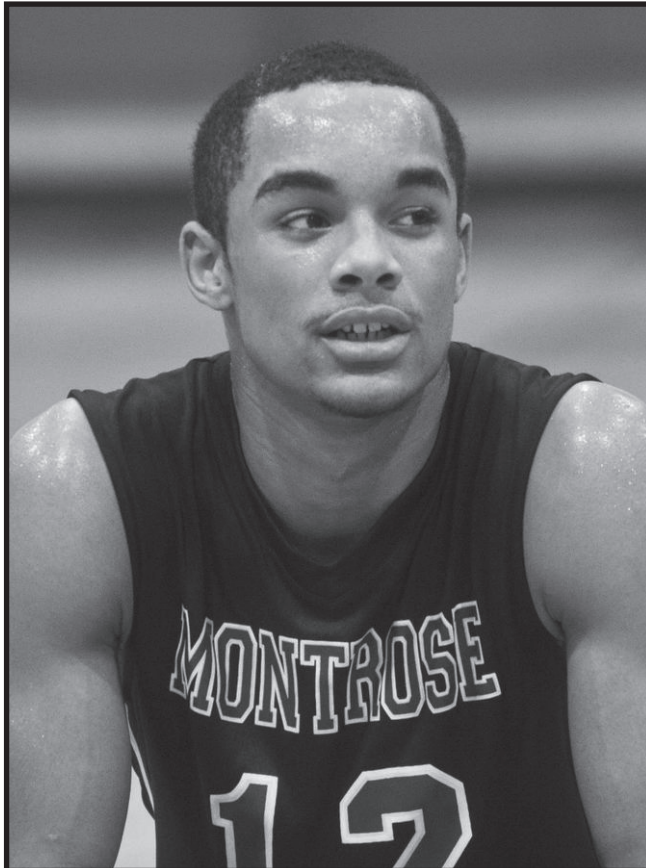
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and quitters
never win.”*

*– Vince
Lombardi*



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Terence Greene - 2013

Two-time All-American in football and basketball at Flint Central. Helped DePaul to four NCAA basketball tournaments and two Sweet 16s. Captained 1989 team.



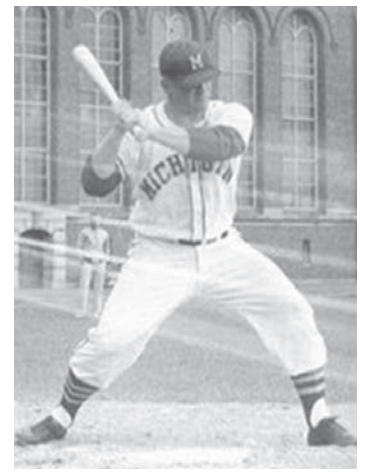
Pete Hanson - 2013

Northwestern grad, helped Kellogg CC to two national men's volleyball titles. Captain and MVP at Ball State. Started coaching Ohio State in 1985, winning 2011 NCAA title.



Bobby Reynolds - 2013

Powers Catholic hockey standout. Won NCAA title with Michigan State in 1986. Led NCAA in goals 1988 and scoring 1989. Three-time IHL scoring leader with Flint Generals.



Al Sigman - 2013

Coached multiple sports at Northern, Carman-Ainsworth and Grand Blanc. Two-year starter for UM football team. Played baseball for UM as well.



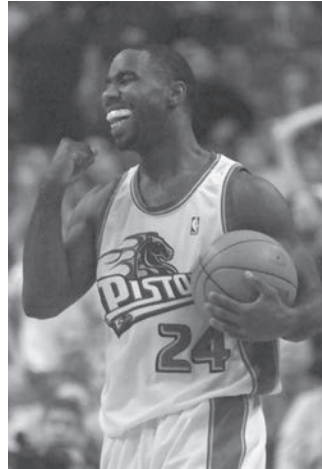
Jim Fowler - 2013

The driving force behind Flint tennis from 1960s to 1980s. Michigan Tennis Coaches Hall 1988. Northern AD who hired basketball coaches Bill Frieder, Bill Troesken and Bob Root.



Larry Hackett - 2013

Basketball and baseball star at St. Matthew and Flint Junior College. Scored 55 points in FJC game and 67 in Flint City League game.



Mateen Cleaves - 2013

Won 1995 state basketball title at Northern. Heart and soul of Michigan State's 2000 NCAA champions. Played six seasons in NBA with Pistons, Kings, Cavs and Sonics.

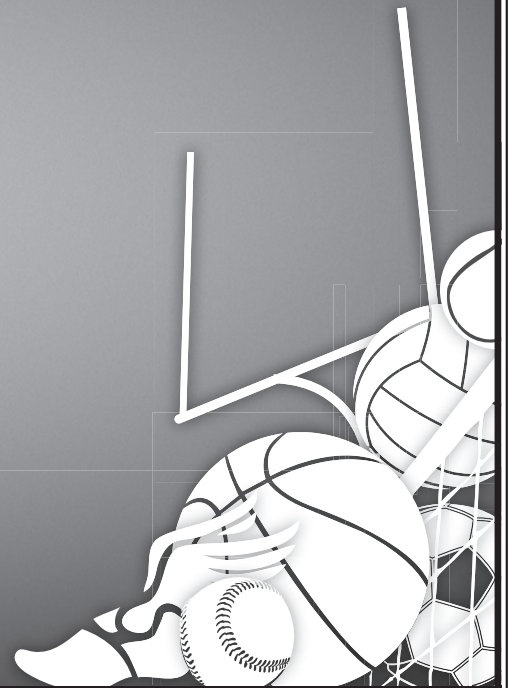
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– *Satchel Paige*



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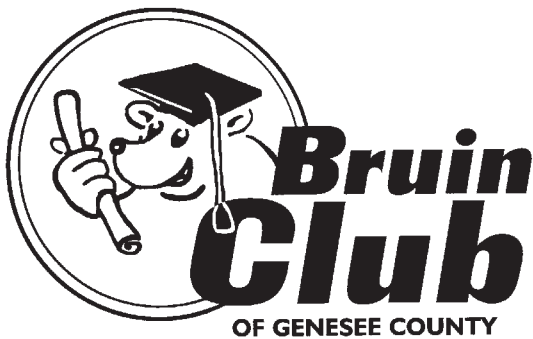
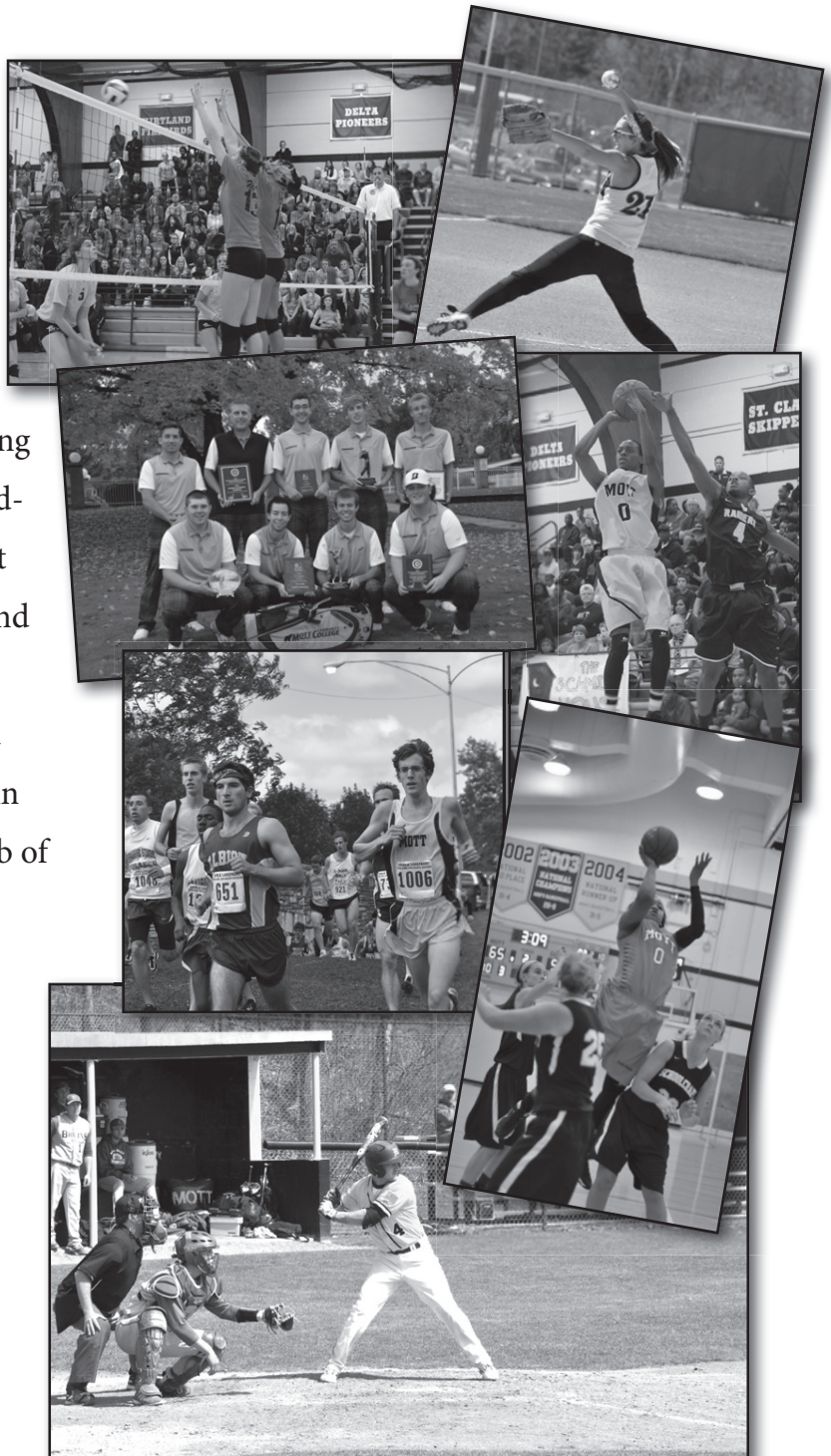
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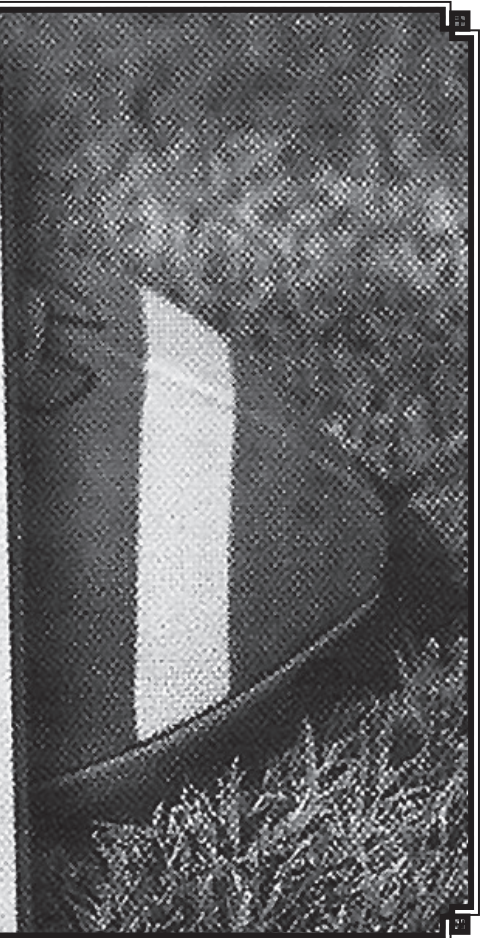
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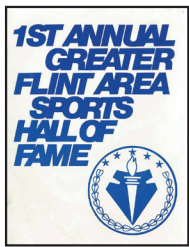
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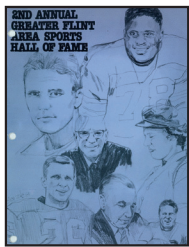


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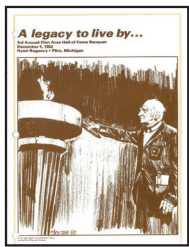
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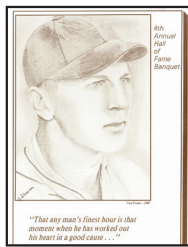
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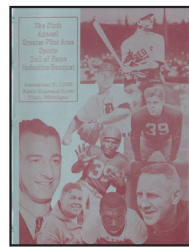
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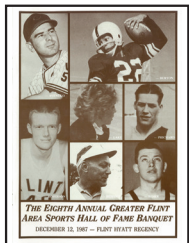
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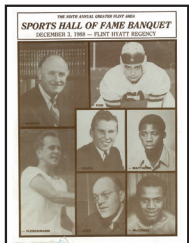
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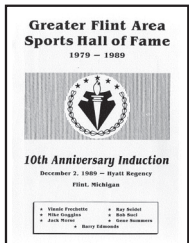
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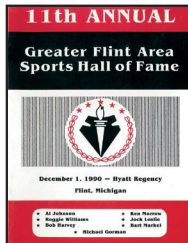
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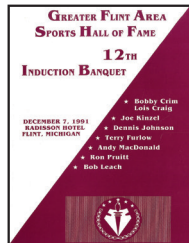
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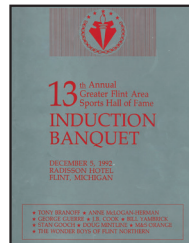
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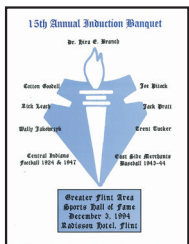
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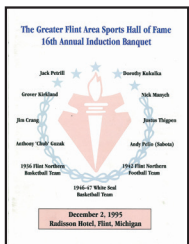
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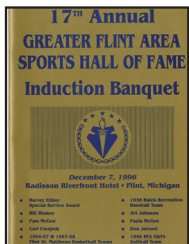
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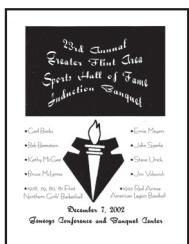
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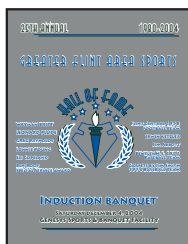
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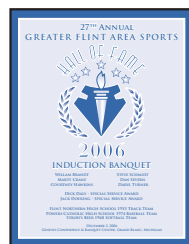
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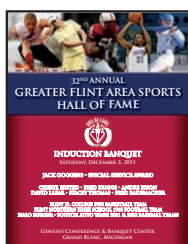
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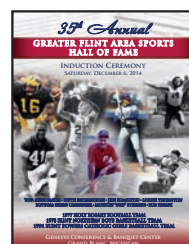
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Aldred, Scott	2009	Coon, Lloyd	2003	Grayer, Jeff	2003
Alward, Tom	2000	Copeland, Eli	2004	Greene, Terence	2013
Auer, Howard	1988	Craig, Lois	1991	Guerre, George	1992
		Crane, Marty	2006	Guzak, Chub	1995
Badar, Norb	1986	Crang, Jim	1995		
Baldwin, Jack	2001	Craven, Ollie	1986	Hackett, Larry	2013
Banks, Carl	2002	Crim, Bobby	1991	Hajec, Bill	2007
Barclay, Bill	1986	Crossman, M. B.	1997	Hall, Roy	2009
Barclay, Jim	1982	Czarnecki, Mike	2007	Halligan, T.J.	1983
Barnett, Reggie	2000			Hamilton, Bill	1983
Bates, Floyd	1982	Daly, Dick	2006	Hamilton, Jeff	2014
Bentley, Francis	2003	Daniels, Jack	2003	Hammond, Peg	1984
Bernard, Roger	1981	Decker, Leroy	2001	Hanson, Pete	2013
Bernstein, Bob	2002	Dobler, Wally	2008	Harrison, Vince	2008
Bero, John	1993	Doering, Jack	2006	Harvey, Bob	1990
Biedenbach, John	2009	Donoghue, Leo	1999	Hawkins, Courtney	2006
Blamer, Bill	1996	Doolittle, Bill	2005	Hebler Baudat, Kelly	2009
Blom, Doug	1981	Dowdy, Joe	1999	Histed, Cheryl	2011
Bolden, Leroy	1985	Doyle, Jim	1983	Hoey, George	2003
Borden, Bernie	2012	Duckett, Ellis	1986	Hoskins, Dave	1983
Boros, Steve	1985			Hosner, Jerry	2005
Branch, Dr. Hira E.	1994	Edmonds, Barry	1988	Houston, Guy	1980
Brandt, Bill	2006	Edwards, Lamarr "Spider"	2012	Hoyes, Len	2001
Branoff, Tony	1992	Edwards, Tonya	2008	Hughes, Howard "Gus"	1984
Brazil, Lloyd	1980	Ethier, Harvey	1996	Hughley, Letitia	2008
Briggs, Fred	2011				
Britt, Wayman	2004	Failing, Ken	1985	Jakowczyk, Wally	1994
Broome, Stan	1985	Fisher, John	2010	Jarrard, Don	1996
Brotebeck, "Bud"	2001	Fleischmann, Bob	1988	Johnson, Al	1990
Bryant, Norm	2005	Fornari, Pete	2000	Johnson, Art	1996
Burton, Leon	1987	Foutch, Roger	2008	Johnson, Dennis	1991
Byrd, Joe	1998	Fowler, Jim	2013	Johnson, Jimmy	1984
Bysco, Steve	1980	Frieder, Bill	2012	Johnson, Lee	2012
		Frechette, Vinnie	1989		
Calvo, Margarita	2010	Furlow, Terry	1991	Kaczynski, Harold	1998
Carpenter, Brian	2014	Fusi, Pete	1988	Ketzler, Erwin	2004
Chandnois, Lynn	1980			Kinzel, Joe	1991
Chipman, Bob	2007	Gallagher, Frank	2000	Kirkland, Grover	1995
Christiansen, Dar	1999	Gant, Lamar	1997	Klein, Mary	2003
Cleaves, Mateen	2013	Gay, Varnard	1999	Krause, Paul	1980
Cmejrek, Carl	1996	Gilroy, Howard	1984	Krupa, Ed	1988
Cole, Tom	2000	Goggins, Jack	2011	Kukulka, Dorothy	1995
Coleman, Don	1980	Goggins, Mike	1989	Kurys, Sophie	1986
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Lawson, Fred	1984	Parker, Scott	2010	Sperla, John	2002
Lazar, David	2011	Patton, Ricky	1999	Springsteen, Jay	2001
Leach, Bob	1991	Peaks, Clarence	1981	Stallcup, Bob	2012
Leach, Dick	1999	Pearce, Ed "Shorty"	1998	Staroba, Paul	1999
Leach, Rick	1994	Perani, Bob	2014	Stebbins, Bud	2014
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Lindholm, John	2000	Phelps, Ed	2009	Stockton, Pam	1983
Lipski, Chet	1981	Piesko, Dr. Gerald	1998	Suci, Bob	1989
Lyght, Todd	2007	Pitock, Joe	1994	Sugar, Leo	1982
		Plude, Leonard	2004	Summers, Gene	1989
Mancour, Larry	1992	Podoley, Jim	1982	Sventko, Andy	1987
Manley, Frank	1980	Ponsetto, Joe	1997	Sweet, Len	1993
Manych, Nick	1995	Pratt, Jack	1994		
Marble, Roy	2005	Prichard, Ted	1987	Thigpen, Justus	1995
Marcet, Marco	2005	Pruitt, Ron	1991	Thomas, Frank	2003
Markel, Bart	1990			Thomas, Jesse	1984
Marve, Eugene	1998	Rademacher, Fred	2011	Thomas, Stacey	2011
Massar, Jim	2012	Raymond, Tubby	1983	Thornton, Lorrie	2014
Matthews, John	1988	Reed, Bobby	2001	Tomasi, Dominic	1984
McCombs, Bennie	1988	Reid, Don	2001	Trosko, Fred	1982
McDonald, Andy	1991	Rettenmund, Merv	1981	Tucker, Trent	1994
McGee, Kathy	2002	Reynolds, Bobby	2013	Turner, Daryl	2006
McGee, Pamela	1996	Reynolds, Greg	2004	Turner, Eric	2010
McGee, Paula	1996	Reynolds, Russ	1983	Turner, Fred	1997
McKenney, Linnell	2005	Richardson, Keith	2014		
McLenna, Bruce	2002	Rideout, Jerry	1987	Urlick, Steve	2002
Menosky, Mike	1985	Rison, Andre	2011		
Minardo, Bill	1986	Roberson, M. Joe	1987	Van Pelt, Brad	1981
Minarik, Hank	1997	Robinson, Jeanette	1986	Van Slyke, Wayne	2005
Mintline, Doug	1992	Roof, Ben	2004	Vukovich, Jim	2002
Moore, Booker	1993	Rowe, Bob	1983		
Moore, Deanne	1999			Wargo, Joe	2003
Moore, Willie	2000	Sabota (Pelio), Andy	1995	Washington, Coquese	2009
Morrissey, Jim	2000	Schmidt, Steve	2006	Washington, Herb	1985
Morrow, Don	2008	Sczepanski, Frank	1981	Washington, Mali-Vai	2007
Morrow, Ken	1990	Secrest, Mike	1993	Weiss, Jennie	1980
Morse, Jack	1989	Seidel, Ray	1989	Williams, Reggie	1990
Mott, Charles S.	1980	Seltzer, Jack	2012	Winer, Mel	1987
Murphy, Dr. J. Vincent	1987	Serges, Julius	2010		
Myers, Ernie	2002	Severn, Dan	2006	Yambrick, Bill	1992
		Sigman, Al	2013	Yeotis, Tom	2007
Novak (Nowaczyk), Edward	1998	Smith, Audrey	1998	Young, Keith	2010
Novara-Reber, Sue	1982	Smith, Steve	2014	Young, Lonnie	2004



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In 2011, the GFASHOF Board and the Genesys Athletic Club reached out to area high schools with a collaboration that offered topics important to high school student athletes. The first two programs in 2010-2011 featured proper training techniques and substance abuse, respectively. Eighty students from ten high schools were in attendance. In 2011-2012, 130 students from fifteen schools attended a program on the topic of sportsmanship.



In 2012-2013, efforts focused on student leadership. Seventeen high schools and 150 students were in attendance. Because of the popularity of the topic (student leadership), the program was repeated this fall (2013-2014). Two panels, one of current coaches and one of Hall of Fame inductees spoke to the students. Current coaches included Nate Williams, Carman-Ainsworth; Greg Kehler, Grand Blanc; Roy Hall, Davison; and Shawn Andrews, Flushing. Hall members included Roger Foutch, Tom Alward, Cheryl Histed, and Letitia Hughley. Students in attendance were picked because of their leadership skills, and it is expected that they will use the information gained in the program to impact their fellow athletes.

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In Memoriam

The Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame proudly honors the memory of those members who have passed away since the December, 2013 Induction Banquet:

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1977 Holy Rosary Football

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The Wolverines beat Atherton 9-0 in that game, then opened the playoffs with a 14-8 win over Detroit Country Day in the snow at Hartland. Country Day reached Rosary territory six times in its first seven possessions and outgained the Wolverines 282-147, but didn't score on offense until 7:24 remained. Dan Ayre's interception with 1:30 left sealed the win.

Rosary frustrated Sand Creek in similar fashion the next week at DeWitt, shutting out the Aggies 22-0 despite allowing them to reach the 14, 24, 4 and 2-yard lines. Berta filled in for a flu-ridden McFarland at tackle, but the Wolverines suffered a more serious loss when Jim O'Connor blew out ligaments in his knee that required surgery the following week.

Prior to the title game, Herrmann installed another gadget play that would allow Rosary to pick up two first downs on passes out of punt formation.

"Against Crystal Falls, the game plan was 'what the hell,'" said Ayre. "We weren't supposed to be there, so we just tried to have some fun."

Game day started with a 6 a.m. Mass and a chopped steak dinner at 6:30 in preparation for the 10 a.m. kickoff. Later the team walked out on the field in the 80,000-seat Silverdome.

"Many of the guys had never been there," said Ayre. "To walk through those big doors and feel that air gushing at you. We walked around looking at the sky and couldn't believe we were playing there."

Crystal Falls took a 6-0 first-quarter lead on a 5-yard run by Dan Lato, an All-State running back and the key to the Trojans' ground-oriented offense.

But the game turned dramatically in the second quarter, with Rosary capitalizing on four Trojan turnovers. Candy's interception set up Mike Ayre's 6-yard run at 8:42. Lato bobbled a pitchout and Ayre recovered, setting up Ron Fray's 15-yard TD pass to brother Jeff in the corner of the end zone at 6:38.

Arnes intercepted and returned 29 yards, and Haley, whose first two extra point kicks had been blocked or sailed wide, cashed it in with a 27-yard field goal at 2:28. The Trojans dropped the snap on a punt and Rosary took over at the 17 with 40 seconds left. Jeff Fray then caught a 7-yard TD toss from brother Ron on a pass intended for Lehoux.

It was 21-6 at halftime, but Al LaBrecque was worried.

"We threw a defense at them that they had not seen, and they couldn't figure it out," he said. "They started throwing the ball in the second quarter, and we had never seen them do that."

"I spent halftime readjusting the defense, but then they came right back with their standard Crystal Falls, in-your-face, smash-mouth offense and we had a little trouble adjusting to it. As a coach, I nearly blew it."

The Trojans did get back in the game on touchdowns by Lato and Mark Valesano to make it 21-20 late in the third quarter, and they had a chance to win it in the fourth, reaching the Rosary 11. The Wolverines held, forcing a field goal attempt that fizzled when a low snap rolled past everyone to the 45, where the kicker picked it up and threw a futile pass with 2:12 left.

"Everybody was cheering because the snap had gone badly, but I was freaking out because it's still a live play," said Ayre. "But we had it covered pretty well."

Rosary still needed a first down to run out the clock, and Ron Fray got it on a gutty 2-yard run.

Fray finished with 127 yards on 9-of-24 passing, but Rosary ran for just 47 yards.

Lato carried 40 times for 124 yards but paid for every one of them. Twice he had to be helped from the field after jarring tackles.

"We hammered him," said Al LaBrecque. "I mean we physically hammered that kid."

After one such hit, linebacker Paul LeBrecque came to the sideline and said, "Dad, if he comes back out, he's not human."

Crystal Falls coach Dick Mettlach admitted to the media afterward, "Holy Rosary took it to us. We weren't ready for them."

A surprise guest at the game was O'Connor, who had just been released from the hospital the night before and was in the stands with a full-length cast and a nine-inch scar on his leg. For the trophy presentation, several Wolverines lifted him over the rail, plopped him in a wheelchair and pushed him around the Silverdome field on a tear-filled victory lap with the trophy in his lap.

Ayre remembered the tears of the previous two years -- the 1975 game with Rosary getting whipped at halftime and players already crying in the locker room; the tears after the heart-breaking 1976 game that ended the careers of many good players.

"Now we win and we're still crying," Ayre said. "It was just draining -- so jubilant that we won but just so emotionally and physically draining."

A Flint Journal sidebar the next day focused on that postgame scene with a most insightful headline:

"Rosary's tears are different."

1978 Flint Northern Basketball

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To make up for his lack of star power, Troesken not only emphasized the team concept, but also the ability to excel at the little things, such as defense, steals, going after loose balls, rebounding and free-throw shooting. Instead of circling how many points a player would score on the stat sheets he gave his players, Troesken made notations about how many steals, assists and boards a player would record.

The strategy worked as the scrappy Vikings allowed only 54.7 points per game -- 52.1 in their seven tournament games.

Northern was 79-of-102 (77.4 percent) shooting from the charity stripe in its last four tournament contests, a blistering 23-of-28 (82 percent) in its 67-56 victory over Pontiac Central in the championship game at Crisler Arena in Ann Arbor.

"If you couldn't defend, you sat the bench," Carroll said. "Defense was paramount for us in winning any game. We talked to each other. You knew you were going to get screened, and you knew you had help on the weak side. You also knew you had a good bench."

Led by a total team effort, Northern posted a 16-3 regular-season record while capturing SVC West Division and Flint City Series championships.

The Vikings rolled through their first three tournament games, winning both their district contests and their regional semifinal game by double-digit margins.

Northern not only employed a team effort on defense against Northwestern, but it featured a balanced attack on offense as well. The Vikings had three double-figure scorers, led by Pool, who finished with 23 points while hauling down a game-high 11 rebounds. Craig Tucker had 16 points on 8-of-16 shooting, and Chapman had 11 points, including a 9-for-9 effort from the foul line.

"We had a team that played together, and that is how we won," Tucker said. "Everyone embraced the role they were given on the team. There was so much competition that year, you had to play every game like it was your last."

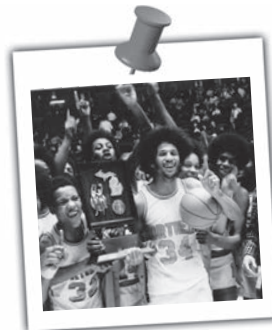
Northern met little resistance in beating Midland 72-53 in the quarterfinals before using a big fourth-quarter surge to down defending state champion Lansing Everett 53-50 in the semifinals at Jenison Field House in East Lansing. With the score tied 34-34 early in the fourth, the Vikings outscored Everett 19-16 to end the game. Northern was 15-of-19 shooting from the charity stripe against Everett.

Northern once again went to a man-to-man defense in the championship game, focusing its efforts on Russell, Pontiac Central's top player. The Vikings' suffocating defense held Russell to only four points on 1-of-18 shooting from the perimeter.

The game went back and forth before Northern used another late surge to pull out the win. Trailing by six points early in the third quarter, the Vikings came back and took a 45-42 lead at the end of the quarter.

The Chiefs led by one point twice in the fourth quarter before Northern took the lead for good at 57-48 with 2:53 left. Tucker scored a season-high 26 points and was named the game's Most Valuable Player. Pool had 15 points and 11 rebounds and Townsend had 14 points and 11 boards.

Rounding out the Vikings' core group of players were seniors Bruce Cross, Rondle Johnson and Rick Nelson.



1991 Flint Powers Catholic Basketball

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"It was the best thing they could have done for us at that point in the season was to give us a loss," McGee said. "Everyone was talking about how great we were. We were thinking we were. We got back to the drawing board and practiced a lot harder and played with a lot more focus."

The only player who was part of the 1988 run to the state finals was Negri, who was called up from the junior varsity for the state tournament that year. By her senior year, she was the Miss Basketball winner and earned a scholarship to Ohio State.

Negri's biggest contribution in 1988 was loaning her shoes to a teammate before the district championship game against Saginaw. "One of the starting seniors forgot her shoes," Negri said. "I had to give up my shoes for her. That was the big joke for a really long time. I think I borrowed one of the dads' tennis shoes, just like random tennis shoes. I was really scared, because I was not going to run in those shoes. I was freaking out about it. 'Please, don't put me in. I don't want to wear these shoes.'"

When Negri won Miss Basketball, one of the finalists for the award was Willyerd, a guard who transferred to Powers after starting as a freshman at Swartz Creek in 1988.

"We were both on the ballot, but it really didn't become a huge issue," said Willyerd, who played at Old Dominion. "To be honest, it was something I was totally striving for, but it was nice to see Lisa get it. I played with a lot of tall women. For someone to have her mobility and her hands, you don't find that package very often. We both gave it an honest run, but it was totally well-deserved. For me, the biggest picture was the whole team."

The other starters on the championship team were seniors Noelle Beaudry, Jill Dolphin and Tiffany Green.

The fall of 1991 was Powers' first season back in Class B after playing in Class A for seven years.

"I think a lot of 'A' teams were happy we just dropped down to 'B,' because they thought we were going to be a contender in 'A,' as well," McGee said. "To us, it didn't matter. We were going to play at whatever level we were going to play at. There's good 'B' teams in the state, as well."

McGee is already in the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame individually. She held the state record for coaching victories when she stepped down at Powers following the 2006 season, having coached the Chargers to a 599-153 record.

"She meant business," Willyerd said. "I remember one of my friends who wanted to coach coming to watch one of her practices after I left. She said, 'Oh, my goodness. The respect that's there.' That goes along with tradition and legacy. Kathy would constantly go to Michigan State, to colleges, going the extra mile to invest herself and learn the game on a different level than most high school coaches. We were lucky she brought all that back to us."

Negri said: "Your coach is totally there for you and supports you and does everything they can for you. That's not always the case with everyone. I was lucky to have that, especially someone who saw a lot of potential in me that maybe several other coaches may not have."

The other members of the varsity that season were Melanie Shoskey, Shelley Waggoner, Becky Flynn, Meg Hudgens, Emily MacDonald, Rachael Martin, Marie Hamelin and Sarah Rutledge. Darci Stocker and future All-Stater Katie Cushman were brought up from the JV for the postseason.

Helping McGee were long-time assistants Brad Terebinski, Betsy Kreston and Kae Eidson.



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