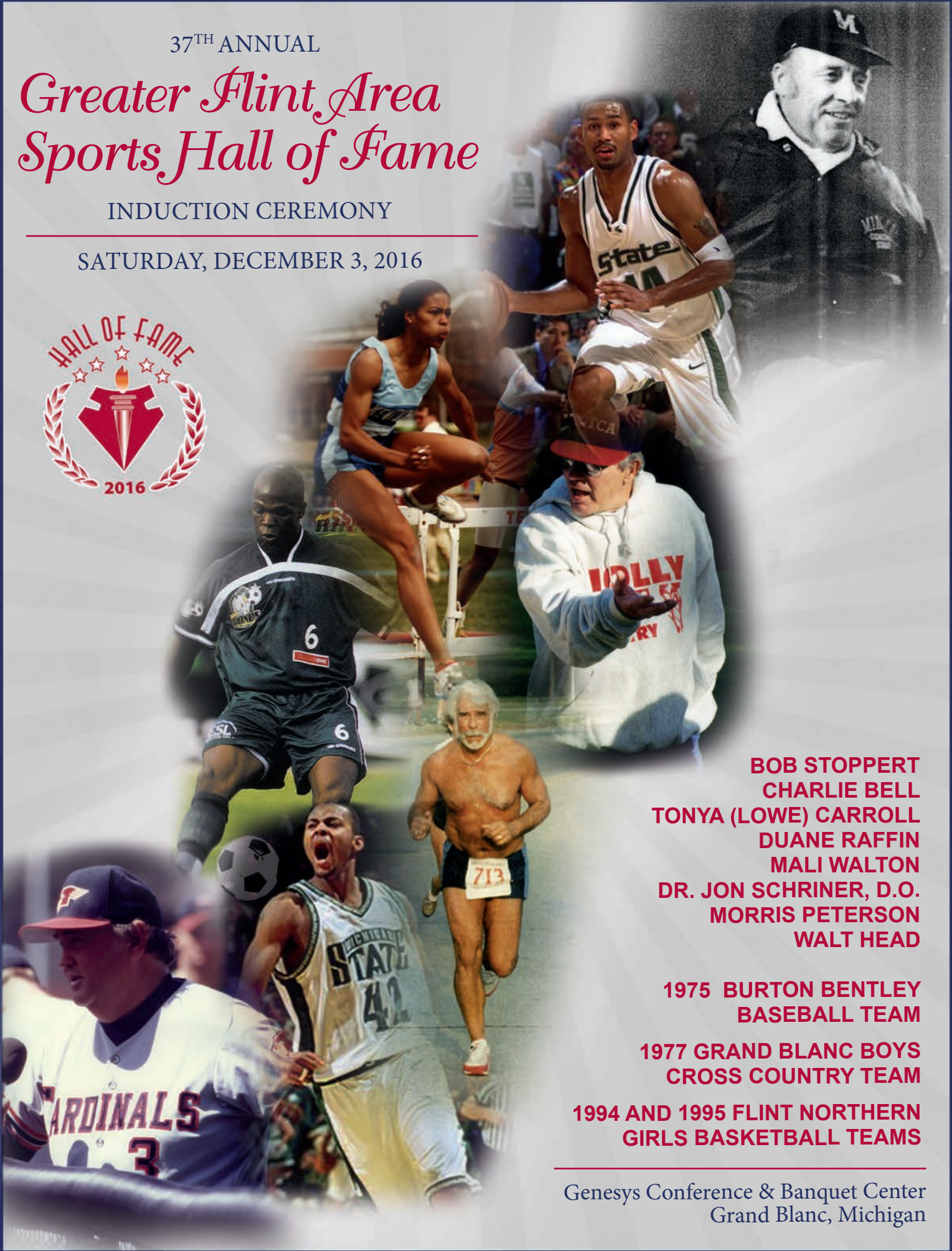


37TH ANNUAL

Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame

INDUCTION CEREMONY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2016



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GREATER FLINT AREA SPORTS HALL OF FAME 37TH ANNUAL INDUCTION BANQUET

Dear Friends,

This year marks the 37th anniversary of the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame. We are here to celebrate the rich heritage of Flint area athletics and to recognize excellence, achievement, and service to our community. This task is carried out entirely by volunteers and supporters like you. Thank you for caring enough to help us keep this tradition alive.

This year's inductees include Mali Walton, Duane Raffin, Charlie Bell, the 1975 Burton Bentley Baseball Team, Tonya (Lowe) Carroll, Walt Head, the 1994 and 1995 Flint Northern Girls Basketball Teams, Morris Peterson, Dr. Jon Schriener, D.O., the 1977 Grand Blanc Boys Cross Country Team and Bob Stoppert. These tremendous athletes, coaches and teams join the long procession of those in our community's glorious athletic history.

The Board of Directors express their appreciation to the following organizations for the continuing support they generously provide:

The Flint Journal and Mlive.com for their continued support of our program, including the donation of the Hall of Fame plaques.

Ben Roof of A-Frame Awards, a vital and loyal supporter of the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame for many years.

Genesys Conference and Banquet Center and the Genesys Athletic Club for their extraordinary efforts in hosting the program and in providing a home for the Hall of Fame.

Thank you to all who purchased advertising in this program - you help make this publication possible.

As we remember and celebrate these outstanding achievements, let us consider what is possible in the future. The talent and spirit that has defined our community in the past provides a foundation and vision for our future. With unity and hard work, we will succeed.

Sincerely,

Dean Yeotis,
President GFASHOF

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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
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REMINDER: DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING NOMINATIONS IS APRIL 1ST EACH YEAR.

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

WELCOME, INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND OFFICERS.....DEAN YEOTIS, PRESIDENT

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* THE HOLLY HIGH SCHOOL VOCAL MUSIC PROGRAM IS DIRECTED BY LINDSEY MARTIN-DIRECTOR OF CHOIRS. MS. MARTIN IS IN HER NINTH YEAR AT HOLLY HIGH SCHOOL. SHE RECEIVED HER UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE FROM ALMA COLLEGE WITH A MAJOR IN MUSIC EDUCATION AND HER MASTER OF ARTS DEGREE FROM OAKLAND UNIVERSITY, ALSO WITH A MAJOR IN MUSIC EDUCATION..

Genesys Athletic Club and The Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame Student Leadership Mentoring and Training Program

Annually, for the past six years the Genesys Athletic Club and the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame have jointly sponsored outstanding informational and training programs for student-athletes in the greater Flint area.

To date, twenty three schools have participated involving over 1,200 student-athletes. Over fifty hall of fame inductees, state championship coaches and former outstanding athletes have provided valuable insight, from their personal experiences, on a variety of topics related to leadership. In addition, each program, directed by Genesys Athletic Trainers, provided extensive training skill drills for athletic preparation and participation.



*Goodrich High School student Hayden Fenald perfects his push up technique with the help of trainer Amanda Slieff from Genesys Athletic Club.
(Photo credit: Callaghan O'Hare | MLive.com)*

This year the keynote speaker was Marquise Gray, a standout basketball player from Michigan State University. Marquise was a four year letterman who participated in two final fours. Featured presenters were two highly successful coaches, Varsity Bowling coach Rob Ploof from Kearsley High School and Jeff Campbell, Varsity Wrestling coach at New Lothrop High School. Both coaches, coincidentally, won three consecutive team state championships. Their presentations related to what it takes to be a leader and conflict resolution.



*University of Michigan football player Andre Weathers speaks to more than 100 student-athletes from 10 Flint-area high schools gathered for a leadership program. The program provides mentorship for student athletes to help them improve their leadership skills in the gym, the classroom and the community.
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Hall of Fame members Andre Weathers, University Of Michigan outstanding football player and Keith Richardson, Central Michigan University four-sport standout spoke topically on being a good role model and setting personal and team goals.

GFASHOF board members Marty Crane and Bill Troesken, both hall of fame coaches, served as program facilitator and program emcee, respectively. Special thanks to planning committee members Mr. Jim Mongrain, Genesys Athletic Club Manager, Jennifer Colombo, Genesys Head Athletic Trainer - GFASHOF Board member, Erin Lamb, CEO ER Sports and Leadership, GAC walk/run coordinator and Bill Parish GFASHOF Board Member.



Marquise Gray



Rob Ploof



Keith Richardson



Bill Troesken



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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 an athlete's 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



August 31, 2016

On behalf of Oakland University and Golden Grizzlies Athletics, I offer the warmest congratulations to Mali Walton on his induction to the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame.

During his time as a student-athlete at Oakland University from 1991 – 1994, Mr. Walton was an outstanding men's soccer player. He was a four-time All-Region honoree, a three-time All-American, and he helped lead the team to a pair of NCAA Final Four appearances. His name is still prominent in the Oakland record book, including the top spot on the career assists tally. Mali was inducted into the Hollie L. Lepley Hall of Honor in 2002, cementing his position as one of the standout student-athletes in Oakland history.

Mali Walton embodies the excellence that Oakland University Athletics, like the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame, represents. The entire Oakland University community salutes Mali on this great honor.

Sincerely,


Jeffrey F. Konya,
Director of Athletics



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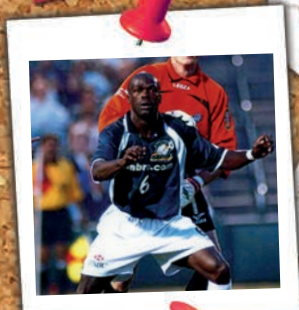
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Mali Walton

By Bill Khan



These days, soccer parents get their children involved in the sport almost as soon as they can walk. After an obligatory year or two in AYSO, the children are moved on to expensive travel leagues so that they don't fall behind their peers. After all, that's what their future competition for varsity roles and college scholarships is doing.

Then there's Mali Walton. He didn't start kicking the ball around as a 4-year-old or play in elite travel programs as a little kid. He'd never even heard of the sport until, at the request of a friend, he saw his first game when he was 11. "I went to Eisenhower Elementary," Walton said. "I was hanging out with a buddy of mine, Migeal Swain. He asked me if I wanted to go watch a soccer game at Atwood Stadium. I said, 'I don't even know what it is.' I'd never heard of soccer. "We went and watched the game; I believe it was the Flint Olympian Games. A lot of my classmates were playing. I said, 'Let me try this out.' The next season, I signed up and started playing."

And yet, despite not taking up the game until he was 12, he became the biggest soccer star ever to come out of the Flint area.

How does that even happen?

It helped that -- and this might come as a shock to those advocating sports specialization -- Walton played several different sports while growing up in Flint.

"The athletic part helped me out," Walton said. "I grew up off Dupont. You were supposed to play basketball and football. (Soccer) was something different. I did start at a late age to play in college and professionally. It was something that was different, and I enjoyed it."

After showing promise as a soccer player, Walton did take up travel soccer, playing for the Flint Arrows. He also made the state Olympic Development Program team, playing up an age.

It was around this time that he entered Flint Northern High School and had success that was rare for a soccer player from a city school.

As a senior in 1989, he made the All-State Dream Team. The only other city player to earn that distinction was Southwestern Academy's Jeff Dresser in 1991.

Paul Vance didn't make the Dream Team at Flint Central, but did go on to play for Michigan State from 1997-2001. For him, Walton was his first soccer hero.

"Mali was kind of a pioneer when it comes to taking your career from the high school level and beyond," Vance said. "If you took a poll of the soccer community in Genesee County, everyone would tell you Mali's the best player ever to come from the city."

Appropriately, Walton is the first soccer player to be inducted into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame.

"Mali played youth soccer with my brothers," Vance said. "He's older than me. I idolized him. He was one of my role models in soccer. I would meet people from St. Louis, Kansas, Ohio, and when you told someone you were from Flint, at least in the soccer community, they'd say, 'Do you know Mali Walton?' That's the kind of name he carried."

"Growing up playing against great soccer players in Flint and me being the first one in there is a huge honor," Walton said.

After playing for Northern, Walton went on to a strong soccer program at Oakland University.

He was a three-time Division II All-American for Oakland, the only player from the school to achieve that distinction. He played in four NCAA tournaments, reaching the Final Four twice and the championship game in 1994.

His 46 career assists from 1991-94 are still a school record. He also ranks fifth in career points with 108. His 48 points in 1992 still rank second. His 17 career goals rank seventh.

In 2002, Walton was inducted into Oakland's sports Hall of Fame.

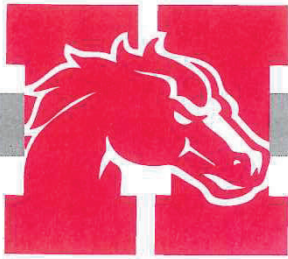
"It was a great experience," Walton said. "I was recruited as a sweeper. After the first game, the coach took me out of sweeper, because I was dribbling too much. He put me at outside mid, then moved me to forward. It was definitely a transition."

"It was a great experience academically and being part of the history of that soccer program. They were already one of the top programs in the nation. Going there, I knew it was going to be a challenge, because I was going to be playing against the top teams."

Not many players continue playing after college, but Walton had a long career playing indoor and outdoor soccer.

He turned pro in 1995 with the Detroit Neon of the Continental Indoor Soccer League. He retired in 2003, but came back for a season of indoor soccer in 2008 in St. Louis.

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On behalf of the Holly Area School District Board of Education, Holly High School Administration, Teachers, Coaches and the many past, present and future cross country / track and field athletes, it is my pleasure to congratulate Duane Raffin on his induction into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame.

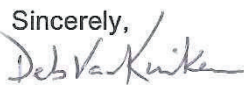
Duane Raffin was a great motivator and coach. He set the bar high and encouraged team members to reach their potential as a student, an athlete, and a person.


In his 38 years at the helm, Coach Raffin's teams won four state championships, nine regional titles and a tremendous 37 Flint Metro League crowns. His success was noticed by many and throughout the years he was honored by induction into the Michigan High School Coaches (MITCA) Hall of Fame, the Michigan High School Track Coaches Hall of Fame, and the Holly High School Hall of Fame. Additionally, he was chosen MITCA Coach of the Year three times and National Coach of the Year twice.

Honors and accolades, albeit nice, weren't what mattered to Coach Raffin. Each athlete was like a son or daughter and held a special place in his heart. The feeling was mutual and in 2010 a Raffin "Family" reunion was held at Holly HS. Former athletes from across the country were in attendance. That event was the kick off for the Raffin Scholarship. Each year a cross country or track & field athlete that embodies values instilled by Coach Raffin...the values of hard work, perseverance and a positive mental attitude...is awarded a \$1,000 scholarship.

Duane Raffin is a cherished member of our rich athletic heritage. The honor of induction into the Greater Flint Sports Hall of Fame is well deserved. His membership amongst this prestigious group of men and women makes our "Broncho" family very proud.

Congratulations to Duane Raffin, wife Jeanne, and all family members that supported "Raff", allowing him to coach, teach and serve the youth of Holly Area Schools.

Sincerely,

Deb VanKuiken
Director of Athletics


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Serving Students of Northwest Oakland County

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Duane Raffin

By Bill Khan



Cottrell Williams never considered running track and field. Ken Osmun had no plans to run cross country or track. Duane Raffin had other ideas -- and both men are forever grateful. Williams placed in the top five in three events, leading Holly to the 1971 state Class B track and field championship. Osmun didn't run until his junior year of track. He joined the cross country team as a senior. Osmun would go on to run for Oakland University, finishing 11th as a senior in the 1990 NCAA Division II cross country meet. Williams said that Raffin went through his sister, Gail, to get him to come out for track. "He saw me running in gym or something," Williams recalls. "I wasn't going to run. He talked to my sister. He said, 'Please talk to your brother and get him to run.' She pretty much talked me into running. I was more of an introvert type of a person. I really didn't want to run."

Osmun was playing intramural basketball when he caught Raffin's watchful eye. "I was not much of an athlete, I didn't think," Osmun said. "He saw me running up and down the court. He said, 'You've got to come out for track; you're pretty fast.' I did intramurals just for fun. That year, I came out for track and did pretty well." Those accomplishments were achieved, in large part, because Raffin believed in them before they believed in themselves.

And there are countless other stories of young athletes of varying abilities who discovered there was more in them than they ever realized, all because Raffin pushed to get it out of them. "I've had a lot of coaches since him and before him," said Jackie (Bucholz) Fisher, who was fifth in 1995 and third in 1996 in the state Class A individual cross country race. "He was a unique coach. He was really gifted. He could just reach each team member and bring their best potential forward."

Unlike Williams and Osmun, Fisher planned to run for Raffin for all four years going into high school. However, that wasn't her preference the first time she watched the boisterous coach in action at a cross country meet. "I actually saw coach Raffin when I was 5 years old," Fisher said. "My dad sent me to a cross country meet. I saw him for the first time holding a cup of hot chocolate while watching girls run by. He was screaming at the girls. My dad says, 'Are you going to run for coach Raffin?' I said, 'No.'"

Ed Stanbury didn't run for Raffin, but did attend joint cross country camps put on by Raffin and Grand Blanc coach Bob Stallcup. In 1977, Grand Blanc won the Class A championship and Holly won the Class B title. "As a kid, I remember him being a yeller and screamer," said Stanbury, a member of that 1977 Grand Blanc team and the school's current boys' coach. "But he was a fun-loving guy once you got to know him. You didn't take the boisterous personality too seriously when you got to know who he was. He was a unique guy."

Holly won the 1922 and 1923 state Class C boys' basketball championships. Since that time, the only state championship teams at Holly were coached by Raffin. He coached the Bronchos to the 1971 Class B boys' track and field title, the 1977 and 1978 Class B boys' cross country championships and the 1990 Class A girls' cross country crown. The championships he won helped build Raffin's legend around the state, but they weren't his proudest accomplishments as a coach. "The best ones are the day-to-day things that happen with the kids, the improvement you see over the years, those kinds of things," Raffin said in January 1999 when he announced his retirement. "I think of all the good things that happened."

He became the boys' track and field coach in 1965 and the cross country coach in 1966. He retired as an English teacher and track coach in 1990, but remained the cross country coach through the 1998 season. One of his biggest accomplishments was the establishment and growth of the Holly Invitational cross country meet. The meet, now named the Duane Raffin Festival of Races, will celebrate its 50th year in 2017. "At one time, it was the largest cross country meet in the nation," said long-time friend and former Beecher coach Marty Crane.

Raffin continued to officiate and help out at cross country and track meets after his retirement. His final meet was the 2009 state cross country meet, where he served as an announcer, giving updates on the races. He became ill shortly thereafter and died of cancer at the age of 76 in March 2010. "He was just a great promoter of track and field and cross country," Crane said. "All that time he put into running a regional in cross country or track and field. He always wanted to be No. 1, to be the best in the area or best in the state at whatever it was."

MICHIGAN STATE BASKETBALL

Tom Izzo, Head Coach

I would like to congratulate Charlie Bell on his induction into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame. Along with fellow Hall of Fame classmate Morris Peterson, Charlie helped lay the foundation for all the future success at Michigan State.

Charlie was the fourth and final member of the Flintstones early in my career. In many ways, he was the final piece of a championship puzzle. He entered Michigan State with the reputation of an elite scorer, but would leave four years later as one of the greatest all-around players in Spartan basketball history, especially excelling as a rebounder and defensive player. You know a player has made an impact when you hold current players to the standard he set 10-15 years earlier. Any time I talk about great rebounding guards, Charlie Bell is always the benchmark. And any time we work on defensive drills in practice, I use the phrase "Charlie Bell step." He was always the absolute best at getting over screens.

Charlie was an extremely unselfish player and always willing to do whatever the team needed him to do to win. I'm sure there were times where he could have looked to score more, but he was always a smart player and knew that sometimes the team didn't need his scoring, they needed him to do something else. When All-American point guard and fellow Flintstone Mateen Cleaves was out with an injury, Charlie had to play at the point. And he was always willing to guard the opponent's best perimeter player. But make no mistake, he could also be a prolific scorer. In a Big Ten Championship-clinching victory over Michigan as a junior, he led all scorers with 31 points.

While serving as a complimentary player for his first three seasons, he took on a starring role as a senior. In the season opener of his senior year, he joined Magic Johnson as the only two Spartans at the time to record a triple-double. Nationally, he started to get the attention for his complete game, as people saw him for the special player that those within the program always knew him to be. He earned All-America and Team MVP honors, but that never compared to team goals.

Winning was always the most important thing to Charlie Bell. And he won better than most anyone. At the time of his graduation, he had played in more victories (115) than any player in Michigan State or Big Ten history. During his career, we won four Big Ten Championships, two Big Ten Tournaments and played in three Final Fours, capturing the 2000 NCAA Championship. It's a resume of winning that might never be equaled. That he achieved great success while always remaining connected to Flint is just another reason that he's a worthy member of the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,
Tom Izzo



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Charlie Bell

By Bill Khan

Before there was Flint Southwestern vs. Flint Central, before there was Michigan State vs. Michigan, there was another rivalry game that helped develop Charlie Bell's competitive instinct.

"As a little kid, my backyard was one of the hot spots," Bell recalls. "A friend of mine used to live around the corner. It used to be street against street. We played three-on-three, four-on-four in the driveway or in my backyard. Usually it was Winona against Brownell. In Flint, it was a way of life."

And Bell didn't want to lose one of those neighborhood battles. Back then, it meant as much as winning a city championship would in high school or an NCAA championship would in college.

"It was mostly just about bragging rights, going out and proving you're the best," he said. "Then you had to do that every day, because if you don't do it one day, the next day somebody who beat you is going to be talking junk to you. You may win nine out of 10, but that one time is something people are going to bring up. Every day was super competitive. You had to play hard. You can't be calling ticky-tack fouls. It's tough. It's physical. It's Flint basketball."

To the nation, it became known as Flintstone basketball, thanks to the accomplishments of Bell and fellow Flint natives Mateen Cleaves, Morris Peterson and Antonio Smith at Michigan State.

The quartet became gained a national identity in 1999 by leading the Spartans to the Final Four, where they lost, 68-62, to Duke in the semifinals. The Flintstone-led Spartans -- minus the graduated Smith -- closed the deal the following season by beating Florida, 89-76, in the championship game.

"For all of us, we wear Flint on our sleeves, literally -- we've all got the tattoos," Bell said. "We love our city. We love where we came from. A lot of times, people try to put a bad perspective on Flint and a dark light on us. For us, that's where we're from. We got out every day and represented our city and worked hard like everybody else works hard. It's a blue-collar city. We went out and worked hard. To this day, people come out and tell me we were one of their favorite teams. They looked up to us. We went out there and left it all on the court."

Bell was the last of the Flintstones to arrive in East Lansing. Smith (Flint Northern) was the first of Tom Izzo's Flint recruits in 1995. Cleaves (Flint Northern) and Peterson (Flint Northwestern) came on board the following season. Bell joined MSU in 1997 out of Flint Southwestern Academy. He was the only one in that group to play in three Final Fours, making it as a senior in 2001.

Bell was the most heralded of the Flintstones coming out of high school, setting the Flint scoring record of 2,252 career points. He averaged 30.5 points and 13.8 rebounds as a senior, finishing runner-up in Mr. Basketball voting. Bell's exploits led Southwestern to its first City Series championship since 1975 and a No. 1 ranking in the final regular-season poll.

There was no intimidation for Bell when he stepped onto the court as a freshman for Southwestern. The son of a former local basketball standout, Bell had been preparing for that stage his entire life.

Knights coach Reggie Manville allowed Bell to practice with the varsity while he was still in middle school. "I remember playing with my dad and people older than me, my uncles," Bell said. "I never got any calls. They would beat me up. I was ready as a ninth-grader playing against a lot of older guys. It was nothing new to me."

Before they were MSU teammates, Bell and his fellow Flintstones were adversaries on the courts of Flint. "The competition was some of the best I've ever played against," Bell said. "I don't think Flint is the same right now, but back in those days you had four really good high schools. It was one of those things where you talk about bragging rights. Mateen didn't want to lose to me; I didn't want to lose to him. Mo Pete was at Northwestern. Everybody wanted to show who was king of Flint. With me being a big-time scorer, they took pride in trying to shut me down and I took pride in trying to score as many as I could and try to win the game."

While Bell was known for his prolific scoring in high school, he quickly learned to share the basketball with his talented teammates at MSU.

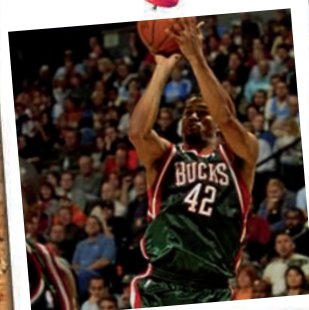
"Charlie brought toughness," Peterson said. "People knew he was a scorer, but he sacrificed a lot of his scoring; that's one of the things that stood out. That's what we all did. We put ourselves last and put each other first. He went out there every night and played hard defensively and checked one of the best players. He had to change positions a few times."

With a national championship and three Final Four appearances on his resume, Bell expected to join 2000 first-round picks Cleaves and Peterson in the NBA when he graduated in 2001. Instead, Bell had to take the long, hard road to the top. He went undrafted, but was signed as a free agent by the Phoenix Suns. He was released after playing in five games. He played two games for the Dallas Mavericks later that season.

From there, he took his game to Europe to play in the Italian and Spanish leagues, where he played three full seasons and parts of another.

"It was difficult," Bell said. "My first year, first two years, was probably one of the hardest things I've ever had to do. You're

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1975 BURTON BENTLEY BASEBALL TEAM



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1975 Burton Bentley Baseball Team

By Dan Nilsen

Bentley High had all kinds of motivation to win a state baseball championship in 1975. For one thing, the 1973 team had set the bar and showed it could be done by winning the first state title in school history. Secondly, the 1974 Bulldogs had turned in a strong (21-4) season and looked like a good bet to defend the title -- until they got knocked out in a 1-0 pre-district loss to Ainsworth. Many of those players were juniors in '74 and still around in 1975 with something to prove. But the biggest factor in Bentley's run to the 1975 Class B state baseball crown might have been an embarrassing defeat suffered midway through the season. On May 16, the Bulldogs committed an unheard-of seven errors in a 7-5 loss to Grand Blanc in the first round of the Greater Flint Invitational.

The debacle lit a fire under the Bulldogs and they never lost again, reeling off 13 consecutive wins, capped by a 3-2 victory over Wyoming Godwin Heights in the state final June 14 at Flint's Lincoln Park. Bentley finished 24-5, setting a school record for wins, and became the first Class B school to win two titles in the five-year history of the state tournament.

Now, that team will join the '73 squad in the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame. "What really got us going was that Grand Blanc game," recalled Kevin West, a senior catcher. "We were supposed to win everything, and when we got beat I was thinking, 'How could that happen?' We didn't commit many errors that year, and that was the turning point right there." Bentley coach Jim Vukovich also pinpointed that game in a Flint Journal article previewing the state finals. "They knew that wasn't typical of Bentley baseball the way they threw the ball around," Vukovich told the Journal's Phil Pierson. "Our kids were ashamed of themselves, and that's what got us turned around."

Senior pitcher/shortstop Dan Sutkowi remembers the nightmare vividly. "Vuke made all the infielders change positions in the fourth inning, just to shake it up," he said. "I think every infielder had an error. We were embarrassed."

Defense certainly was a key to the state title run, but pitching and hitting were the big factors. Sutkowi was part of a 1-2 pitching combination that carried the Bulldogs, much like the 1-2 mound duo that carried the 1973 team. Back then it was All-State flamethrower Gary Conn, who signed with the Milwaukee Brewers right after the state final, and sophomore right-hander Rich Tessner, who won the state championship game that year.

Tessner was still around in 1975, now the ace of the staff and capping a standout three-year career in football, basketball and baseball. He had helped the Carpets by Jim Smith team win the Connie Mack national championship in the summer of '74 and went 10-2 with a 1.88 earned-run average and 104 strikeouts for Bentley in the spring of '75.

"He was the star at Bentley," said Sutkowi, who posted his own sparkling stats with a 10-0 record, 2.28 ERA and 84 strikeouts. "I never overpowered people, but I knew to get it across the plate and keep it low."

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Standing L-R:
Bill Holbeck, Ken Lowe,
Greg Perez, Bill Dean, Rich
Tessner, Tom Crystal, Mike
Contos and Coach Jim
Vukovich.
Kneeling L-R: Dan Sutkowi,
Richard Penny, Keith
Richardson, Kevin West,
Wesley Penny, Chuck
Wallace and Bat Boy, Loren
July. (Not pictured
Joe La Duke).



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ATHLETICS

September 1, 2016

Dear Tonya,

Congratulations on your induction into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame.

It's heartening to see your home community recognizing your outstanding accomplishments as a student-athlete at both Flint Northern High School and the University of Kentucky.

We were very fortunate you (and Edyth) chose to accept our scholarship offer for the multitude of schools that wanted you. As a prospective student-athlete you were much more than we had the right to hope for on the track, in the classroom and personally. You were our leader and an inspiration for our team, our athletic department and as "Southeastern Conference Woman of the Year" the entire Southeastern Conference. In the inaugural 1981 SEC Women's Track & Field Championships, you were a formational star and the standard of SEC excellence you established way back then continues today.

More important than track titles, your All-State status and the Olympic Trials, you have continued to be a leader and inspiration for so many others throughout your adult life.

On behalf of all Wildcat track & field athletes, your coaches and everyone at the University of Kentucky we continue to be so proud of you!

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Don Weber".

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Tonya (Lowe) Carroll

By Bill Khan

Tonya Lowe-Carroll's track and field career began, of all places, on a kickball field. Larry Johnson, who coached track and field at Emerson Junior High, noticed a potential sprinter running the bases in the school's kickball games.

"I loved kickball," Lowe-Carroll said. "I was prone to stealing bases. When I was stealing bases, they could never get me out. I would always take that chance trying to steal bases."

"He said, 'Why don't you come out for track?' I never thought about doing it. He put me up against his best runner. I was right there with that person; he couldn't believe it. He was like, 'Wow!' He just started racing me against the best. I started winning. He taught me the form and everything."

Lowe-Carroll turned out to be quite the find.

She went on from Emerson to help Flint Northern build a girls' track and field dynasty. For six straight seasons from 1978 through 1983, the Vikings won four state Class A championships and finished second twice.

Lowe-Carroll was a key member on the first two state championship teams in 1979 and 1980.

As a junior in 1979, she was on the winning mile relay team. She combined forces with Paula McGee, Pam McGee and Levy String for a unit that produced a time of 3:56.1.

The following year, Lowe-Carroll was the star of the meet, winning four events. She swept the 110-yard (13.6 seconds, wind-aided) and 220-yard hurdles. She was on the winning 880 (1:42.1) and mile (3:54.0) relay teams.

When Lowe-Carroll was in high school, Northern solidified its reputation as the home of state champions. The Vikings won six state titles in four sports during her high school days.

"We had to hold our own, as far as the track team," she said. "You had the basketball team who were state champions, so the track team had to start that legacy as far as holding our own as state champions. I knew we were among some really awesome talented athletes in the whole school."

Lowe-Carroll said that she and her teammates made a pact as freshmen that they would do whatever was necessary to win a state championship.

"It was awesome running for Northern with all those girls," Lowe-Carroll said. "We were really close-knit. We had a really good chemistry. No matter what George Dedrick or Al Sigman asked us to do, we stepped up and did it. There was never any griping about going out there and running an 880 or a mile if we had to. They believed in us. If they said we could do it, we did; we felt we could do it. We carried on that legacy every year."

Lowe-Carroll honed her focus on hurdling during her senior year, sweeping state titles in both events after failing to place in the state meet the previous year.

"My sophomore and junior year, I was hurdling, but it was kind of like I was all over," she said. "I did the open 400, I did the 200, I did the 100, I did the relay; whatever was needed. My senior year, I felt I needed to focus on one event. I knew I wanted to go to college and get a full scholarship somewhere. I started focusing on one event and specialized. That's how I ended up just doing hurdles."

Her hurdling talent caught the attention of the University of Kentucky. Kentucky appealed to Lowe-Carroll because of its pharmacy program and its membership in the Southeastern Conference, one of the premier conferences in the nation for track and field.

At Kentucky, she was the SEC indoor champion in the 60-yard hurdles with a time of 7.84 seconds. During outdoor season, she won the SEC meet in the 100-meter hurdles in 13.35 seconds. Her times still rank in the top 10 at Kentucky in both events.

"I also ran the 100 meters, which is not my race, but I ended up taking like third or fourth," she said. "That was a great accomplishment, because the SEC during that time was the toughest conference when it came to track and field. Even making it to the finals was awesome."

She wasn't finished competing once her senior year at Kentucky ended. Lowe-Carroll moved on to the 1984 U.S. Olympic Trials, attempting to make the star-studded team that dominated that year's Olympics in Los Angeles.

She made it out of the first round by placing second in her heat in 13.67 seconds, but took sixth in the semifinals in 13.56 seconds. She was two places and 0.11 seconds away from advancing to the finals.

Still, it was an amazing experience.

"I saw them all," Lowe-Carroll said. "Flo Jo, all of them. Kim Turner from Detroit. There were a lot of greats that year. The mere fact I was there was just an accomplishment for me in itself."

She could've competed professionally, but decided to focus on her goal of becoming a pharmacist. Being an athlete was always a means to an end in her family.



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Department of Athletics

Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame

Dear Board of Directors,

With much admiration and respect, I would like to congratulate Walt Head on his well deserved induction into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame.

In 1982 Walt was named Head Baseball Coach at Saginaw Valley State University. He retired in June 2014, after 32 memory filled seasons. At the helm of the baseball program, he was one of the winningest coaches in NCAA Division II history with an overall record of 869-648. During that time, he won 3 Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) Championships, and was named GLIAC Coach of the Year twice.

Walt is a person who exemplifies all of the core values you would want in a coach. He has dedicated his life to the sport of baseball, but most importantly, 32 years, to the student athletes at SVSU. Year after year, their performances on the field and in the classroom, created an atmosphere of "class" that not only represented themselves, but Walt and the University.

Walt, I believe that your success in baseball is a direct result of your personal character. You care about people, as first and foremost, you want them to succeed. And as those young men succeed and realize their dreams, a little of bit of you is with each of them.

You have enriched many lives and I want to join them as we say thank you Walt Head. You are one of a kind and we have all been blessed because of that!

Congratulations again Walt, we are very proud of you at SVSU.

Your Friend,



Joe Vogl
Athletics Marketing & Development Director
Head Men's & Women's Golf Coach
Saginaw Valley State University

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Walt Head

By Bill Khan



Walt Head, Dr. Richard Thompson,
Dr. Eric Gilbertson, Griz Zimmermann



Baseball held a different place in the Flint-area sports landscape when Walt Head was coaching teams to championships in the 1960s and 1970s.

"It was the glory days, but he helped make it the glory days," said Tom Dutkowski, the long-time varsity baseball coach at Powers Catholic. "He created opportunities."

Baseball isn't as big as it used to be, as evidenced by the fact a Genesee County team hasn't won a state high school championship since Powers in 1980. Other sports are winning the competition for athletes.

"It was huge," Head said. "Gradually, things went down in Flint baseball-wise. Obviously, it's not even close to where it was in the late '60s and the '70s. We had all those kids, a ton of really, really good kids."

It's one thing to have a deep talent pool, but it's another to mold those players into champions.

Head did that with regularity, winning the 1974 Connie Mack national championship with Carpets by Jim Smith and winning six state Connie Mack championships. That 1974 team and the 1967 Chevrolet UAW Local 659 team that reached the Connie Mack national tournament are in the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame. Now their coach is being enshrined.

"I'm elated, obviously," Head said. "It's always a thrill. You live in Flint for a long time and you know all about that stuff. When it happens, it's a wonderful thing."

Some of Head's players have previously been inducted, including major leaguers Ron Pruitt and Rick Leach. Pruitt was on the 1967 team that was the first from Flint to make the Connie Mack nationals. Leach was a star on the 1974 team, the only one from Flint to win a Connie Mack national title.

"I don't know how to rate this exactly, but to me he's one of the most important figures in amateur baseball in Flint in the last half century," said Dutkowski, who nominated Head for the Hall of Fame. "He did a lot of stuff for Flint people."

Dutkowski crossed paths with Head frequently on the recruiting trail. Head became the head coach at Saginaw Valley State University in the 1982-83 school year, compiling a record of 869-648-6 in 31 seasons.

"To me, he's always treated the Flint guys well," Dutkowski said. "Any player we sent that way, he always took care of them. There are a lot of guys for decades who were able to go to his program in Saginaw and benefit from the opportunity to play college baseball."

Head's 462 victories in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference are a record. He won three GLIAC titles, two NAIA district championships and made four NCAA Division II national tournament appearances.

"In 1983, my first year there, we were terrible," Head said. "In 1986, we were just a couple outs away from going to the World Series. There were a lot of Flint kids on that team. We got a lot better real quick from 1983 to 1986 after finishing in last place and only winning 11 games."

Head also scouted for the Baltimore Orioles and Toronto Blue Jays from 1972-83. For someone who is a baseball lifer, it might come as a surprise that Head never played high school baseball.

He played football and ran track and field at Utley and Ainsworth high schools. He graduated from Ainsworth in 1963. He chose to focus on track, even though some athletes at the school dual-sported in the spring.

"I wanted to do both, but I wasn't going to make that many baseball games, because we had a really good track team," Head said. "It wasn't a big deal at the time. I played summer baseball and didn't worry about it, because they weren't very good anyway. Our track team was really good. We just worried about track."

Head went on to work at the old Fisher 2 plant, which is where he got his start in coaching in his early 20s. "A couple union guys came around and asked, 'Would you like to coach our baseball team with the union?' I said, 'I'm still trying to play.' Dumb stuff. When you're a kid, you think you're going to make it. After a while, they said, 'You can get on first shift if you coach this team.'"

The result was the 1967 team that reached the Connie Mack national tournament and a 1968 UAW Region 1C team that won the veteran-laden Flint City Class A league with a group of high school kids.

Head retired as coach at SVSU in 2014, but hasn't been totally removed from baseball. In the spring of 2016, former SVSU player Dan Garman asked him to help out with a 13-year-old all-star team from Flint.

He wasn't able to finish the season with the team because of health issues, but Head hopes to assist the team next year.

"It was the best group of kids and it was as much fun as I've ever had in baseball," he said. "Those kids paid attention to everything I told them. I just wasn't there enough. I had a heart attack in May. When I was in the hospital, some of the kids came up and saw me. They were a pretty neat group of kids. They were fourth in the World Series. Flint has got a good group coming."

1994 Flint Northern Girls Basketball Team



Standing (L-R): Assistant Coach, Melody Relerford, Dshunna Thompson, Assistant Coach, Laurie Byrd, Casandra Ferguson, Lamika Stevens, LaShawn Brown, Yolanda Fields, Tawana McDonald, Etoy Tipton, Leteia Hughley, Clarissa Elam and Assistant Coach, Keith Smith **Kneeling (L-R):** Lashawn Grays, Ladel Lewis, Sheree Bates, Nicole Buford and Deanna Nolan **Front (seated):** Head Coach, Letitia Hughley **Not Pictured:** Assistant Coach, Darnell Hughley, Oshea Weaver and Manager, Lafaye Bates

1995 Flint Northern Girls Basketball Team



Standing (L-R): Manager, Lafaye Bates, Nicole Buford, Ladel Lewis, Deanna Nolan, Sheree Bates, Jashell Mitchell, Tamara Smith, Tawana McDonald and Head Coach, Letitia Hughley **Kneeling (L-R):** Danielle Tipton, Leteia Hughley, Veniece McCoy, Lamika Stevens, Clarissa Elam and LaShawn Grays **Not Pictured:** Coaches- Keith Smith, Melody Relerford, Laurie Byrd and Darnell Hughley. Players- Cassandra Ferguson and Taleesha Hardy

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1994 and 1995 Flint Northern Girls Basketball Teams

By Greg Tunnicliff

By all accounts, Flint Northern's girls basketball program was a year away from making a lengthy run in the Class A state tournament. Entering the 1994 postseason, the Vikings had no seniors on their roster, and not one member of their team had ever won a tournament game. Going against conventional wisdom, the youthful group not only ran the table that season, they captured a second straight state championship the following year, posting a whopping 15-0 mark in state tournament games from 1994-95.

"When you're a young team, all you know is to go out and play hard," said Deanna Nolan, who was a standout shooting guard on both teams. "You have nothing to lose, and we wanted to make a name for ourselves."

Northern's 1994 and '95 teams will take their place alongside some of great hoops squads in Flint-area history when they are enshrined into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame.

"That (induction) shows we accomplished something that was great for the city of Flint at that time," said Tawana (McDonald) Robinson, who played center on both teams. "We just jelled together. When it was time to show up, we showed up."

The Vikings, ranked No. 10, gained a great deal confidence heading into the 1994 state tournament when they defeated second-ranked Bay City Central, 58-46, in their regular-season finale Nov. 8, 1994 at Northern. The victory not only gave the Vikings their first Saginaw Valley Conference title since 1981, it ended the Wolves' 29-game regular-season winning streak. Nolan had 20 points, eight rebounds and seven assists and McDonald logged 13 points and 11 boards for Northern.

"We knew our strengths, and we played to them," McDonald said. "We had one of the best point guards in the state (LaShawn Grays), and Deanna Nolan was a wrecking ball in herself. Our bench was strong, too."

The Vikings met little resistance in the state tournament, winning all seven of their games by an average of 13.1 points per game. Northern downed a senior-laden Detroit Martin Luther King team, 46-32, in the state championship game. The Vikings never trailed, leading by 10 points at the half, and King never got closer than eight during the second half. Grays and Ladel Lewis each scored 12 points, and McDonald logged an all-class state finals-record 10 blocks for the Vikings (25-2).

Northern coach Letitia Hughley became only the second female in Michigan high school basketball history to play and later coach a state championship team. Hughley played on the Vikings' state championship teams from 1978-80.

"(1994 and '95 Northern girls) were very mature," Hughley said. "You don't need seniors to win. You just have to have some dedicated young ladies that work hard and make sacrifices."

Northern opened the 1995 season ranked No. 1, and the Vikings left little doubt they were a team on a mission when they posted a 64-54 victory over Bloomfield Hills Marian in their season opener. The Mustangs had handed Northern a 15-point setback, 64-49, in both teams' season opener the previous year.

"We got together and we made it point that (winning consecutive state championships) is what we wanted to do," Hughley said. "We had a coaching staff that made them stay focused and hungry."

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MICHIGAN STATE BASKETBALL

Tom Izzo, Head Coach

I would like to congratulate Morris Peterson on his induction into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame. Without players like him and his fellow Hall of Fame classmate Charlie Bell, Michigan State basketball would not be what it is today.

Morris was not a highly visible recruit nationally, but he and Antonio Smith took a chance on me, and we'll always have a special bond because of that. If you look at where he was when he came to Michigan State, to where he was when he graduated, to where he is today, he is one of the all-time success stories. He excelled athletically, academically and socially. Everyone knows about all of his on-the-court accomplishments, but to him and his family, his graduation day was just as important, with family coming in from far away to be a part of that special day.

It wasn't a smooth start to his career. It's been well documented that when he missed too many classes I made him stay back in East Lansing while the team played a tournament in Hawaii. And we spent the first few seasons trying to find someone on campus he could guard. But that's one of the special things about Morris – he always found a way to get better. He became a leader for our program. And on the court, he became one of the top defensive players in the conference as well as one of the game's special offensive talents.

There are a few things that stand out to me about "MoPete" as a player. After not taking a potential game-winning shot in a loss at Kentucky early in his senior year, he bounced back a few weeks later with a contested 3-pointer against Indiana, sending that game into overtime. I'll also always remember him suggesting in a late huddle against Iowa State in the 2000 Elite Eight that we should use the back-door lob because his man was overplaying him. That play is now a part of Spartan history.

But more than any one play, the unselfishness he showed as a junior willing to come off the bench for the betterment of the team is an example that I still use today. He deserved to start, but instead, he became the first sixth man to earn First-Team All-Big Ten honors. His unselfishness is one of those things that is a cement block as you try to build a program that stands up over time. Equally impressive, he's stayed in touch ever since he graduated and has ensured that the program that he helped build has continued to flourish.

And just like he continues to be a part of the Spartan basketball program, he'll always be a part of the Flint community. He's never forgotten where he came from, and that's why I'm sure this honor means the world to him.

Sincerely,
Tom Izzo



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Morris Peterson

By Bill Khan

Only in a basketball hotbed like Flint does a future NCAA champion and first-round NBA draft pick have to pay his dues on the freshman team coming into high school.

Surely, a player with Morris Peterson's resume must've been a four-year varsity starter or at least a scoring machine on the junior varsity as a freshman.

Not at Flint Northwestern.

Peterson, like nearly everybody else who came through coach Grover Kirkland's program, had to begin at the bottom and work his way up.

To be fair, there were extenuating circumstances in Peterson's case. Because of a case of bronchitis that hit him during basketball tryouts, Peterson didn't make the JV squad.

On the freshman level, Peterson tore it up, averaging 30 points and 15 rebounds.

"The JV team the year before I got there was 20-0," Peterson said. "I couldn't expect to come in as a freshman and say, 'I'm going to make the varsity' when the JV team was undefeated.

"I was just happy to be playing. I'm here in high school, playing at this big program where you've got good athletes. You've got to go through the pecking order. You've got to work your way through it.

"Did I think I could play varsity as a freshman? I believe so. But I wouldn't change anything. Maybe if I'd been at another school, I'd have played on the varsity. I love the fact that I took the hard road. That translated when I got to Michigan State."

Indeed it did, because the program Peterson joined at MSU was on the verge of becoming a national power. He would play an enormous role in the rise of the Spartans, but not until going through even more growing pains under the guidance of another demanding coach, Tom Izzo.

"I wasn't in the greatest shape," Peterson said. "For me, I love to play basketball. I could play basketball all day. The conditioning and stuff, I wasn't interested in that; I wanted to go on the court and play. It was tough love. I love coach so much for making me earn it, making guys earn it. He's in your corner, but he's not going to do it for you."

Peterson grew as a player and as a man under Izzo.

"I wasn't doing well when I first got to school," Peterson said. "I wasn't applying myself. I was missing classes. I was basically late for practice. If you're getting to practice at 2:55 when practice is at 3, you're really late, because you have to be there at 1:30 to be on time. There are certain things I learned that carried over. Michigan State really looked out for me."

When it all came together for Peterson, he became an integral part of the quartet known as the Flintstones that carried MSU to the 1999 Final Four. Flint high school graduates Charlie Bell, Mateen Cleaves and Antonio Smith teamed up with Peterson to put Flint basketball in the national spotlight.

The following year, minus the graduated Smith, the remaining Flintstones propelled MSU to its first national championship since the Magic Johnson-led 1979 team. In the 89-76 victory over Florida in the title game, Peterson had team-high totals of 21 points and 5 assists for the Spartans.

"The thing I love is people, even today, don't let us forget about it," said Peterson, who today is raising three sets of twins in Grand Blanc. "They remind us that it was such a blessing. People are still talking about that championship we brought. There were some trying times during that time.

"You look at what Claressa Shields is doing; she's doing a great job representing Flint. It's good to see some of the younger generation talking about bringing some of the pride back."

Three of the Flintstones went on to play in the NBA, with Peterson having the most success at the next level. He was a first-round pick of the Toronto Raptors, going 21st overall in the 2000 draft. Peterson played in 711 games for Toronto (seven seasons), New Orleans (three) and Oklahoma City (one).

"That was always a dream of mine," Peterson said. "I can remember being 5 years old, telling my mom and dad I'm going to play in the NBA. The first thing they told me was, 'Why aren't you out working on your game right now? A lot of people want to be in the NBA.' That's the kind of stuff they talked about. They helped me get to my goals."

He averaged 10.7 points and 3.5 rebounds, starting 488 games. He also appeared in 33 playoff games, starting 22 and averaging 6.7 points.

Peterson scored a career-high 38 points against Phoenix on March 31, 2006. He holds Toronto records with 542 career games and 801 3-pointers.

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On behalf of Mott Community College, its student athletes, coaches and athletic staff, we would like to congratulate Dr. Jon Schriener on this induction into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame. We are proud to see a Mott Alumni (class of 1957) recognized for his many accomplishments in both the medical and community service venues.

Dr. Schriener's career as a team physician has spanned six decades, and has included a number of both high school and professional teams. Jon's sincere interest in the well-being and health of student athletes resulted in his involvement in research and study in key issues in sports medicine over the years. His efforts have been recognized and applauded by a number of local, state and national organizations. Dr. Schriener's many years of involvement with the United States Olympic program and the CDC (Center for Disease Control) illustrate the respect that he has received on a national level.

His commitment to service has also included a variety of civic and recreational activities. As a charter member of the Crim Festival of Races, he served as its Medical Director for over 20 years. His community services also included nearly 10 years on the Flushing School Board and service to the City of Flushing as its City Physician.

Jon's legacy in local sports medicine is truly impressive. As a pioneer in the development of sports medicine treatment programs and facilities, he initiated and championed a multitude of new practices and procedures. Many of these helped to make athletic participation safer and healthier for thousands of student athletes over the past 40 plus years.

Dr. Schriener's induction into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame (class of 2016) is truly well deserved. We thank him for his many years of service to our community and wish him continued success in the future.

Sincerely,

Thomas P. Healey

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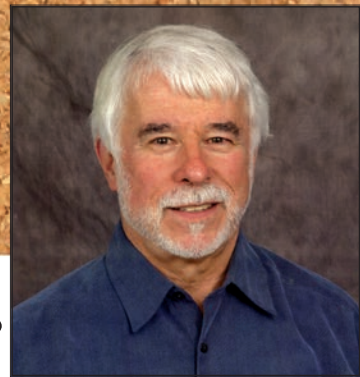
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Dr. Jon Schriener, D.O.

By Greg Tunnickliff

Running out on the football field before a play is officially over, in most cases, would be frowned upon and considered unsafe.

During his 40-plus years as the team physician for Flushing High's gridiron squad, Dr. Jon Schriener, DO, always put the welfare of student-athletes first. And when an incident occurred, it was not uncommon to see him on the field before the whistle blew.

"When an athlete went down, I wasn't watching the play, I was watching the athlete," Schriener said. "I would run out on the field before the play was over. I was there for the athletes."

Such was the case when Flushing running back Chuck Britton broke his leg while being tackled around the ankles during a Flushing-Grand Blanc contest in the late 1970s.

"It was pretty gruesome," said former Flushing football coach Dennis Noe. "I turned around and there was Dr. Schriener standing next to me, and I said, 'Thank goodness.'"

Schriener has been taking care of student-athletes for 53 years, and now he is being recognized for his service in sports medicine by receiving the Special Service Award from the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame.

"I'm proud to receive this honor," Schriener said. "Many of my friends are already in (the GFASHOF). Given the respect I have for them and the other athletes and teams, it means a great deal to me."

Schriener first gained a love for athletics during his high school days at Flint Northern in the early 1950s. He was a two-sport athlete in cross country and track, competing in both sports under legendary Vikings coach Norb Badar.

Schriener was inducted into the GFASHOF in 2006 as part of Northern's 1953 Class A state championship track team. "Badar was a huge influence," Schriener said. "He was a stickler for detail, and so am I. He taught me how to move fast in everything I did."

After graduating from Northern in 1955, Schriener attended Flint Junior College, where he competed in both cross country and track. He won five events in a track meet against the University of Michigan-Dearborn, culminating in a triumph in the 440-yard dash where he ran into the wall after breaking the tape.

"I was so pumped, I thought I was invincible," Schriener said. "I was out of my mind. (At that moment) I understood the stress athletes put themselves through."

He decided to become a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine because of his godfather, Dr. Harold Davis Hutt, DO, of Holly. After receiving his bachelor's degree from Eastern Michigan University, Schriener attended Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine, in Kirksville, Mo., graduating with his DO in 1963. Upon returning to the Flint area, he began his career in sports medicine when he became the team physician for Flushing's football squad in 1964.

Schriener has continuously been ahead of the curve when it comes to treatment of sports injuries. When a Flushing student-athlete in the 1960s and '70s would suffer a head injury, he didn't waste any time taking his helmet away, and he personally carried it for the rest of game.

This is particularly significant when you consider the National Football League didn't implement its concussion-protocol rules until 2009.

Schriener was one of the inaugural inductees into the Flushing Athletic Department Hall of Fame in 2012. "His care on the scene and after was vital to our athletes and our athletes' parents," Noe said. "We were so far ahead of other schools because we had Dr. Schriener."

The Clarkston resident's presence in the area of sports medicine has reached just about every Flint-area corner. He was a founding member of the American Society of Sports Medicine in 1982, and he was one of the founders of the McLaren Sports Medicine Center in the early 1980s. He served as McLaren's director from 1985-2006, and during that time he was responsible for placing athletic trainers at every Flint-area high school.

"I always thought there should be a sports medicine center for athletes," Schriener said. "If a school can provide a team, it should provide an athletic trainer to take care of its athletes." Schriener served as the team physician for the Flint Generals and Flint Spirits professional hockey teams from 1977-86, he was the medical director for the Crim Festival of Races from 1985-2011, and he was a board member for the Crim from 1985-2006.

He is also a Fellow of the American College of Sports Medicine.

And by no means is he finished trying to find ways to improve sports medicine.

Besides his own practice, he is an associate professor at Michigan State University, and he is working with Beaumont Hospital doing heart checks on athletes to prevent cardiac deaths. Schriener gives a great deal of credit to several people who have helped him out over the years, especially former Crim Festival of Races director Lois Craig and Dr. Eugene Herzog, DO. "I've had some good people with me," Schriener said. "Our goal has been to improve the treatment of athletes in both prevention and after the fact. We've made tremendous strides. We're way better than we were in the '60s."



1977



Standing (L-R): Mike Moore, Tim Hinterman, John Robins, Ed Stanbury, Rick Collard, Rich Scharchburg, Mark Mesler. Kneeling (L-R): Al Stefanski, Dale McKim. Not Pictured: Head Coach Bob Stallcup and Asst. Coaches John Riek and John Yates.

2015



38 years later! Same pose, same guys, same rock!

Class of 2016 INDUCTEE



1977 Grand Blanc Boys Cross Country Team

By Bill Khan

Winning the state championship was a breeze compared to surviving cross country camp for Grand Blanc in 1977. In those days, training methods weren't quite as refined as they are today. There were no "recovery days" when Grand Blanc and Holly got together for camp that summer. Ed Stanbury, a member of that Grand Blanc squad and the school's current boys' coach, would never dream of putting the current Bobcats through anything that grueling these days. On the first day of camp, Grand Blanc and Holly had a 10-mile race. Not a 10-mile run — a 10-mile race. The top guys all broke an hour on a sandy course, with Grand Blanc senior Mark Mesler running 53:33.

The next day presented a set of 14 880-yard repeats, with the varsity runners averaging about 2:30 per 880. That was followed by eight one-mile repeats the next day, an eight-mile race the next and three two-mile repeats the next.

"With this young group today, parents are pretty tuned in to training philosophies," Stanbury said. "If a kid gets hurt, it hurts his chances for a scholarship. You have to be sensitive to everything today. It may not have been the proper thing to do, but it's an interesting thing to look back at it."

Those who survived this masochistic training camp, from both schools, became champions. Not only did Grand Blanc win the 1977 Class A championship, but Holly captured the Class B title.

Grand Blanc was the best team in the state in 1977 and, one could argue, one of Michigan's all-time great squads.

The Bobcats won the title by a 51-86 margin over defending-champion Grosse Pointe North. At the time, it was the second-lowest point total in the state's top classification for a meet that had at least 21 teams. Kalamazoo Central scored 40 points to top a field of 22 in the first of two Class A championship meets in an unusual 1950 season.

Since then, Monroe scored 39 points to win the 1988 Class A title and Pinckney scored an unreal 27 points to take Division 1 in 2006. Grand Blanc also won a unique championship, taking the National Postal competition that season. Five runners ran three miles on a track on a given day, with their results mailed in (hence, "postal"). The times were compiled cross country style to determine a champion. Grand Blanc finished ahead of the York (Ill.) team coached by the legendary Joe Newton, who coached his final team in the fall of 2016.

"From my aspect, being a coach now and all the years I've been involved in it, it's still one of the best teams I've ever seen," Stanbury said. "I just talked with Jason Hartmann at Saginaw Valley about some of the great Rockford and Novi teams. He said, looking at the times, we had to be one of the best teams. That's a guy who ran with (Dathan) Ritzenhein (at Rockford)."

Grand Blanc's version of Ritzenhein was Mark Mesler, who won the three-mile team race at the Class A finals in 14:48.5. In 1983, Mesler posted the best finish (third) and time (48:12) ever by a Flint-area native in the Crim 10-mile road race.

"It was kind of a cold fall day, cold and damp, on a fairly hilly cross country course in Grand Rapids," Mesler recalls. "It went out fairly fast. I remember running with Terry Doherty of Flint Kearsley. He and I had been running pretty close all year. He went out fast and I followed. Basically, we pulled away from the pack. I caught him at the very end. I watched the rest of my teammates come in. Everybody ran well. We had all five guys in the top 20."

Following Mesler across the line for Grand Blanc were Al Stefanski (sixth, 15:00), Mike Moore (10th, 15:11), Tim Hinterman (15th, 15:19), John Robins (19th, 15:23), Rick Scharchberg (63rd, 16:02) and Rick Collard (105th, 16:33).

Grand Blanc returned five runners from a seven-man unit that took second to Grosse Pointe North in 1976.

Mesler was one of them, but he wasn't a factor in 1976. It was only his first year of cross country, and he finished 65th in the state meet in 16:14, failing to score as the Bobcats' sixth man.

"I went out for track my sophomore year," said Mesler, who ran at Michigan State and now lives in Hawaii. "They said, 'Oh, are you going to run in the summer track program?' I didn't know there was one. I said, 'I'll run.' In summer track, they said, 'You'll run cross country.' I didn't know we had that."

Mesler was a minor contributor as a junior, but was determined to make a bigger impact as a senior.

"The summer before my senior year is when I decided I was going to start putting in the miles," Mesler said. "I started running over 100 miles a week. It took me a little while to adapt, then I saw dramatic improvement. That was incentive to keep doing it."

By the time camp arrived, Mesler was ready for anything Grand Blanc coach Bob Stallcup or Holly coach Duane Raffin could deal out.

"It was very grueling," Mesler said. "Luckily, I'd been running 100 miles a week. In camp, we were running 100 miles a week. Every day was eight miles in the morning and some type of workout -- mile repeats or something -- in the evening. They encouraged some racing there, so it was kind of competitive, because you had the Holly team and the Grand Blanc team."

Stanbury ran on the varsity most of the year, in part because of a stress fracture to Collard, the team's No. 1 runner the previous season. Collard was 12th in the 1976 state meet in 15:30 to lead the Bobcats.

Collard returned by the Big Nine Conference meet, bumping Stanbury from the lineup that would win the state championship.

"I filled in for him," Stanbury said. "Right as we got to the end of the season, coach started running him again at the league meet. He ran 15:50-something, which is a pretty decent time. He kind of got my spot. It didn't bother me; he was better than I was. I wanted the best team out there as possible. It worked out for us. He didn't have a good state meet, but it didn't matter."

The 1977 championship was the pinnacle during an outstanding run for Grand Blanc cross country.

The Bobcats were in the top two in the state for four straight years, taking second in 1976, first in 1977, second in 1978 and first in 1979. The build-up to those years were 16th-place finishes in 1974 and 1975.

"We were kind of expecting to win, but we also had some stiff competition from the team that had won it the previous year, Grosse Pointe North," Mesler said. "We were hoping to win it, but we knew it wasn't going to be easy."



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September 15, 2016

On behalf of Midland High School, it is my pleasure to honor Bob Stoppert on his induction into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame.

In his career, Bob Stoppert served Midland High School in many coaching capacities including head basketball, head baseball, athletic director, and most notably the varsity football coach from 1953-1974 compiling a record of 128-58-6. The Chemic football team won ten conference titles, and were named state champions in 1957 and 1968 under his guidance. Stoppert was named Michigan's High School Football coach of the Year in 1957 and in 1968; he was named Coach of the Year for a five state region in 1977 and was also named runner-up to the National Coach of the Year in 1977.

Coach Stoppert should also be credited with mentoring the next generation of coaches at Midland High School. His leadership and guidance created a culture in which other notable Hall of Fame Chemics such as Gary Jozwiak, Terry Wilczek, Ernie Carter, and Tom Hursey learned their craft to teach and care for the student-athletes and Midland High School.

In addition to his coaching experience, Stoppert was also a teacher at Midland High School, a member of the Lions Club for 56 years, an active member of the Methodist Church, and a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

Stoppert's family and friends have honored his lifelong devotion to students by establishing with the Midland Area Community Foundation: a scholarship for aspiring teachers, a fund for Chestnut Hill Elementary School, and the Bob Stoppert Coach of the Year Award to recognize a Midland area coach who has done an outstanding job of coaching the previous fall, winter, or spring sports season.

Coach Stoppert is a member of the Michigan High School Football Coaches Hall of Fame, the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame, the Michigan High School Coaches Hall of Fame, the Midland County Sports Hall of Fame, and the Midland High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

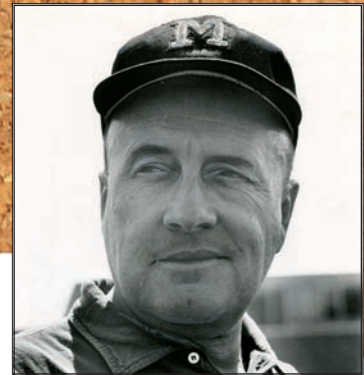
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INDUCTEE



Bob Stoppert

By Dan Nilsen

How do you measure Bob Stoppert's success as a high school coach? Is it the hundreds of victories and 20-plus championships he won in football, basketball and baseball over a 30-year career at Midland High?

Is it all the players he sent on to college and professional careers -- guys like major league pitchers Larry Jaster and Jim Kern, NFL assistants Howard Mudd and Dave Arnold, and current New York Mets manager Terry Collins? Maybe it's the seven halls of fame that have inducted him over the last four decades.

Of course, it's all of the above and more.

Stoppert's latest induction is in this year's 37th class of the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame and follows enshrinements by the Michigan High School Coaches Association (1973), Michigan High School Football Coaches Association (1983), Albion College (1989), Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association (1989), Midland County Sports (1990) and Midland High School (2015) halls of fame. Those last two inductions were as a charter member.

A Flint native who died in 2003, Stoppert is the first GFASHOF inductee chosen by the newly unveiled Veterans Committee, which considers individuals 65 and older whose nomination forms have been in the pool at least 15 years.

"We just felt there were some nominees who had been in the pool a long time or been overshadowed, and we wanted to make sure we got back to them," said board member and committee chair Bob Root. "We have six individuals on the selection committee, old-timers who go back a ways and know of some of the exploits of the nominees."

Stoppert's exploits may not be well-known around Flint. He played football and baseball at Flint Northern from 1932-35 and both sports at Albion College, where he captained the football team and was All-MIAA in 1937 and 1938.

After brief coaching stints at Bendle and Rockford, he settled into his life's work at Midland High in 1943. His most visible success came on the gridiron, where he went 128-58-6 from 1953-74, with 10 conference championships and state titles in 1957 and 1968. He received Michigan Football Coach of the Year honors both of those years.

He also went 168-67 in baseball, winning 10 conference titles and six invitational state championships. In basketball he was 115-64 at Midland and coached the 1947 American Legion team to the national championship.

Fundamentals were at the root of it all.

"He was a great tactician and strong on details," said Gary Jozwiak, who played football for Stoppert and succeeded him as Midland coach. "You had to make the proper step at a certain angle, with the arm in a certain position. He was very physics-oriented, trying to get the best technique with the talent he had."

A classic example was the quick pitch to the running back that Stoppert installed in his offense to neutralize his opponents' speed.

"He saw the 49ers run it on TV and said that's exactly the kind of play Midland should run," said Frank Altimore, who succeeded Stoppert as Midland baseball coach and later coached Midland Dow football. "There were times that was all we ran, and it became known as the Midland Pitch."

On defense, Stoppert and assistant Oscar Hahn devised the "grub technique," in which players literally got down to the grass roots of football.

"He had the boys getting down in the dirt, getting into your shoes and your hair, moving and tackling while on the ground," said Jozwiak. "He was at his best on defense and was very happy winning 7-6."

Altimore remembers how the "grub" came about, at halftime of a game against arch-rival Bay City Central.

"They were trapping the snot out of us, and Oscar said he was going to take care of the situation," Altimore recalled. "If anybody got above the socks of the guy playing him in the second half, they were coming out and wouldn't go back in."

"We had guys crawling around on hands and knees -- grabbing, pulling, yanking -- and making a new line of scrimmage a yard into the backfield."

Hahn went on to become an assistant at Michigan State, one of many Stoppert proteges to go on to higher levels.

"He was a great leader, and like all great leaders, he hired well," said Jim Stoppert, who played for his father at Midland and went on to play at MSU, where he was a member of the 1965 national championship team. "Most of his coaches were former athletes for him."

"He was a quiet leader. We never heard him yell or dress anybody down. He created an atmosphere where you didn't want to disappoint him, and that was both for the players and the coaches."

It was much the same way at home, where Bob and wife Barbara also raised Bob Jr., who became a Methodist clergy, and Mary, an artist and teacher in Illinois.

"He had quiet expectations of us," said Bob Jr. "He didn't hit us on the head, but we knew it was important to please him."

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**The Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame
Female High School Athlete of the Year (2015-2016)**

Hannah Ploof - Kearsley High School

The Female High School Athlete of the Year is Hannah Ploof, a 2016 graduate of Kearsley High School. A 4-year member of Kearsley's high school bowling team, the capstone of her career came when she received the Detroit Free Press "Miss Bowling" Award for the 2016 season.

Hannah had a remarkable senior year. She participated 4 years on the varsity bowling team. During her tenure, Kearsley was the Flint Metro Conference Champion and went on to become State Champion three years in a row in 2014, 2015 and 2016. On an individual level, Hannah was named first team all-conference all four years of her high school career, second team all-state in her freshman and sophomore years and first team all-state her junior and senior years. She was Michigan's premier female bowler her senior year.

Hannah's career outside of bowling is equally impressive. She was a member of the National Honor Society her junior and senior years serving as president her senior year. She was a member of Student Council her junior and senior years. Hannah earned over 100 hours of Community service with principal assignments at Carriage Town Ministries and the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan. In the classroom, Hannah achieved a 3.75 grade point average, graduating with high honors. She was the Flint Kiwanis Club Athlete of the Year for Genesee County.

Hannah is attending Mott Community College this fall and will major in sign language. Her parents are Pam and Rob Ploof.

- **Youth High Average of 234, High Game of 300 (2 times) and a High Series of 800**
- **Led Kearsley High School to 4 Flint Metro Championships, 3 Regional Titles and 3 State Championships**
- **First Team All-Conference All 4 years**
- **2016 Division 2 Individual State Champion**
- **Second Team All-State in her Freshman and Sophomore Years**
- **First Team All-State as a Junior and Senior**
- **Detroit Free Press "Miss Bowling" Award Winner for 2016**
- **Member of National Honor Society and Student Council in Junior and Senior Years**
- **Earned Over 100 Hours of Community Service with Principal Volunteer Assignments at Carriage Town Ministries and Food Bank of Eastern Michigan**
- **Kiwanis Club Athlete of the Year**
- **Graduated with High Honors with a 3.75 GPA**



**The Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame
Male High School Athlete of the Year (2015-2016)**

Jordan Nunn - Carman-Ainsworth High School

- **Saginaw Valley Conference Singles Champion (2013, 2016)**
- **Saginaw Valley All-Conference (2013, 2014, 2015, 2016)**
- **Regional Champion (2014)**
- **Saginaw Valley Conference MVP (2014, 2016)**
- **Second Team All-State (2015)**
- **Led Team to 1st place Finish at the Regionals (1st in School History)**
- **First Team All-State (2016)**
- **Detroit Free Press Dream Team (2016)**
- **Third Place at State Championship (2016)**
- **Detroit Free Press "Mr. Bowling" for State of Michigan (2016)**
- **Member of the National Technology Honor Society**
- **Volunteer with the Department of Natural Resources**
- **Volunteer with the Boys and Girls Clubs**
- **Achieved a 3.59 GPA during his high school career**



Jordan Nunn of Carman-Ainsworth High School is the Male Athlete of the Year in 2016. He was a 4-year member of the C-A bowling team. The Capstone of his career was his selection by the Detroit Free Press as "Mr. Bowling" in the State of Michigan.

Jordan's highlights as a bowler are many. He was the Saginaw Valley Conference Singles Champion his freshman and senior years and was All-Conference all 4 years of his high school career. In his freshman year, he finished in 39th place at the Nationals. In his Sophomore year, he was the Regional Champion and the Saginaw Valley Conference MVP. As a Junior, Jordan was Second Team All-State.

In his Senior Year, Jordan truly excelled. He led the team to a 1st place finish at the Regionals (1st in school history). He was the Saginaw Valley Singles Champion, MVP, 1st Team All-Conference and 1st Team All-State. Jordan was invited to Team U.S.A. Trials in Las Vegas to compete for the Junior Team U.S.A. He was on the Detroit Free Press Dream Team finishing 3rd place at the State Championship.

Outside of bowling, Jordan was active in service areas of the school. He was a member of the National Technology Honor Society, Teenquest, a volunteer with the Department of Natural Resources and a community service volunteer with the Boys and Girls Clubs.

Jordan will continue his education at St. Ambrose University in Davenport, Iowa. His parents are Colette and Timothy Nunn.

The Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame
High School Coach of the Year - 2016

Robert Ploof

Kearsley High School - Girls Varsity Bowling Coach

Coach Rob Ploof is a proud 1986 graduate of Kearsley High School and is currently in his thirteenth season as the head coach of the Kearsley High School girls varsity bowling team.

What began some twenty years ago as a volunteer youth baseball and softball coach that included working with wife Pam, eventually evolved into a genuine interest in the coaching profession for Coach Ploof.

After working in the various youth programs for five years Rob was approached to consider an available coaching position at the high school with the girls bowling program. With a background as a bowling enthusiast Coach Rob accepted the challenge and after considerable preparation the program at Kearsley began to flourish.

The bowling opportunities for girls at Kearsley now include youth programs, a middle school team and junior varsity team as well as the very successful varsity program.

The varsity team competes in the Flint Metro Conference and for the past seven years they are undefeated in league competition-nearly 80 consecutive matches!

After earning state championship runner-up honors in 2011 the Kearsley team has won a remarkable four State of Michigan Girls Bowling Championships in 2012, 2014, 2015 and in March of 2016.

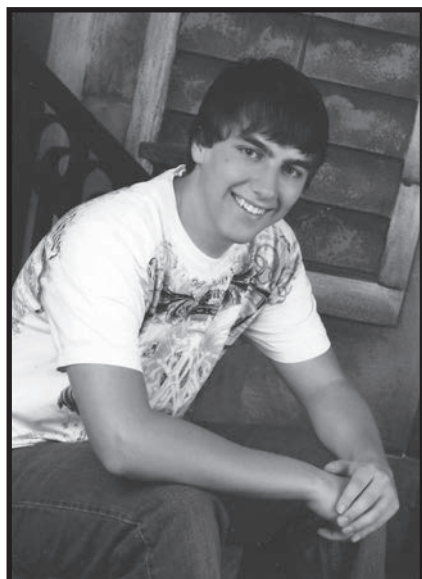
Coach and wife Pam of 24 years, reside in the Flint area. They are the very proud parents of daughters Lindsey and Hannah. Rob is currently employed as an engineer with the Chrysler Corporation in Auburn Hills, Michigan.

Our sincere congratulations Coach Rob with kudos to your players, staff, parent volunteers and the entire Kearsley Hornet community.



Ben Roof A-Frame Awards Scholarship

ADAM STREETER



Adam Streeter is the recipient of the 2016 Ben Roof A-Frame Awards \$1,000.00 Annual Scholarship. Adam was nominated by 2016 Greater Flint Area Coach of the Year Rob Ploof, Varsity Bowling Coach at Kearsley High School.

Adam was a four-time All-Conference bowling team selection as well as an All-State selection in his senior year at Kearsley High School. His leadership and bowling prowess were instrumental in assisting Coach Ploof to establish the Kearsley bowling program as a perennial conference and state champion contender.

Currently Adam is a junior at Central Michigan University-Troy campus pursuing a degree in Mechanical Engineering. In addition, he works as a part time employee at General Motors. The extremely generous Ben Roof A-Frame Awards Scholarship will certainly be beneficial to such an industrious young man. Our sincere congratulations to his proud parents Kris and Chip of Flint and best wishes to Adam for his continued success.

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1980

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Our pledge, as we celebrate our 37th Induction Banquet this evening, is to continue our mission in providing a medium whereby it is possible to honor participants for their outstanding achievements and contributions in the field of athletics.

May we once again express our most sincere and grateful appreciation to all of the individuals and families who through these remembrances allow all of us to continue to recall these extraordinary athletes.

If you, a family member or friend might possibly be interested in this charitable giving program please contact Mr. Bob Root-GFASHOF Executive Secretary at 810-733-8367.

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1980 BOARD OF DIRECTORS GREATER FLINT AREA SPORTS HALL OF FAME

As we celebrate our 37th annual program this evening it seems to be a most appropriate time to recall the dedicated individuals who were primarily responsible for the inception of this outstanding program in 1980.

As was stated when the "Articles of Incorporation" were drafted, "The Corporation is organized to provide a medium to honor participants for their outstanding achievements and contributions in the field of athletics."

Because of their vision and diligence the program they initiated not only continues but flourishes. Including this evening, 262 individuals and 99 teams have been enshrined and over 17,000 area residents have attended these entertaining banquets.

Our collective appreciative thanks to those 18 visionary pioneers and to those who have continued to "carry the torch" as well.



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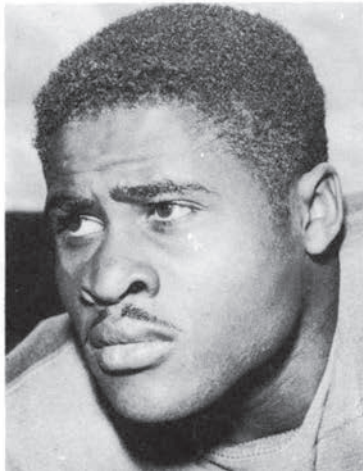
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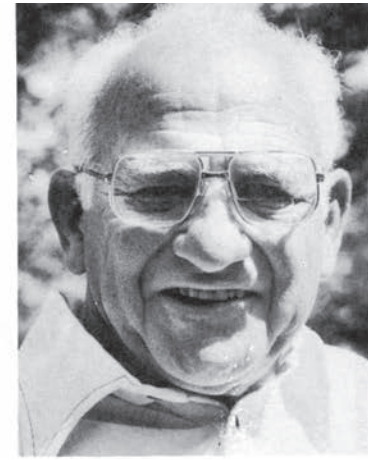
Merv Rettenmund 1981
 Southwestern H.S.-Ball State
 Univ. Played in 4 World Series
 During 13-Year Career



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



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



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



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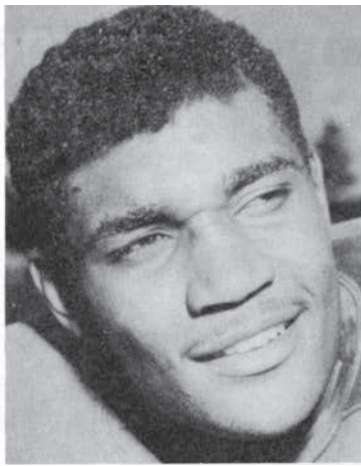


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Brad Van Pelt 1981

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



Clarence Peaks 1981

Flint Central Quarterback,
MSU All American,
NFL Star Fullback



Roger Bernard 1981

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



Sue Novara-Reber 1982

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



Leo Sugar 1982

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



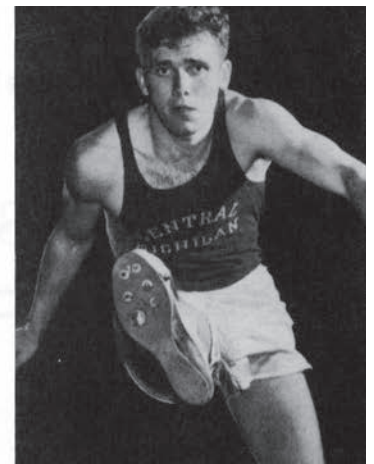
Everett A. Cummings 1982

Special Service Award for
Leadership in Developing
Athletic & Recreation Facilities



Fred Trosko 1982

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



Jim Podoley 1982

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



Jim Barclay 1982

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



Floyd Bates 1982

Central H.S. 3 Sports Star, played
softball with Joe Louis Punchers,
basketball Harlem Globe Trotters



Dave Hoskins 1983

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



"Tubby" Raymond 1983

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



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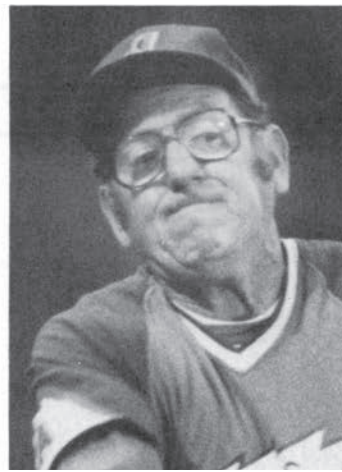
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Bob Rowe 1983
 Flushing High Star
 W.M.U. Lineman of the Year
 NFL All-Pro St. Louis Cardinals



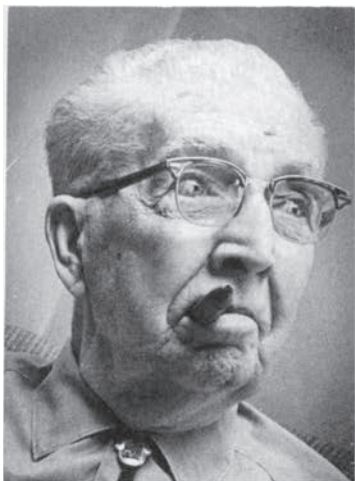
Pam Stockton Brady 1983
 Southwestern H.S., 24 National
 Badminton Junior Championships, 16
 National Adult Titles



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



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



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



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



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



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



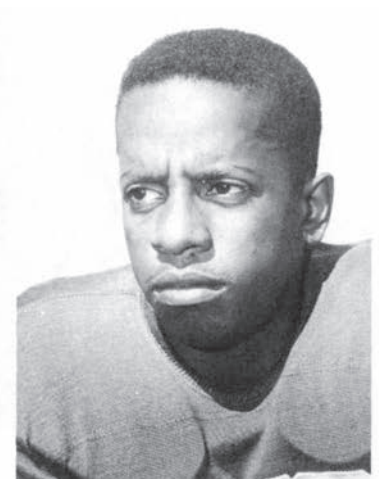
Howard "Gus" Hughes 1984
 Star Athlete-St. Michael & Central,
 Coached St Michael to Class C State
 Championship in 1928 basketball



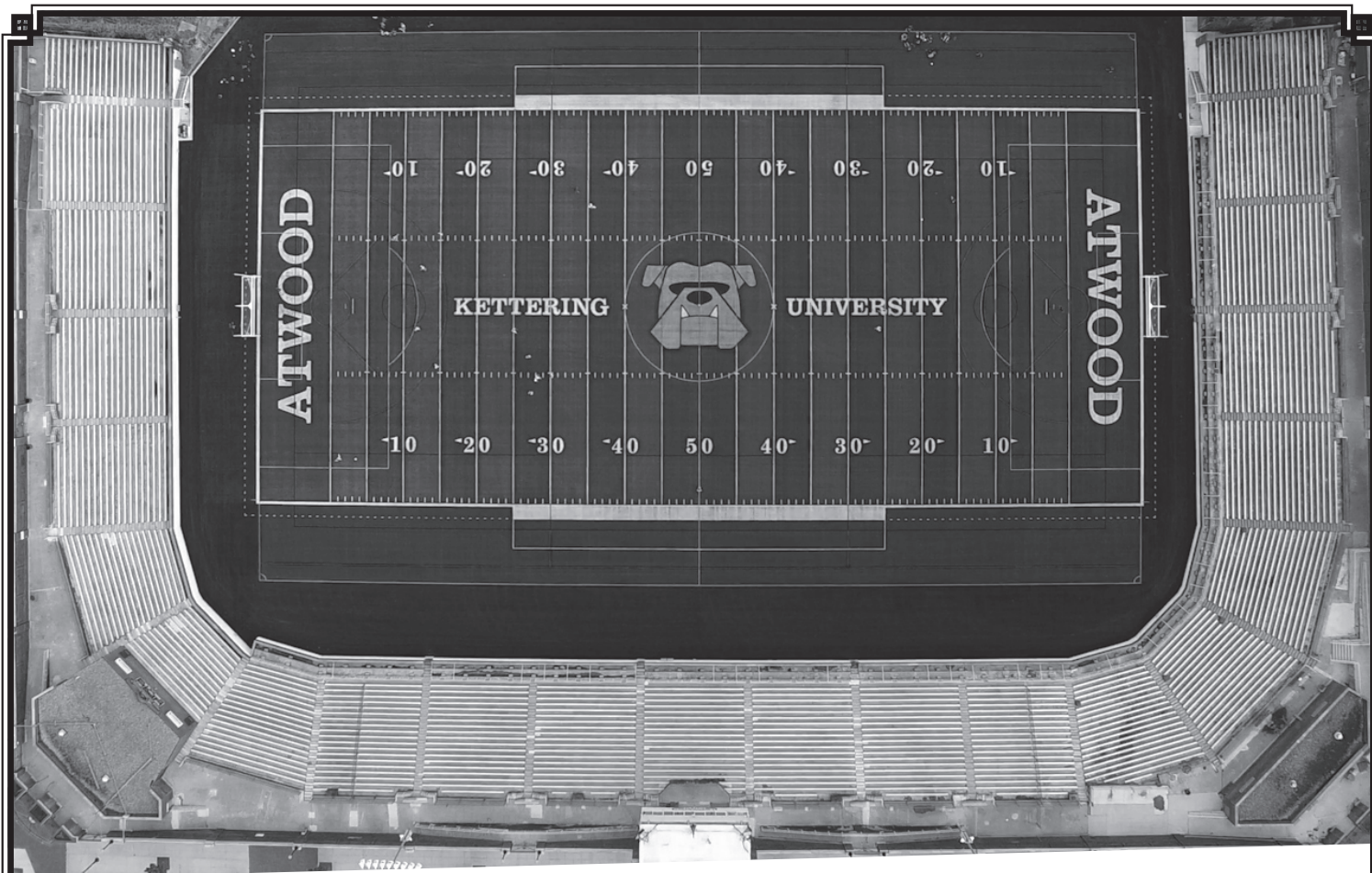
Howard Gilroy 1984
 Bowling Great 4-300 games,
 more than 90-700 Series. His
 803 series was best in 37 years.



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



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



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Herb Washington 1985

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



Russ Reynolds 1985

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



Stan Broome 1985

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



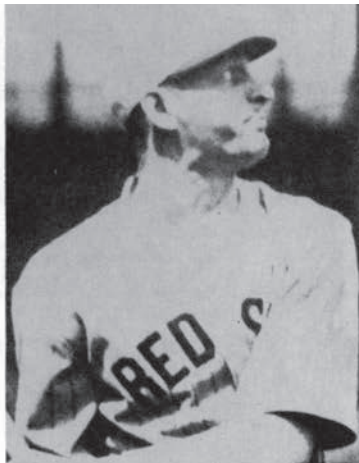
Nap LaVoie 1985

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



Ken Failing 1985

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



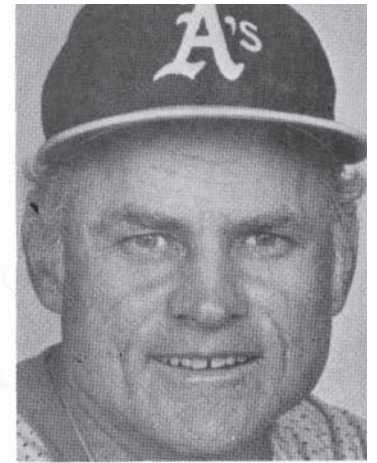
Mike Menosky 1985

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



Leroy Bolden 1985

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



Steve Boros 1985

Northern 3 sport star,
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



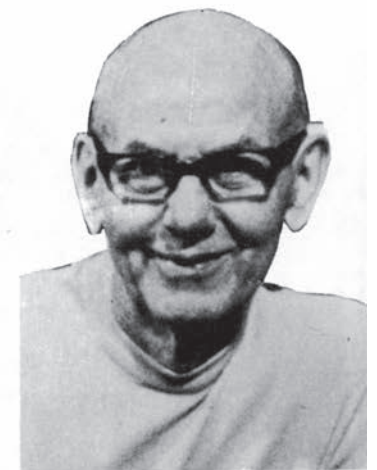
Jeanette Robinson 1986

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
Director of Comm. Svcs.

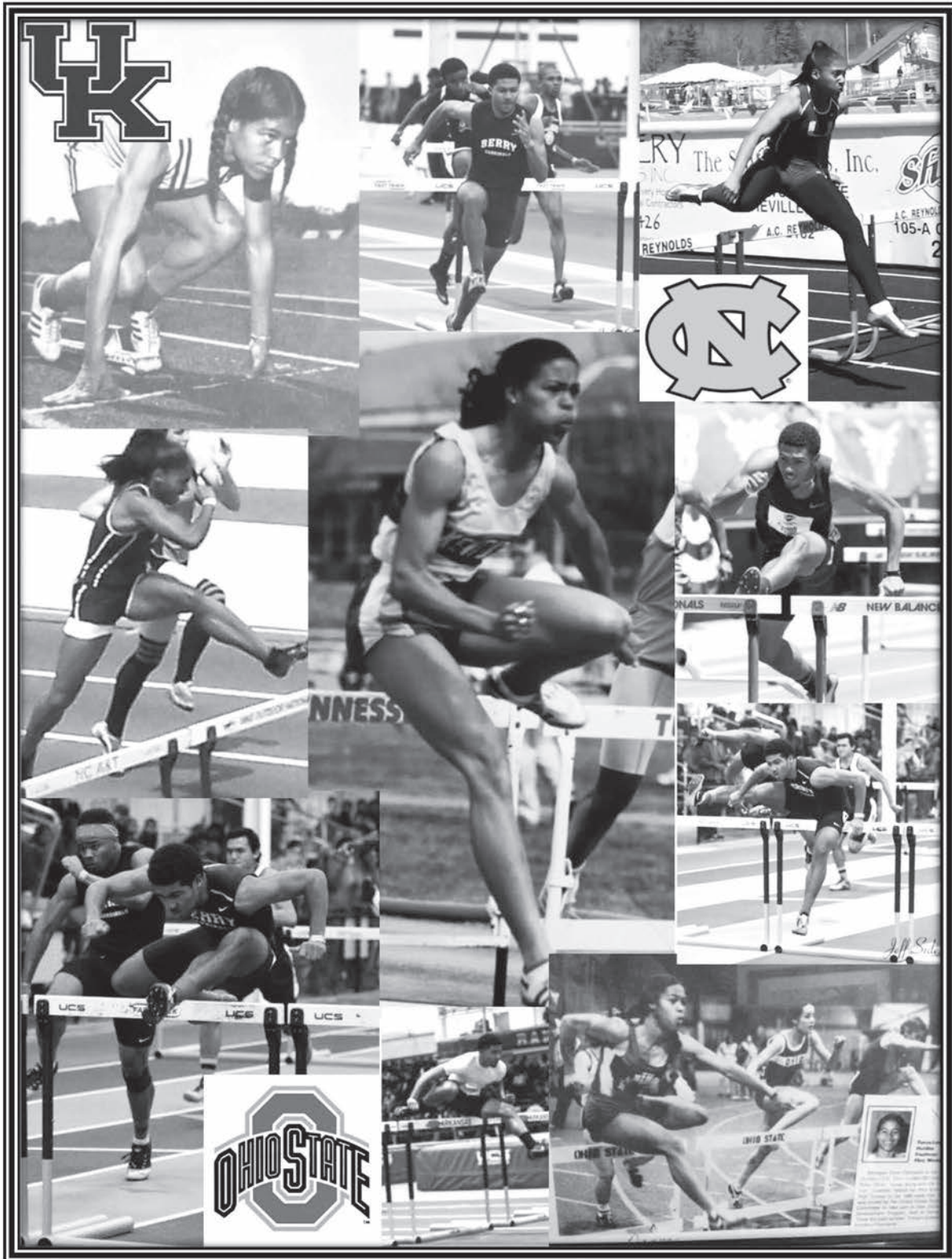


Ollie Craven 1986

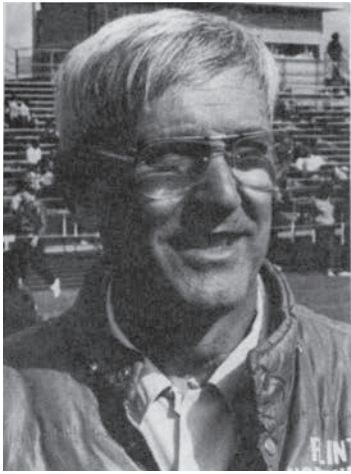
Bowled many 300 Games
Over 100-700 Series, World
Record for five games 1,324

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Love, Brittany, Brent and Dad (Curt)**



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



Dr. M. Joe Roberson 1987

Northern and Flint J.C. Excelled
in Baseball and Basketball.
Athletic Director at U of M



Mel Winer 1987

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



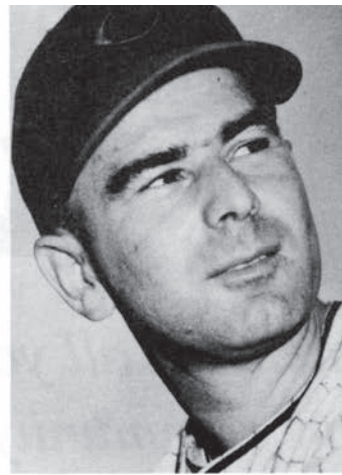
Jo Lake 1987

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

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- Lou Holtz

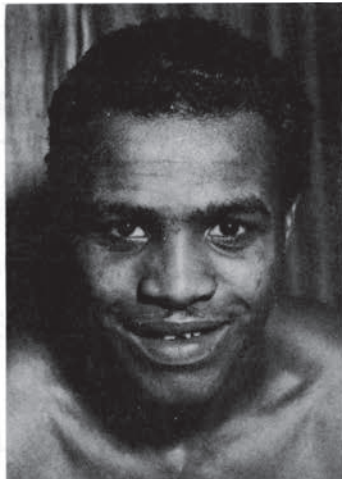
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Greater Flint Area
Sports Hall of Fame
Inductees
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FOR 36 YEARS OF
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Pete Fusi 1988

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



Bennie McCombs 1988

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



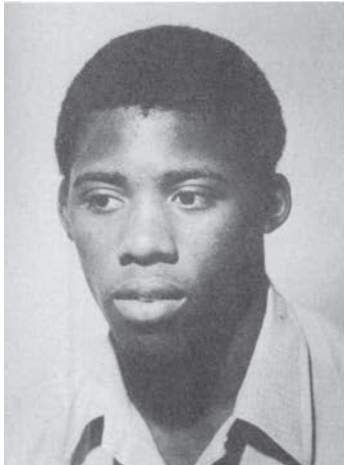
Howard Auer 1988

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



Ed Krupa 1988

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



John Matthews 1988

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



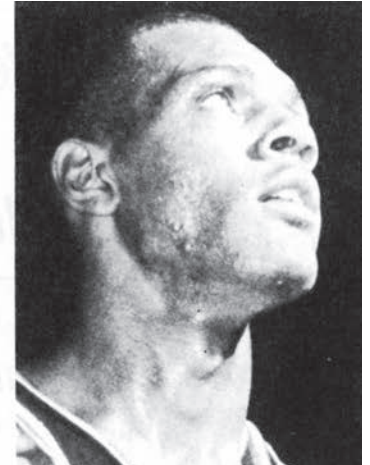
Barry Edmonds 1989

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

1975 Burton Bentley Baseball Team



I would like to personally thank my teammates for the chance to be part of the 1975 Baseball championship run. We were a very competitive and aggressive team.

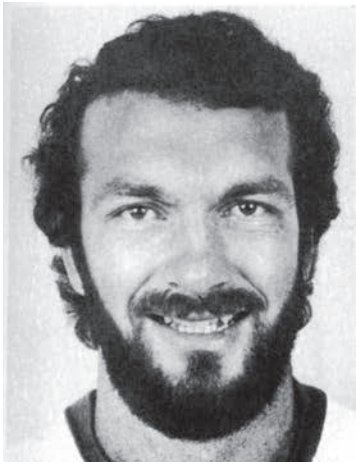
What I would like to share with everybody that ever put on a uniform for Coach Vukovich is that he allowed us to have Fun.



From all of the Bentley Baseball teams that Coach Vukovich ever coached over the past 37 years. Thank you for your legendary ability to put the best team on the field every day. To provide fun, intensity & competition in our sport.

“Remember how your coaches touched your lives”

THANKS COACH VUK, KEVIN WEST (C-5 / 1975)



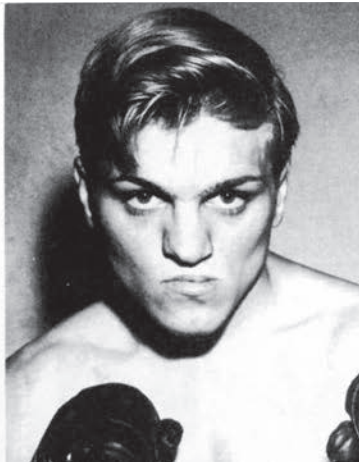
Ken Morrow 1990

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



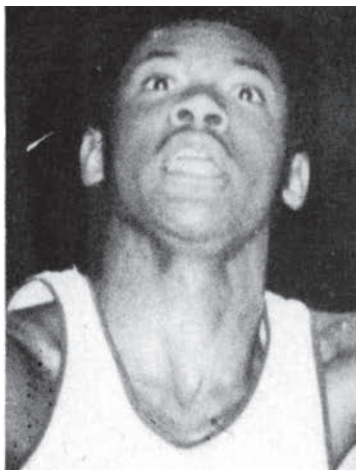
Bart Markel 1990

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.



Congrats Walt

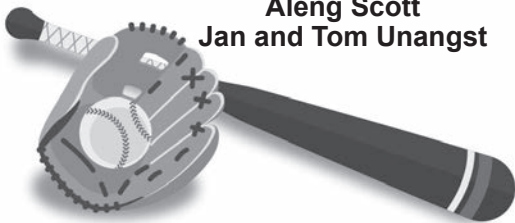
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Sue Head**

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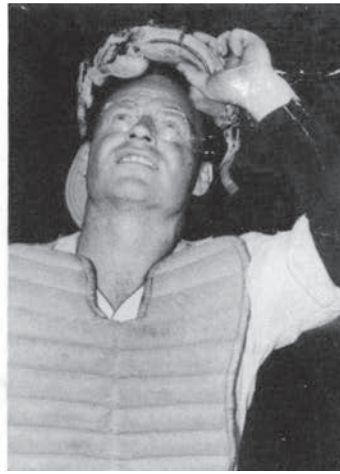
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Andy McDonald 1991
Northern QB & Head Coach
C.M.U. All American NFL
Asst. Coach, Northern Arizona



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



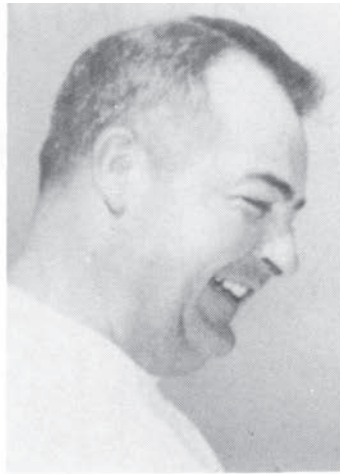
George Guerre 1992
Central-Outstanding in Football
MSU Standout Halfback, played
in North-South All Star game



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



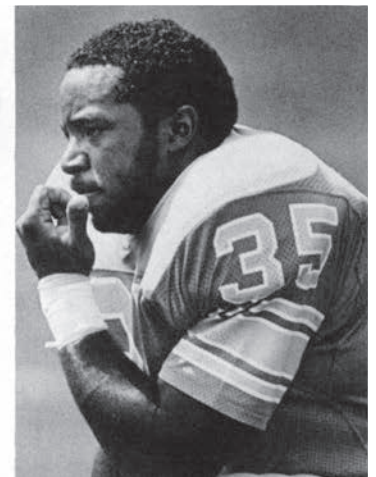
Anne McLogan Herman 1992
St.John Vianney, W.M.U.,
on U.S. Wheelchair Team in
Paralympics 7 Nat'l Marks



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



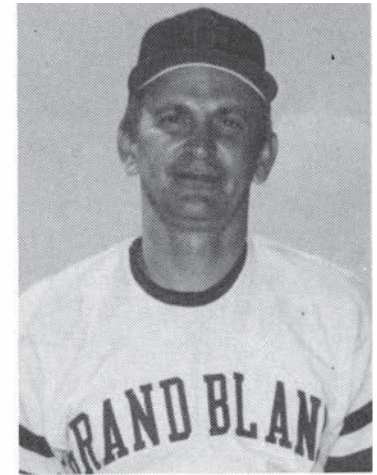
Herb Odom 1993
Northern H.S. Won
State Golden Gloves
MSU-Won NCAA Boxing Title



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



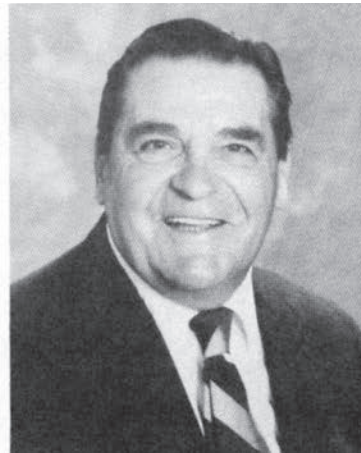
Trent Tucker 1994
Northwestern H.S.-All State
Minnesota-All Big Ten
NBA 11 years, No. 1 Draft Pick



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



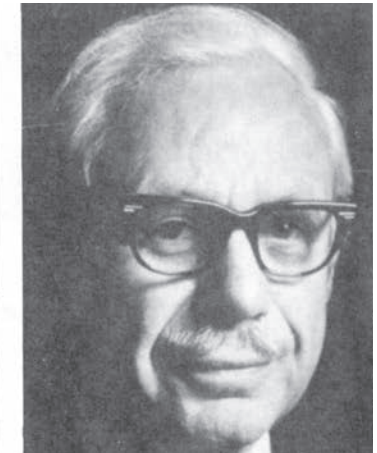
Cotton Goodell 1994
One of Flint's fastest ever Baseball
Player, Minor League Standout,
Record 31 H.R.s in 1940



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



Way to Go, COACH WALT!



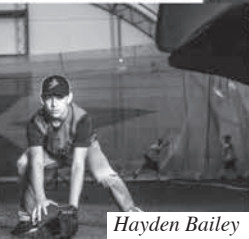
Britain Chandler



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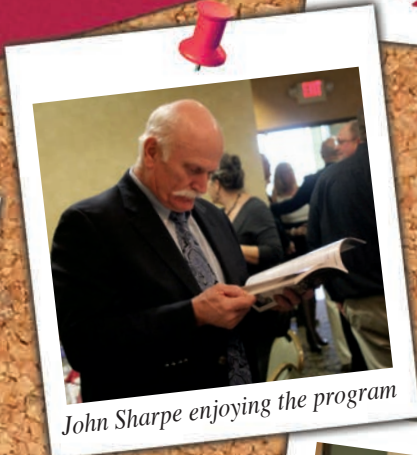


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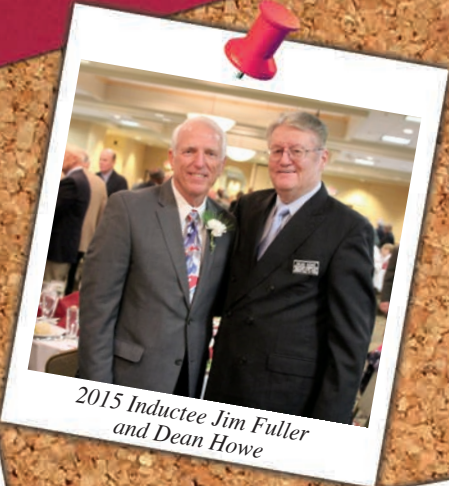
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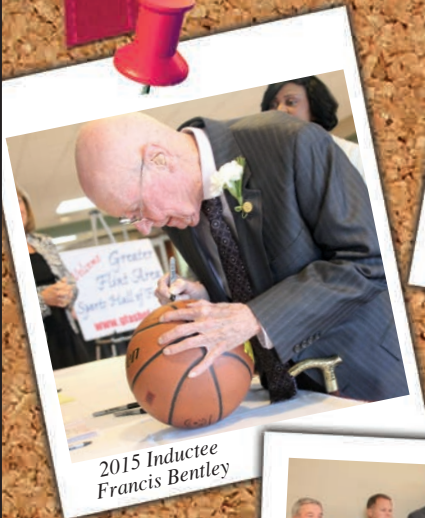
*A Look
Back*



John Sharpe enjoying the program



2015 Inductee Jim Fuller and Dean Howe



2015 Inductee Francis Bentley



2003 Inductee Lloyd Coon and 2015 Inductee Lee Middleton



Tom Healey, Deb Goyette and sister, Dianne Kudza



Front (L-R): Lee Middleton, Jim Fuller, Krystal Rice (niece representing Glen Rice), Francis Bentley (Northern wrestling team) and Mary Down. Back (L-R): Mark Christenson (St. John golf team), Dave Wohlferf (son representing Duane Wohlferf), Gene Summers (former inductee), Andre Weathers, Stephen Braun and Bob Sunday (Flint Beecher basketball team)



Bryn Mickle Flint Journal News Manager and wife Jeanne



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Amanda Ketchum and Duane Zalewski



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Front (L-R): Gabrielle Perez, Danielle Corthals, Samantha Bowman, Amanda Stair, Back (L-R): Coach Haley Pierce, Kirsten Sagady, Danielle Hicks, Maggie Wegner, Kylie Odette, Winey Brown, Sarena Nelson



Jim Vukovich, Scott Bednarski,
Christopher Arrington



Steve Johnson, Tim Bograkos



Charlie Bell, Morris Peterson



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Dean Howe, Joe Tyler,
Sheriff Bob Pickell, Keith Richardson



Bill Troesken, Sheriff Bob Pickell, Tom Healey, Larry Sargent,
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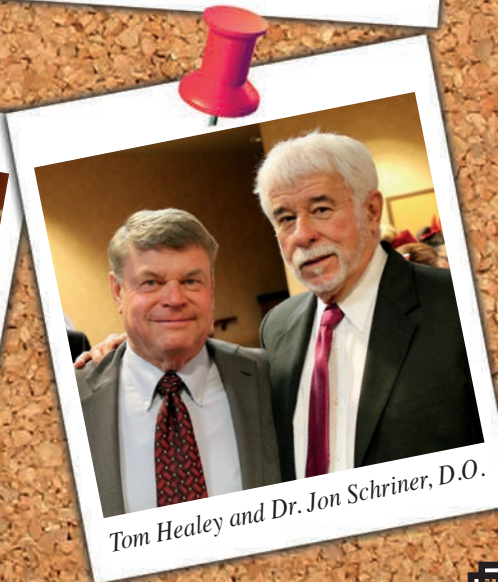
Dan Sutkowi, Tom Crystal, Kevin West, Rich Tessner,
Keith Richardson, Bill Dean, Jim Vukovich



Dean Howe, Ray Collard,
Larry Hackett, Jake Brisendine



Walt Head



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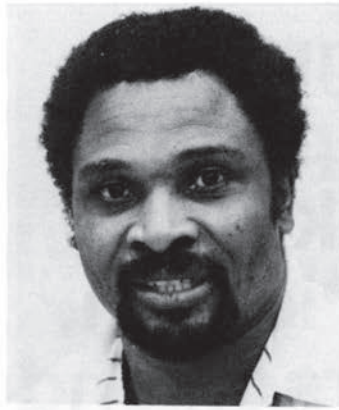
Leteia Hughley, Yolanda Fields, Etoy Tipton, Coach Letitia Hughley, Leonia Green (mother of LaShawn Grays), Virginia Nolan (mother of Deanna Nolan)



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



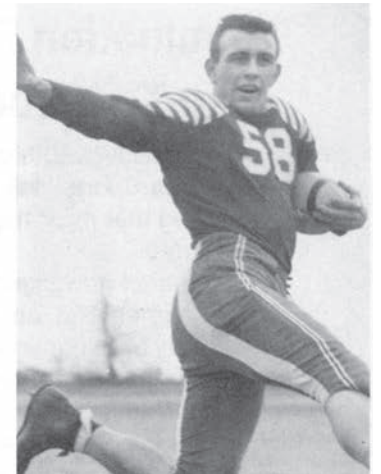
Justus Thigpen 1995
Northern basketball M.C.C. All Conf
2 yrs Weber State 1st Flint
Player NBA



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



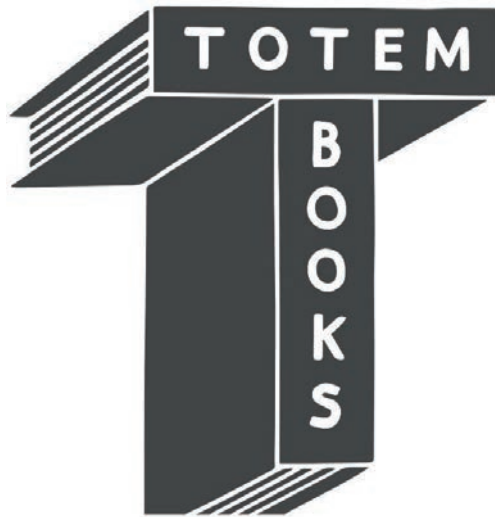
Paula McGee 1996
Northern-76 Straight Wins
Began Northern's Unequaled
Dynasty, USC 2 NCAA, titles



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

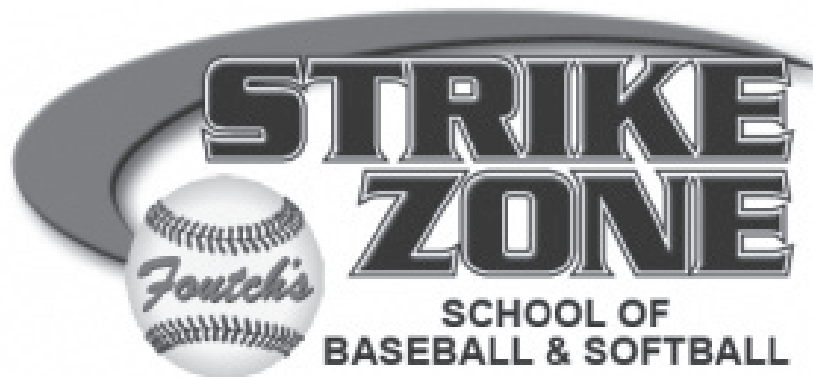


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Bill Blamer 1996
Coached at Flint Tech, had .722
Winning Average. Flint J.C.
Coach 5 Conference titles



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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

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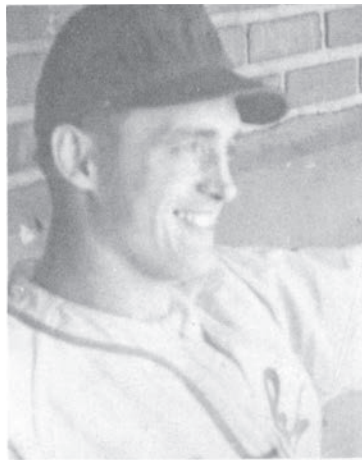


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Ed "Shorty" Pearce 1998
Northern Two-Way Star-led Sag.
Valley Conference in scoring-1935
MSU Played in Orange Bowl



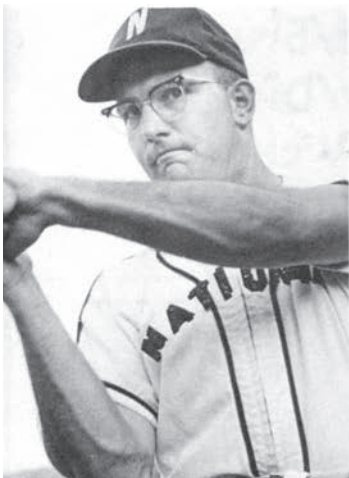
Edward Novak (Nowaczyk) '98
St. Mary. Led Team to State
Basketball Title. Played in Minors
Tigers & Giants organizations.



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



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



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



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



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



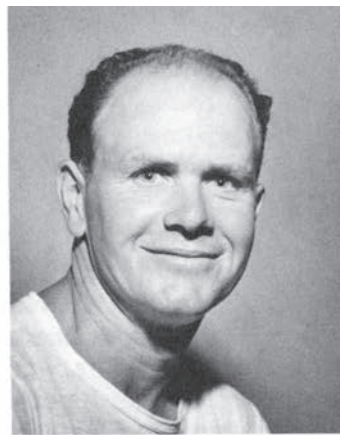
Paul Staroba 1999
St. Matthews H.S. 3 Sports All State,
U of M-Led Big Ten in
Punting NFL-Cleveland Browns



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



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



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



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

CONGRATULATIONS

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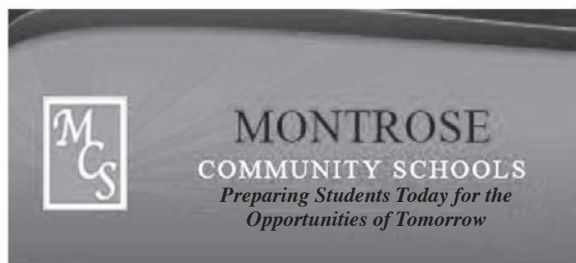


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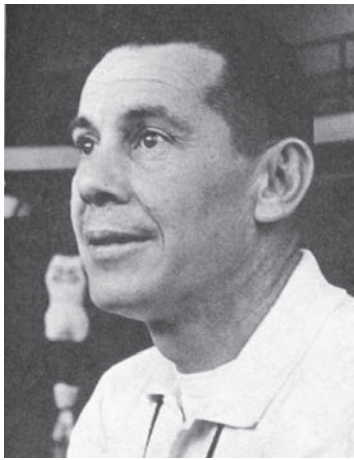
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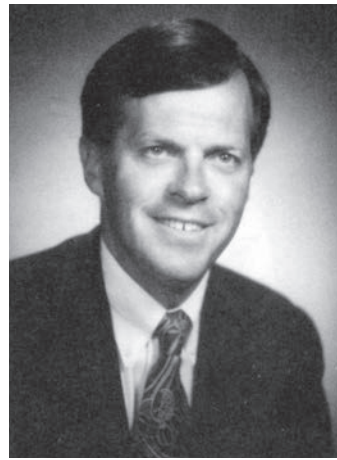
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Joe Dowdy 1999
Basketball Coach at Central for
15 Yrs. Won Five City Titles,
Fourth in City Career Victories



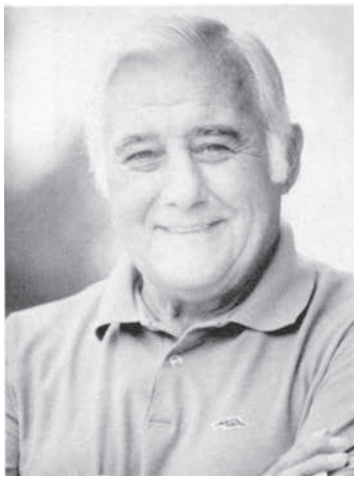
Leo Donoghue 1999
Special Service Award as
Promoter of Pro Wrestling, Won
State Welterweight Championship



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



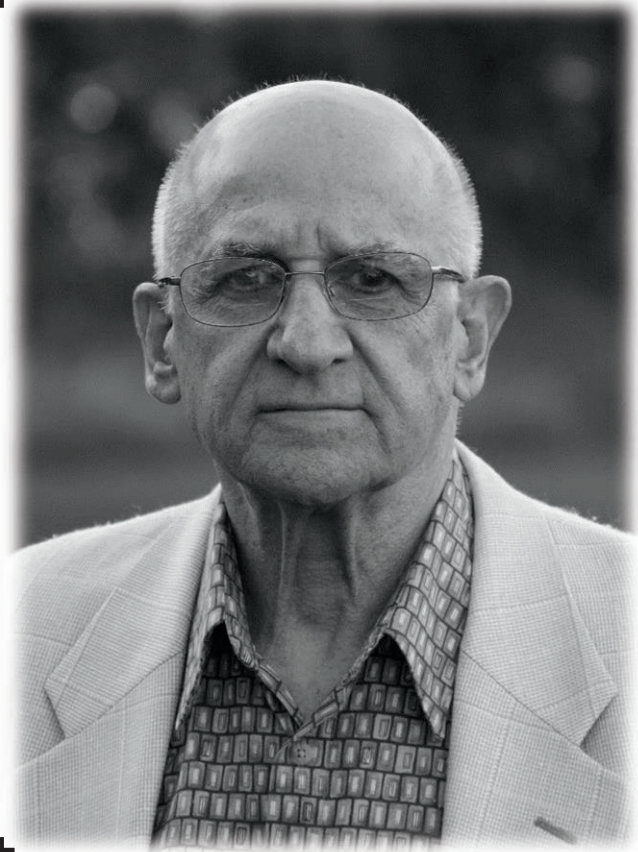
Frank Gallagher 2000
Special Service Award for
bringing Pro Hockey to
Flint, Charter Member IHL



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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Jim Massar

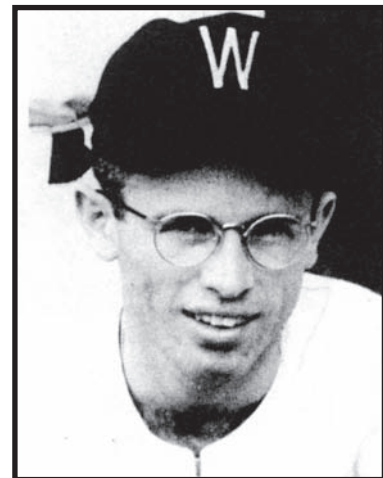
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Leroy Decker 2001
Fenton H.S. A.D
Won 518 Games Coaching
Boys & Girls Basketball



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



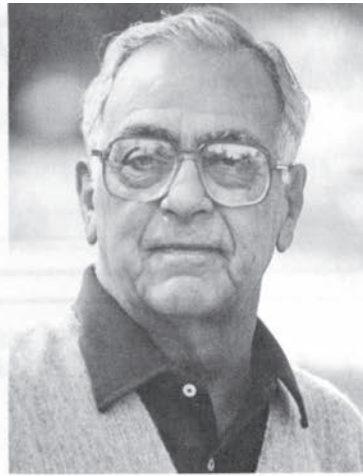
"Bud" Brotebeck 2001
Central Basketball & Baseball
W.M.U. 3 Letters, Played
in College World Series



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



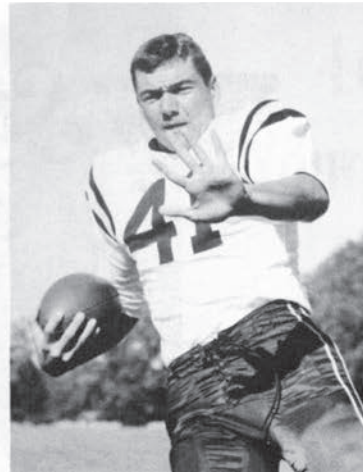
Len Hoyes 2001
Special Service Award for
Lengthy Service to Area Sports.
Past Journal Sports Ed.



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

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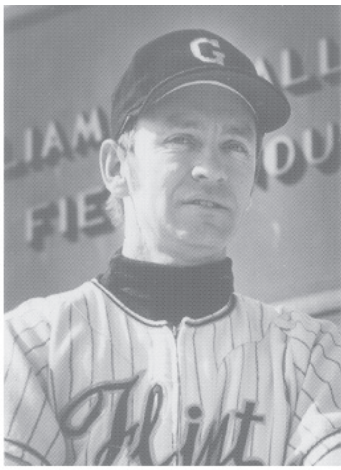
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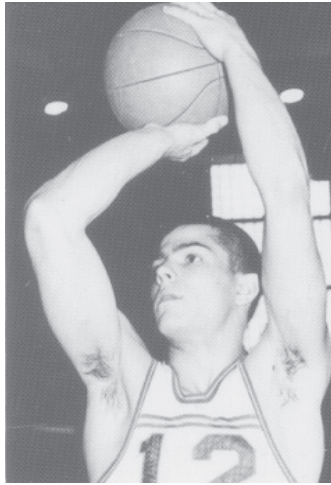
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Ernie Myers 2002
Northern & U of M Baseball
Mott Coach Won 359 Games
Coached Dutch Nat'l Team



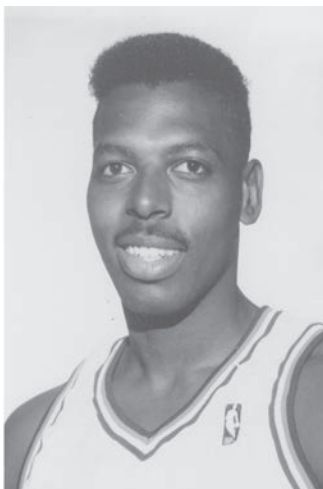
John Sperla 2002
St. Matthew & W.M.U. Star
Area Single Season Scoring
Record 2 State Class D Titles



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



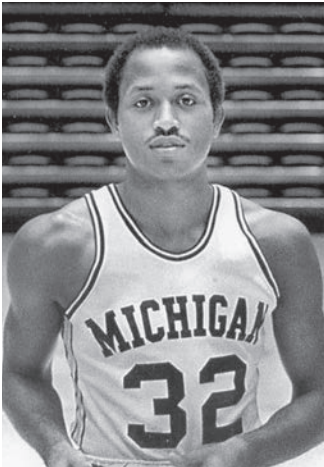
Erwin Ketzler 2004

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



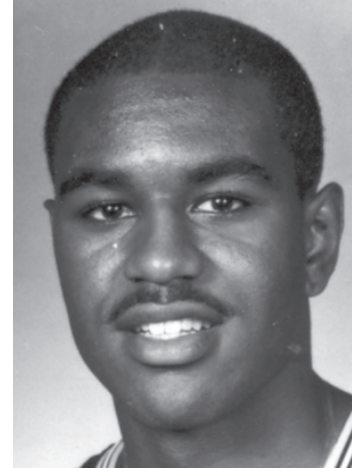
Wayne Van Slyke 2005

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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*Especially all those who have participated in the
Flint Olympian and CANUSA Games
in the past.*





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.



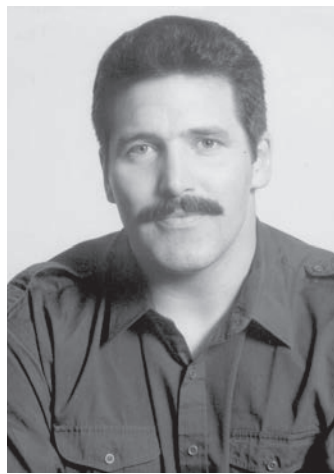
Jack Doering 2006

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



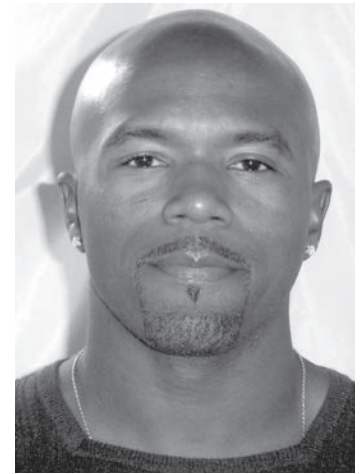
Dick Daly 2006

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



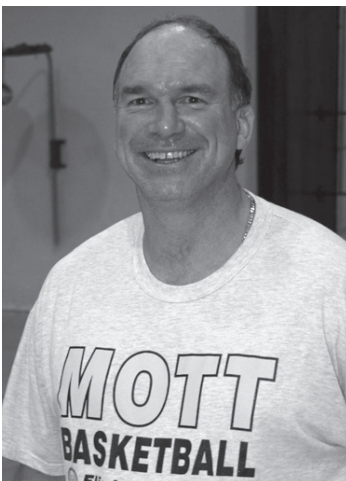
Courtney Hawkins 2006

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.



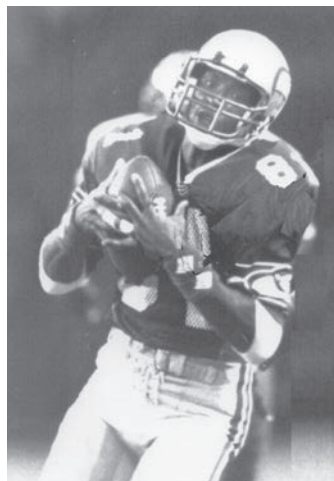
Bill Brandt 2006

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



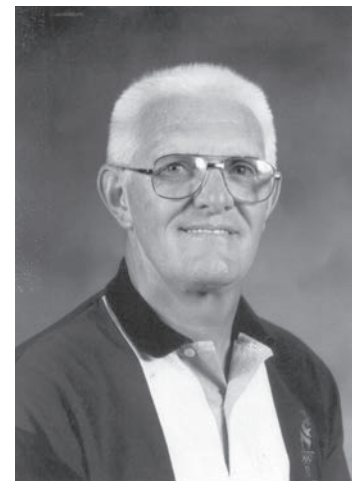
Steve Schmidt 2006

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

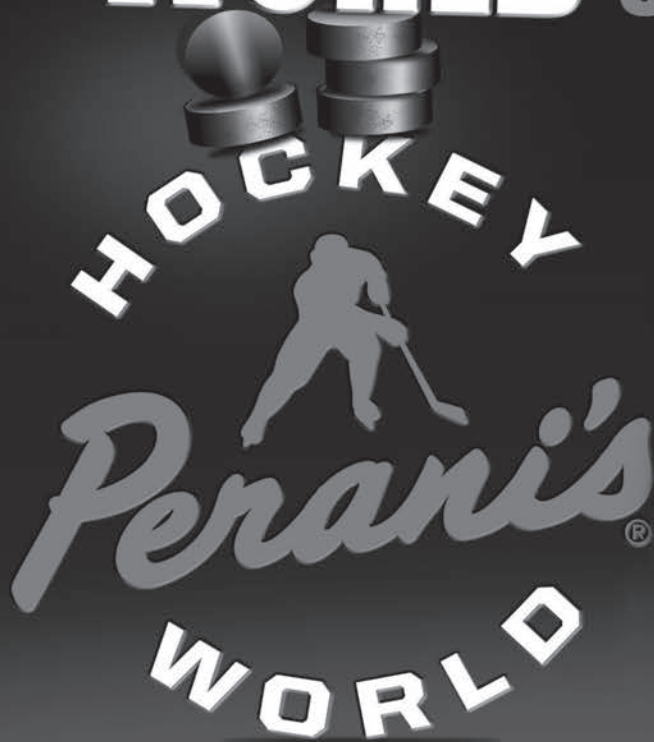


Marty Crane 2006

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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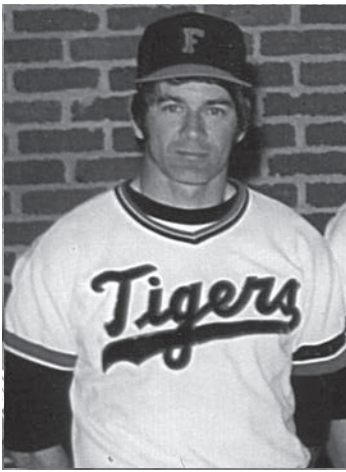
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Bill Hajek – 2007

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



MaliVai 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.



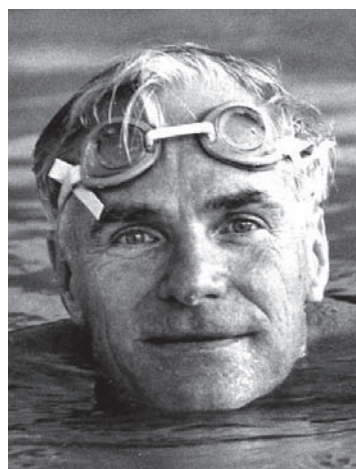
Mike Czarnecki – 2007

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



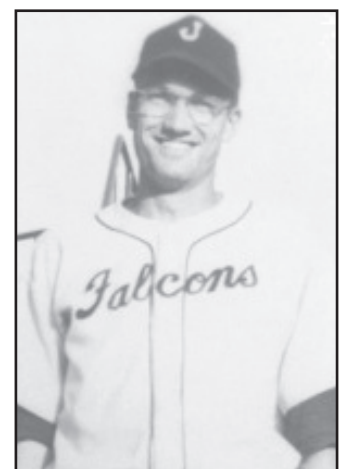
Wally Dobler - 2008

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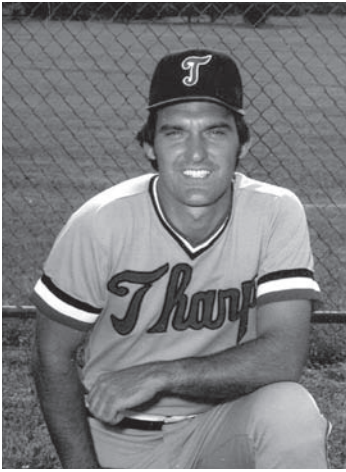
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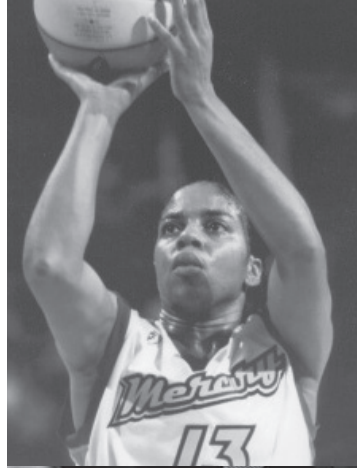
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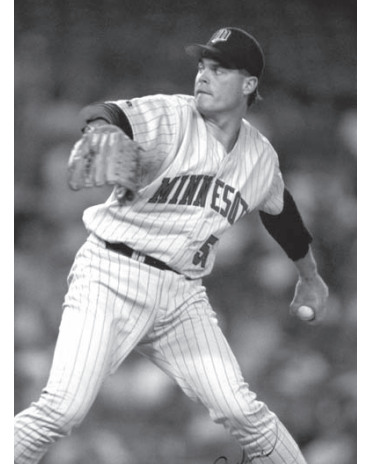
Roger Foutch - 2008
Bendle H.S. Star-All Sports.
Varsity H.S. Coach, CBL Mgr. 32 yrs.,
Stan Musial World Series Champs-
2001 and 2005.



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.



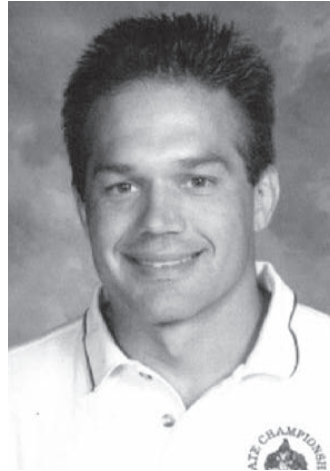
Paul Snitko - 2008
Special Service Award
Flint Northern H.S. Athlete,
Leading Sponsor of Flint area teams,
Supported various parks& charities.



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



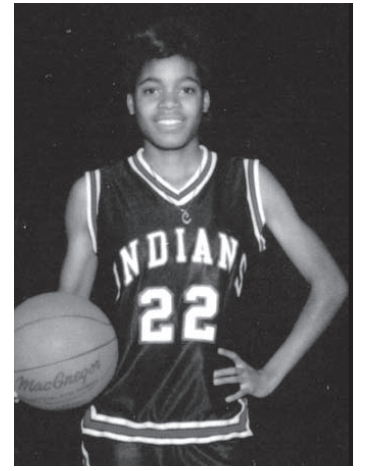
John Biedenbach - 2009
St. Matthews - 3 Sport Star
MSU Baseball, All-American - Pro-Ball
Trenton H.S. Softball Coach - Over 800
Wins. Inducted MHSSCA - 1997.



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.

“Football is NOT a contact sport, it is a collision sport. Dancing IS a contact sport.”

– Duffy Daugherty

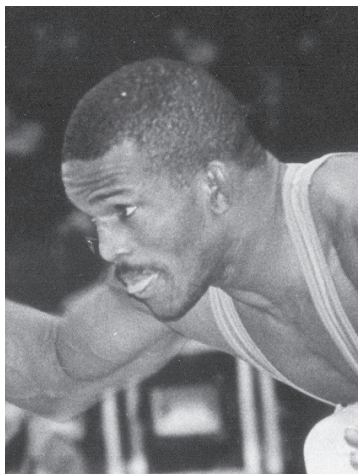


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John Fisher – 2010

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



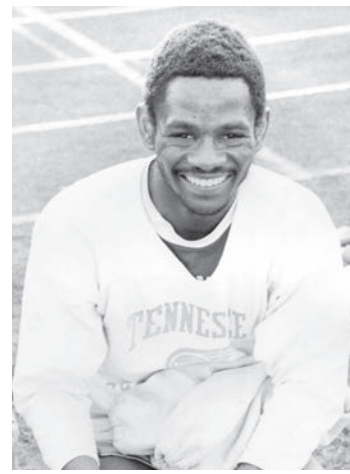
Scott Parker – 2010

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



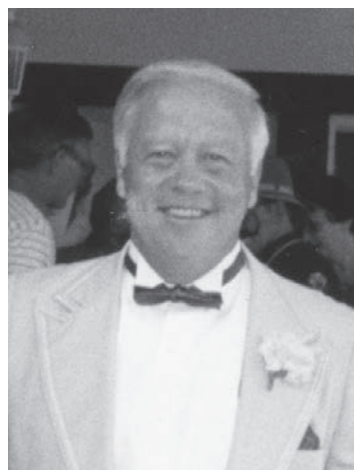
Eric Turner – 2010

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



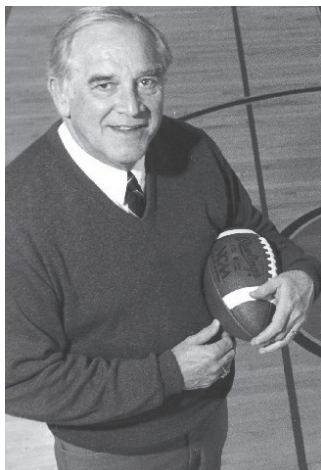
Jack Goggins – 2011

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



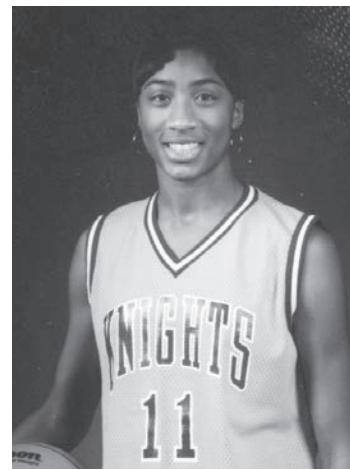
Andre Rison - 2011

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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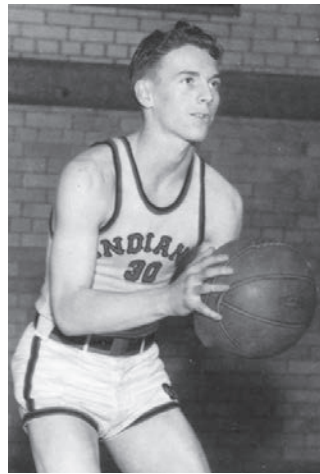
Dave Lazar - 2011

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



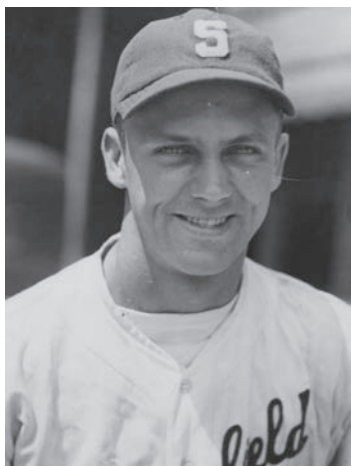
Bill Frieder - 2012

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,
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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.



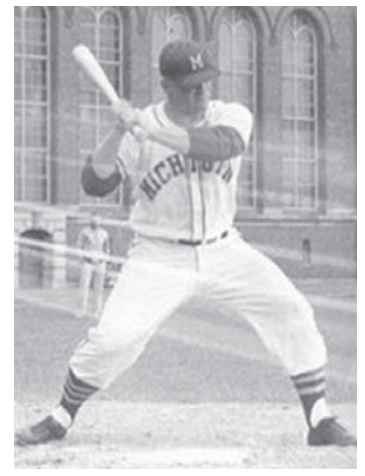
Pete Hanson - 2013

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.



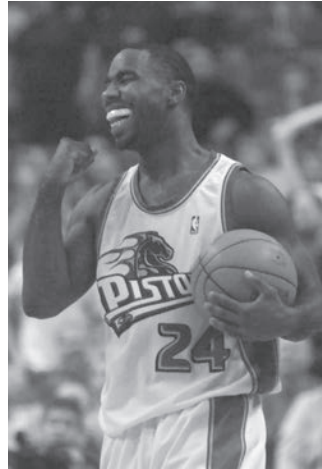
Jim Fowler - 2013

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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- Knute Rockne



Jeff Hamilton - 2014

All-State baseball and football player at Carman H.S. Third baseman on L.A. Dodgers' 1988 World Champion team.



Steve Smith - 2014

All-American quarterback at Grand Blanc. Set career passing records at UM from 1981-83.



Lorrie Thornton - 2014

State long jump champion at Flint Central. Set track and field records at UM from 1979-83.



Keith Richardson - 2014

Three-sport athlete at Flint Central. Earned 12 varsity letters in basketball and track at Central Michigan.

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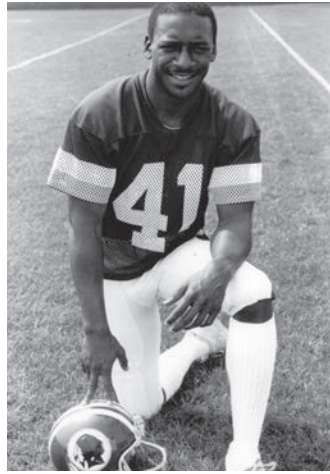


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Bob Perani - 2014
Hockey goalie for Flint Generals who later bought the team. Founded Perani's Hockey World equipment store.



Brian Carpenter - 2014
Southwestern football and track star. Played football at UM and won Super Bowl with Washington Redskins.



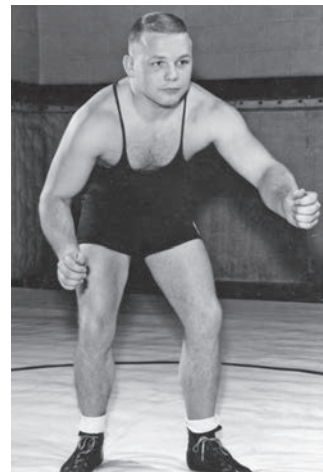
Morton "Bud" Stebbins - 2014
Special Service Award
Regarded as the Father of Slowpitch Softball in the Flint area.



Andre Weathers - 2015
All-State receiver and defensive back at Flint Central. Brilliant cornerback at UofM. Member of 1979 Rose Bowl and National Champions.



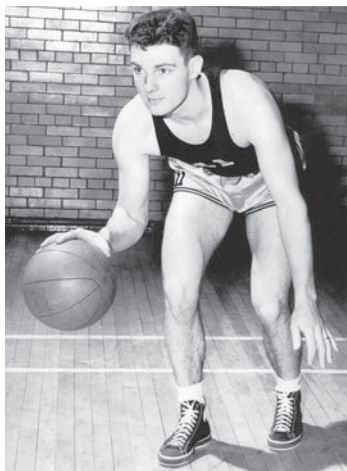
Mary Down - 2015
Atherton H.S. volleyball coach of 1993 Class C State Champions. Outstanding volleyball instructor respectfully regarded as the "Mother of Volleyball" in the greater Flint area.



Duane Wohlfert - 2015
Coached Fenton H.S. wrestling teams to state championships in 1972, 1973, and 1990. Inducted to Michigan Wrestling Coaches Hall of Fame in 1992.



Stephen Braun - 2015
Distinguished Service Award recipient. Helped Southwestern golf teams win state championships in 1962 and 1963. Outstanding leader of youth golf development locally, statewide and nationally.



Lee Middleton - 2015
Distinguished basketball player and coach at Flint Central, Flint Junior College and MSU. National paddleball doubles champion in 1976.



Glen Rice - 2015
Flint Northwestern two-time All-State basketball player. 1985 "Mr. Basketball". 1989 U of M All-American. MVP of National Championship team. Sensational 15 year NBA career.



Jim Fuller - 2015
Highly successful baseball coach at Flint Central, Durand, Midland Bullock Creek and CMU. Mich. H.S. Coaches Assoc. Hall of Fame inductee 1990. A.P. Class A Coach of the Year 1975.

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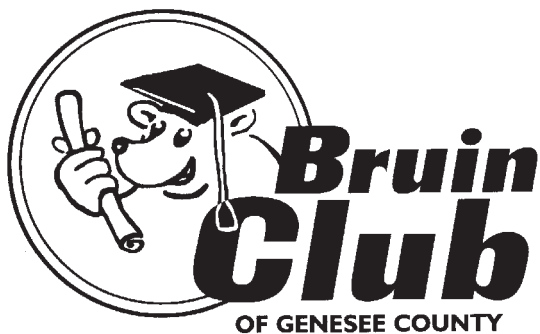
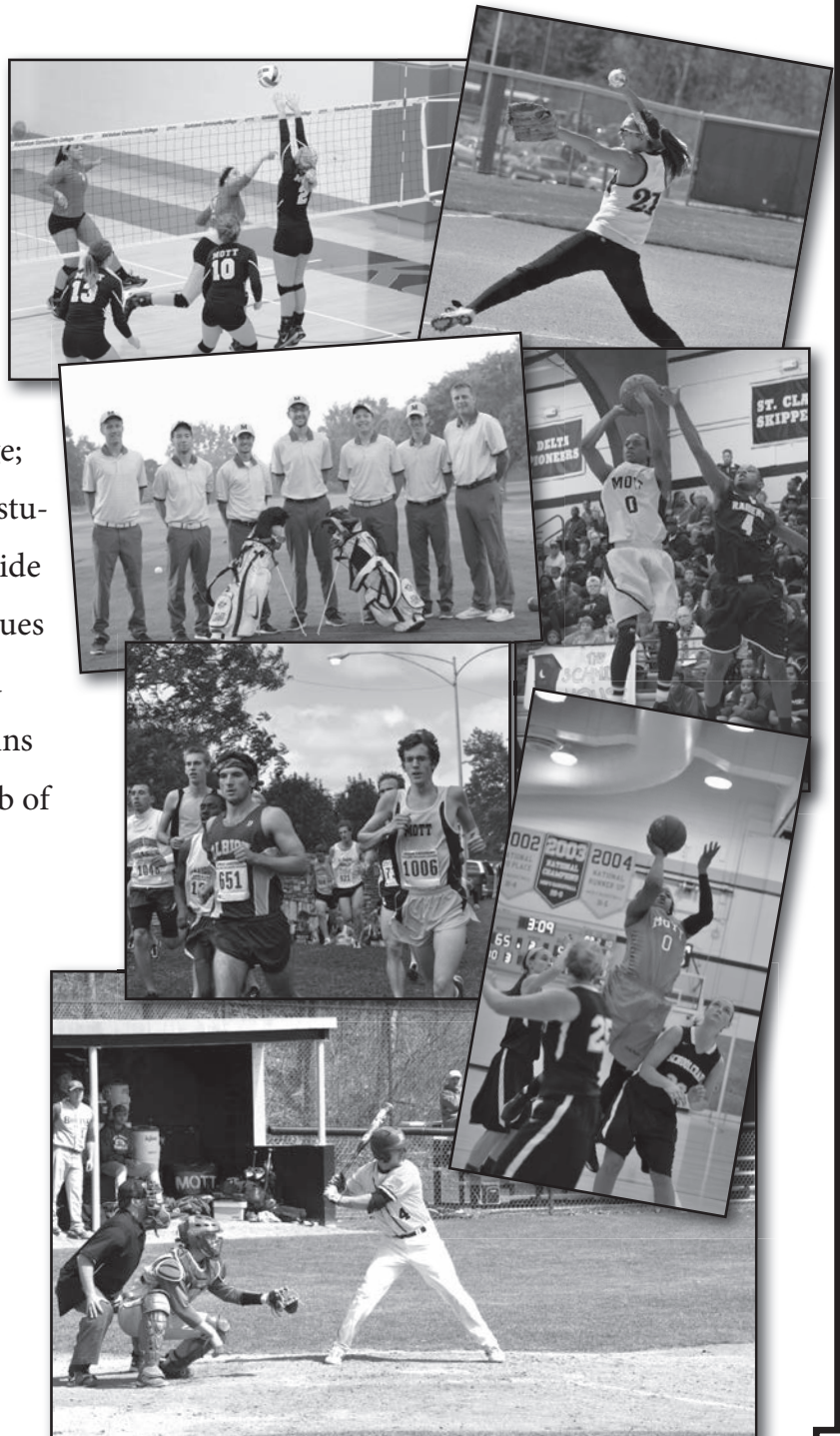
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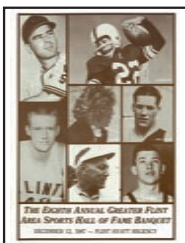
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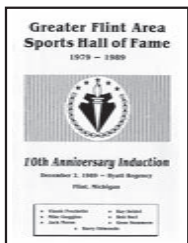
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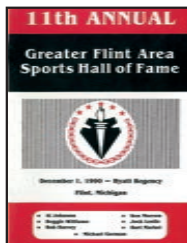
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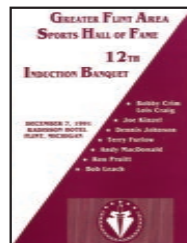
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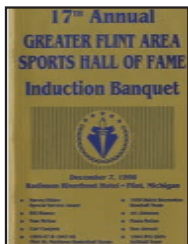
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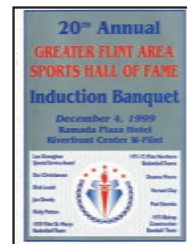
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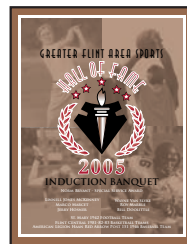
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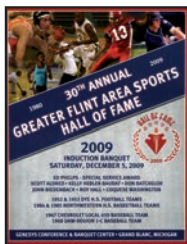
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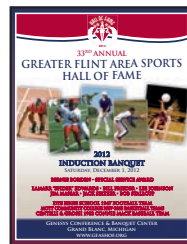
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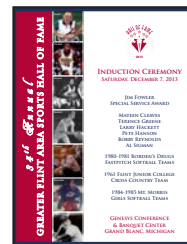
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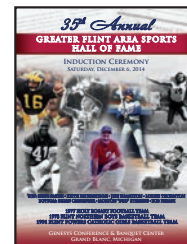
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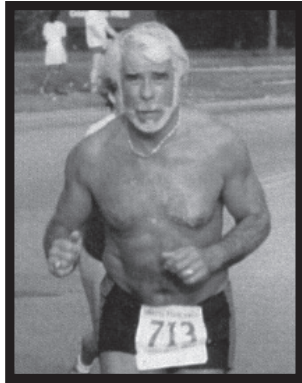
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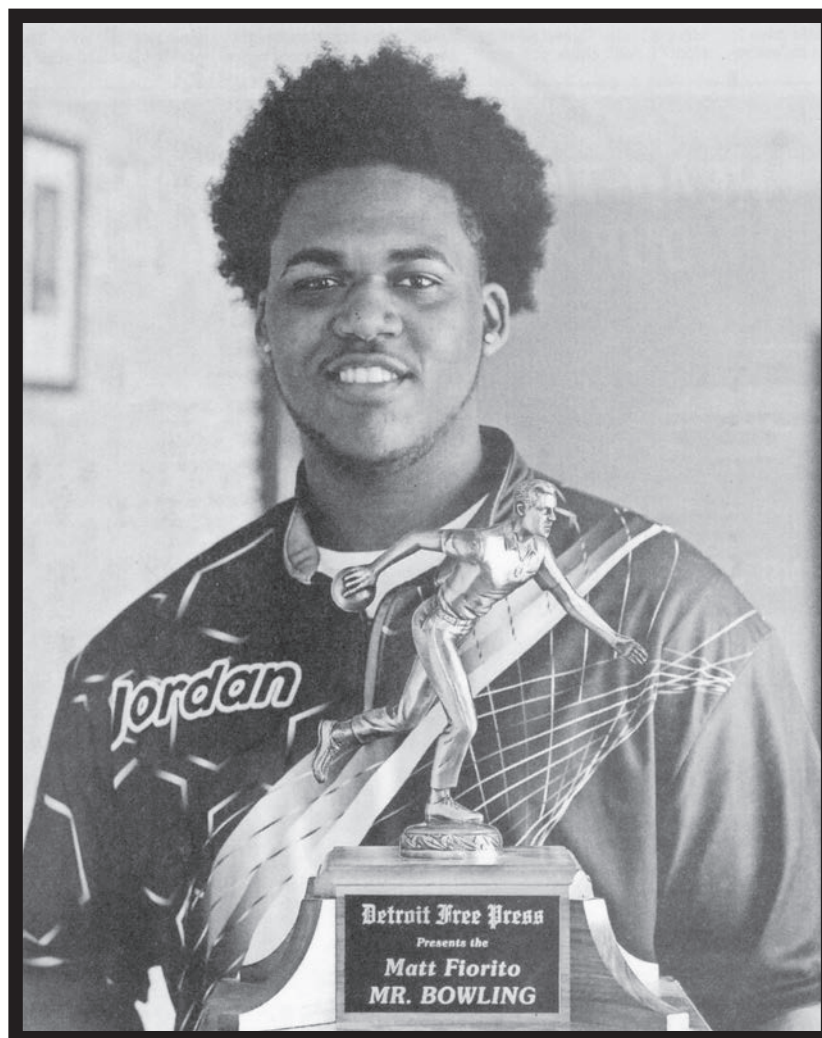
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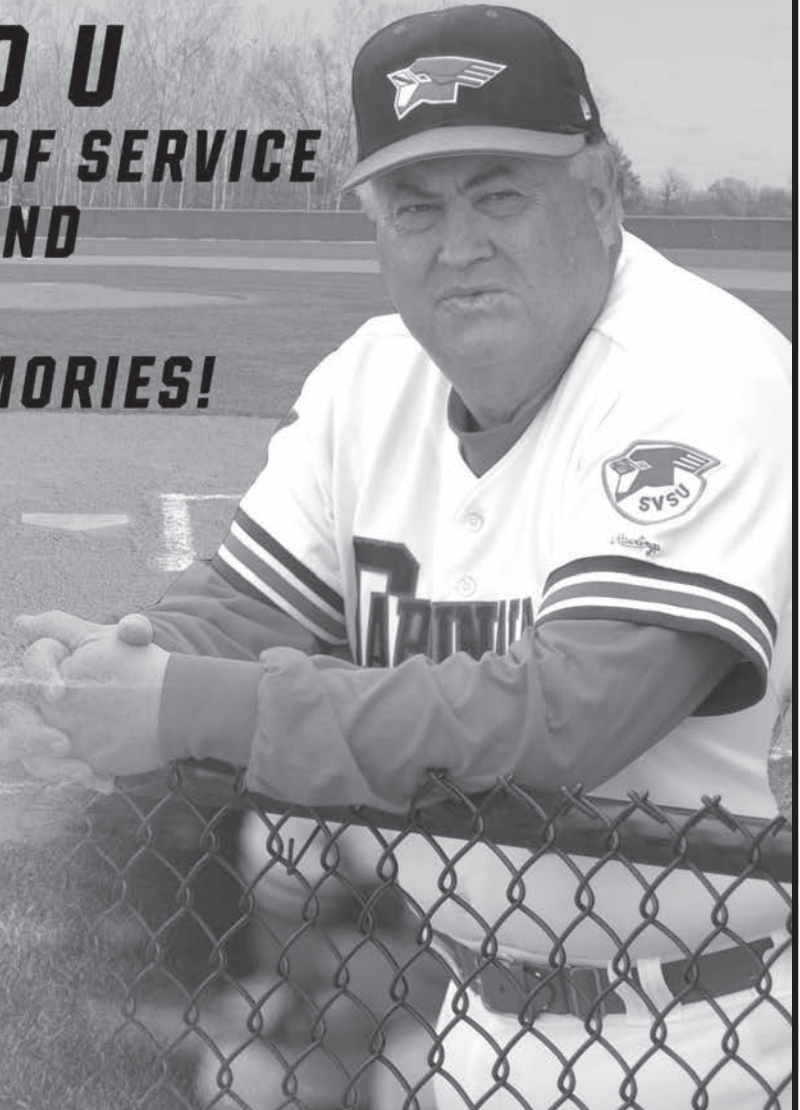
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Dean Yeotis

Charlie Bell

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You're in the middle of a country where not a lot of people speak English. I didn't speak Italian. You're like a fish out of water. You don't know where to go, what to do. It's a very lonely feeling to be over there. You can't go see your friends or talk on the phone the same way you do if you're in the States."

After starring in Europe, Bell was signed by the Milwaukee Bucks for the 2005-06 season. He appeared in 59 games, averaging 8.4 points, 2.2 assists and 2.0 rebounds in 21.7 minutes per game. The highlight was a triple-double against Phoenix on March 28, 2006, as he had 19 points, 13 assists and 10 rebounds.

"That catapulted my career," Bell said. "It was like, 'Who is this guy? Where did this guy come from?' I went from not playing to playing 30, 35 minutes a game, playing against the best players in the world, guarding Kobe Bryant, LeBron James, Kevin Durant. I had to guard all those guys because I was my team's best defender."

Bell played five seasons with Milwaukee before finishing his career by playing 19 games for Golden State in 2010-11. He played in 376 NBA games, started 137 and averaged 8.5 points per game.

And now his high school, college and professional accomplishments have landed him in the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame.

"A lot of great athletes have come out of Flint," Bell said. "To be admitted with such greats is a dream come true. A lot of great basketball players came before me. To be mentioned in the same breath with them in the Hall of Fame, is kind of like, 'Wow!' This is something I never thought would happen. I was just a little kid growing up in Flint playing basketball."

In Remembrance

The Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame proudly honors the memory of those members who have passed away since the December, 2015 Induction Banquet:

Wayne Collard	<i>Inducted 2001, Flint Northern Football Team 1956</i>
Joan (Wylie) LeVeque	<i>Inducted 2012 Emeritus Recipient</i>
Scott McCollom	<i>Inducted 2007, Flint Mandeville Football Team 1951</i>
Dr. Gene McFadden	<i>Inducted 2001, Flint Northern Football Team 1956</i>
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Burton Bentley Baseball Team

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The big difference between the '73 and '75 teams was at the plate. Whereas the '73 squad had just two players bat over .300, the 1975 lineup boasted seven .300 hitters and loads of power.

Sutkowi led with a .404 average in the leadoff spot and set school records for hits (36) and walks (29).

First baseman Bill Dean batted .357 and drove in 25 runs, including three home runs. Right-fielder Greg Perez hit .350 and Tessner batted .340, each belting four homers. Left-fielder Rich Penny hit .330 and matched Sutkowi's record of 36 hits. West batted .313, third baseman Ken Lowe .303, second baseman Bill Holbeck .292 and center fielder Chuck Wallace .241.

The team set school records for runs, walks, RBI, doubles and home runs. After a 14-0 run through the County B League, Bentley knocked out defending state champion Powers Catholic 6-3 in the district opener and beat Ainsworth 9-3 for the title, avenging that 1974 pre-district loss. The Bulldogs then beat Manistee 4-1 and Chesaning 8-2 in the regional at Mount Pleasant.

The brought them back to Flint for a decidedly home-field advantage in the semifinals and finals at Lincoln (now Broome) Park.

"We had fans like you wouldn't believe," said West. "It seemed like thousands. The park probably only seated 300, but there were people everywhere."

The excitement almost ended in the semifinals, when Bentley blew a 5-2 lead over Utica and fell behind 6-5 the fourth inning. But Lowe drew a two-out, bases-loaded walk in the sixth to tie it, and West followed with a two-run single to open the gates for an eventual 11-7 win. Sutkowi got the victory in relief of Tessner, who was fighting a chest cold and was winded after legging out a two-run triple in the fourth.

The championship final went nine innings. Tessner's homer tied it 1-1 in the bottom of the fourth and Penny's RBI single gave Bentley a 2-1 lead in the fifth. The Bulldogs were one pitch away from winning it in the seventh, when a throwing error set up Godwin for the tying run. Sutkowi walked the next batter, and a throwing error on a double steal allowed the Wolverines to plate the tying run.

At that point, Vukovich lifted Sutkowi, who was not happy with the move. "I got a little mad," he said. "I had struck out the side in the sixth and the first two batters in the seventh. I'm not a strikeout pitcher but I was flying on adrenaline. I talked to Vuke about it, but he probably made the right call."

It all worked out in the end. Tessner finished the seventh and pitched the eighth, where he reached his limit of 30 outs allowed by state rules. Sutkowi pitched the ninth, setting him up for his second win of the day when the Bulldogs scored in the bottom of the inning.

West opened the rally with a walk and advanced to second when Holbeck laid down a bunt and reached base safely when the Godwin pitcher bobbled the ball. A forceout kept runners at first and second, then Sutkowi loaded the bases with his third hit of the game.

Penny followed with a chopper down the line that bounced high over the third baseman's head as Holbeck came home with the winning run. Scoring that run was redemption for Holbeck, whose error had opened the door for Godwin to tie it in the seventh.

The title was another feather in the cap of Vukovich, who is going into the GFASHOF for a record fourth time -- three as a coach and once as a player for the Fisher Post 342 American Legion team. Tessner, who turned down a chance to pitch at Ball State, goes in with his third team, including the Carpets by Smith club.

Sutkowi later moved to West Michigan, where he worked at a GM plant near Godwin Heights High.

One day a supervisor started telling him about that Godwin team. Sutkowi asked him if he remembered who they played in the final.

"Burton Bentley," said the supervisor.

"I'm Burton Bentley," said Sutkowi.



Tonya (Lowe) Carroll

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"My parents always instilled in me academics first," she said. "If I did well in track and had an opportunity to go to the Olympic Trials, that was a bonus. Track was my gateway to get my school paid for, because my parents couldn't afford it. That's what gave me my drive to run harder and give it my all, because I wanted to be recruited by all the schools and I could pick what I wanted."

Lowe-Carroll has been a pharmacist for 30 years. She lives in Charlotte, N.C., with her husband, Curtis, a member of Northern's 1978 state championship basketball team.

She faced the toughest challenge of her life in 2007 when she was diagnosed with breast cancer. It was in remission, but returned in 2014.

Through it all, Lowe-Carroll maintains a positive attitude.

"I have a strong will, and being an athlete you have a strong immune system," she said. "I really believe because of that I'm a survivor. I've had my challenges. I still can't let it get me down. I'm doing awesome. I look at it like cancer is behind me. I'm healthy. I just feel like I'm here to be able to speak to other people about staying strong."

Flint Northern Girls Basketball Team

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The Vikings met little resistance en route to finishing the 1995 regular season with a 20-0 record.

Northern steamrolled its opponents in the state tournament, winning all eight of its contests by an average of 23.9 points per game.

The Vikings played Walled Lake Central in a battle of unbeaten teams in the state championship game. Leading 26-25 at halftime, Northern broke the game open in the third quarter, outscoring Central 19-3 to take a commanding 45-28 lead at the end of the quarter.

Nolan had 16 points and 10 rebounds, and McDonald and Sheree Bates had 13 and 11 points, respectively, for the Vikings.

"(Winning back-to-back state championships) speaks volumes to the work we put in during the off-season," McDonald said. "We were determined to get better every game."

Northern ended with a 28-0 overall record. It is one of only seven Flint-area girls teams to post a 28-0 mark, and the only Northern squad to accomplish the feat.

Members of Northern's 1994 team were Grays, Lewis, Bates, Nicole Buford, Nolan, Deshunna Thompson, Casandra Ferguson, Lamika Stevens, Yolanda Fields, Etoy Tipton, Leteia Hughley, Clarissa Elam, Lshawn Martin, McDonald, and Markeda Richards.

The assistant coaches were Keith Smith, Melody Relerford and Laurie Byrd. Northern's 1995 team consisted of Danielle Tipton, Leteia Hughley, Veniece McCoy, Stevens, Elam, Grays, Buford, Lewis, Nolan, Bates, Jashell Mitchell, Tamara Smith, McDonald, Taleesha Hardy and Killotta Tartt. Lafaye Bates was the assistant coach. Letitia Hughley was the head coach of both teams.

"Back-to-back state championships was an awesome feeling, it was a great run for us," Nolan said. "After the first championship, we couldn't wait for the next season. (The 1995 season) was an opportunity to do something great with a young team."



Mali Walton

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In an 11-year pro career, he played in seven championship games, winning four. His greatest success came with the Rochester (N.Y.) Rhinos of the United Soccer League. He played in eight different cities during his career.

"I loved the game so much," Walton said. "I didn't want to give it up. I also found out I could earn a good living doing it.

"When I first started out doing it, it was an eye-opener. I was there six months, then I'd be gone six months to another place. Getting adjusted to it was difficult. By the time I adjusted to it, I was leaving for another city. I finally settled down for four years in Rochester."

Morris Peterson

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Perhaps his proudest achievement in the NBA was his streak of 371 consecutive games played from the 2001-02 to the 2006-07 seasons. He played in all 82 games for four straight seasons.

"I wore that ironman badge with pride," Peterson said. "There were games I didn't think I was going to play. I remember we were playing Detroit. I rolled my ankle toward the end of the game real bad. I was on crutches. I got an MRI. There was nothing broken and no ligaments torn; it was just a bad sprain.

"I had a game the next day back in New Orleans. That night when we got to the hotel in New Orleans, I was doing ice and stim with the trainer at 2 in the morning. By the time game time rolled around, I was taped and played. I like to challenge myself."

With his induction into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame, Peterson joins Trent Tucker, Jeff Grayer, Andre Rison and Glen Rice as former Northwestern boys' basketball players who have been enshrined.

He also joins Kirkland, his high school coach and mentor.

"He would give you the shirt off his back if you gave the effort," Peterson said. "I feel honored to play for him. I learned a lot from him. I would go to his office every day and his classroom every day. I spent a lot of time talking about life and talking about basketball."

Bob Stoppert

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"Mom was very supportive of him. They had to put up a cordon of Midland fans to keep her away from anyone who was not supportive of Midland athletics."

Leadership was an irrepressible trait in every facet of Stoppert's life. In addition to coaching, he:

- Helped found the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association, along with Jim Fuller and Flint's Marv Rettenmund.

- Inaugurated the Michigan Invitational State Baseball Tournament, a forerunner of the MHSAA tournament that started in 1971.

- Was a 56-year member of the Midland Lions Club, serving as president for 40 years and reaching the level of district governor, the highest station in Michigan.

- Served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy.

- Helped negotiate a teachers' contract with Midland schools.

- Ran clinics for the football coaches association, which brought in college coaches every year.

"One day we had Bob Devaney and Duffy Daugherty in our living room at the same time," said Jim. "It didn't occur to me at the time how big a deal that was.

"He was the kind of guy that was reluctant to get involved in organizations because once he got involved he would end up leading it."

Bob Stoppert died in November 2003, nine days after his wife passed. The following year, the Midland Area Community Foundation established the Bob Stoppert Coach of the Year Award, presented annually by the Lions Club to a high school coach in Midland County.

Throughout his life, Stoppert maintained ties to Flint. He spent Thanksgiving with his parents and brother and took in the Central-Northern football game every year. He also coached against those teams in the Saginaw Valley League.

"It's so good that he hasn't been forgotten there," said Jim, who now lives in Florida. "That would mean a lot to him. He had a lot of love for Flint."

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1977 Cross Country Team

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