



*38th Annual*

# **GREATER FLINT AREA SPORTS HALL OF FAME**

*Induction Banquet*

Larry Gall  
Bob Holec  
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Mike Austin  
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1977 Goodrich Boys  
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## GREATER FLINT AREA SPORTS HALL OF FAME 38TH ANNUAL INDUCTION BANQUET

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the 38th Annual Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame induction banquet. Tonight we will pay homage to some of our best ever. Their accomplishments and records speak for themselves.

Ask young children who their role models are, and I bet a good amount of them would name an athlete. Sports are emotional and they can incite great passion. Sometimes it is joyful, other times it is not. Sports also has this incredible ability to bring people together across all social, political, economic and ethnic lines. Sports gives us hope. It can unite a community.

So let's meet this year's inductees:

This year's individual recipients are Mike Austin, Larry Gall, Mike Harding, Jon Runyan, Craig Tucker, the late Dr. Frank J. Manley II, and the late Bob Crane.

The 2017 Distinguished Service Award goes to longtime Flint Central Football and Baseball Coach, Bob Holec, for his tireless work as Director of the Greater Flint Baseball/Softball Association.

The teams being honored tonight rank among many of the best ever in the Greater Flint Area history. This year we honor the 1977 Goodrich Boys Golf team, the 1980 Flint Beecher Girls Basketball team and the 1983 Atherton Girls Volleyball team. Each team was state champion.

The Board of Directors wishes to thank the Flint Journal and Mlive for their continued support. The Flint Journal donates the Hall of Fame plaques that are on display at Genesys Athletic Club.

The Board also wishes to thank Ben Roof and A-Frame Awards for their continued support of the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame. Their service to the Hall of Fame is greatly appreciated.

We can't say enough about the support and assistance that the GFASHOF receives from Genesys Conference & Banquet Center and the Genesys Athletic Club. They do an outstanding job as our host and they also provide a permanent home for the plaques.

Lastly, the Board would like to thank our advertisers who make this incredible booklet possible.

It has been said that sports are one of the many threads that hold the fabric of our nation together. With that in mind, I hope you have an enjoyable and memorable evening. Thank you for your attendance and celebrating with us.

With best regards,

Mike Vance, President

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# GREATER FLINT AREA SPORTS HALL OF FAME



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

## **CRITERIA AND CONSIDERATIONS FOR NOMINATION:**

1. All individuals and teams must have outstanding achievements and contributions in the field of athletics from the greater Flint area.
2. Excellence far above the ordinary field of endeavor is required.
3. Individuals should have a minimum of five years involvement with the sport area.
4. All individuals and teams must have an official nomination form on file with the Executive Secretary prior to any consideration for possible induction.
5. Primary considerations for Individuals would include: All-Conference, All-State, 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, distinguished service and Bd. Of Dir/Selection Committee) are available on the GFASHOF website-[www.GFASHOF.org](http://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.

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**Questions:** Contact Mr. Bob Root, GFASHOF Executive Secretary  
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**REMINDER: DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING NOMINATIONS IS APRIL 1ST EACH YEAR.**

# TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

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

WELCOME, INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND OFFICERS.....MIKE VANCE, PRESIDENT

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: BILL TROESKEN, MEMBER BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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# *Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame*

## *Board of Directors*

### *2017 Member Emeritus Recognition*

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



*Phil Pierson*



*Jerry Topolinski*

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

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

**MR. PIERSON'S** loyal service as a Board Member spanned 20 years (1992-2012). He served as 2nd Vice President in 2007, 1st Vice President in 2009 and President from 2011-2012. Mr. Pierson also wrote a number of great articles for the organization over the years.

**MR. TOPOLINSKI** faithfully served as a board member for six years (2000-2006). His service was highlighted by his dedication to his responsibility—he served as treasurer from 2002-2006. Mr. Topolinski was also involved with ticket sales for a number of years and helped to establish the incorporation documents for the organization.

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

## 2017 GREATER FLINT AREA SPORTS HALL OF FAME BOARD OF DIRECTORS



**Front Row (L to R):** Bob Burek, Tom Healey, Jennifer Colombo-Sesti, Cathy North,  
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**Back Row (L to R):** Bill Parish, Roger Foutch, Bob Root, Bill Troesken, Mike Vance, Bill Haley Jr.,  
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## 2017 GFASHOF SELECTION COMMITTEE



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Jake Brisendine, Dan Cady, John Clothier

**Back Row (L to R):**

Clif Turner, Virginia Hamilton Riggs, Dean Howe

(Not pictured: Tim Bograkos, Sue Conway, Harry Jackson)

## *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 29, 2017

On behalf of Hillsdale College and Charger Athletics, I want to offer the warmest congratulations to Mike Harding on his induction to the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame.

During his time at Hillsdale from 1966 -1970, Mike was one of the finest three-sport athletes (football, basketball, and baseball) in the rich 125-year history of Charger athletics.

In football, Mike played both ways as the starting QB and DB for the 1969 Chargers who ranked #2 in the nation and qualified for the four-team NAIA Playoffs that season. Legendary Hillsdale and College Football Hall of Fame coach, Muddy Waters, stated that Mike was the smartest football player he ever coached. In basketball, he "quarterbacked" the offense from his point guard position, leading the team in assists and a fine 19-8 record in 1968 which included a berth in the NAIA District 23 Tournament. On the diamond, Mike earned all-NAIA honors at shortstop due to his stellar play in the field and at the plate.

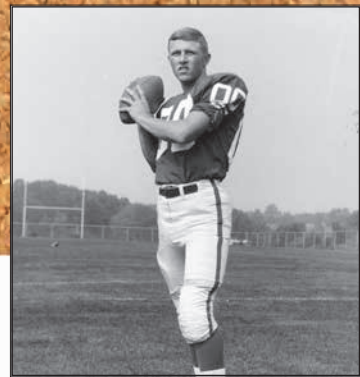
Harding returned to Hillsdale College to coach the woman's softball team for three years (1989-1991), compiling a fine 129-78 win/loss record. The Lady Chargers became the first team in school history to qualify for a NCAA Division II Tourney Bid.

Mike Harding embodied the excellence that Hillsdale College Athletics represents and we are very proud to call him "one of our own!" The entire Charger Nation salutes Mike on this great honor.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey S. Lantis  
Director of External Relations for Athletics  
Hillsdale College

# Class of 2017 INDUCTEE



## Mike Harding

Mike Harding was Ainsworth High School's best football player his senior year. Then he was the Spartans' best basketball player. Then he was their best baseball player. He wasn't merely a big fish in a small pond. At a smaller school, it's not uncommon for one athlete to be the star player in every sport.

But Ainsworth was a Class A school when Harding was a senior in the 1963-64 school year. In all three sports, he was chosen the team's Most Valuable Player. He was a first-team All-Big Nine Conference selection in basketball and baseball.

"I didn't play to be Most Valuable Player," Harding said. "I played to win every game I could." Playing three sports in high school went so well that Harding figured he could pull it off in college when he transferred to Hillsdale College after a year on the Western Michigan University baseball team.

He had success in each sport in his first year at Hillsdale, starting at defensive back in football, leading the basketball team in assists and earning NAIA All-State as a baseball shortstop.

But it was a pace he couldn't sustain.

"I couldn't keep it up," he said. "It was tough. "It was more demanding of your time. You had to devote everything you had. You couldn't go about it half-ass and still be successful. We had so many schemes and the guys you were playing against were just bigger and faster than you had in high school."

It was after one day of basketball his second year at Hillsdale that Harding decided to give up hoops and baseball. "I started to play basketball again in the winter for one day," he said. "Coach put me in to play in the junior varsity game against Spring Arbor. I finished a football game on a Saturday and played my first basketball game on a Tuesday. I played the whole game for the junior varsity, then they wanted me to play the varsity game. We had canvas shoes back then, the Fred Taylors or whatever they called them. I had a bloody ring on top of the shoes the whole time where the canvas came up; it was killing me."

At Hillsdale, Harding started at defensive back for four years and was also the quarterback his senior year. He played for Muddy Waters, who would eventually coach at Michigan State from 1980-82 and be inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2000.

"One of my proudest moments was being on a committee to get Muddy Waters inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame," Harding said. "It was a great accomplishment for all of us at Hillsdale."

Perhaps more impressive than his high school or college accomplishments is the fact his competitive athletic career, which began as a youth in the 1950s, ended only recently when Harding turned 70.

He kept his competitive juices flowing after college by playing semi-pro football for the Flint Wildcats, playing in the tough Flint recreational basketball leagues and playing City League baseball.

He also got involved in the harness racing business, owning, training and racing horses. As he got older, Harding played slowpitch softball at a high level, winning two national championships and making the 1986 United States Specialty Sports Association All-World team.

"I wanted to keep playing," Harding said. "I was playing something all the time." Harding played baseball until he was 62, helping a Detroit-based team win the Roy Hobbs World Series in Florida six times.

Harding, 71, continued playing slowpitch softball until he was 69.

"I play golf whenever I can, but that's about it anymore," he said. "Just officiating. You stay on your feet quite a bit. You can't recuperate like you did when you were younger; it takes a little while."

Harding officiates football, baseball, softball and wrestling.

He is the oldest athlete in the 2017 Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame class.

"I am glad they did it while I was living and not after I passed away," he said. "I've got kids, and I'm glad they're going to be there to see it."



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Eddie L. Kindle  
Superintendent

September 1, 2017

On behalf of the Carman-Ainsworth Administration, Teachers, Coaches, Athletes, Students and Community; it is my pleasure to congratulate Larry Gall and his family on his induction into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame.

Coach Gall had an outstanding 23 years as the baseball coach at Carman High School/ Carman-Ainsworth High School winning 513 games. Among his many honors are the following:

- 10 League Championships
- 6 District Titles
- 2 Regional Titles
- 1 State Final Runner-Up in 1981
- Class A Coach of the Year 1979 and 1981
- Carman-Ainsworth Hall of Fame

Larry was previously honored at his induction into the Michigan High School Hall of Fame in 1984. An important aspect of this achievement was Coach Gall doing it "the right way." He placed the goals of his program and players ahead of the win. Larry and his teams always represented Carman-Ainsworth and the community in a positive manner.

As a former teacher, coach, administrator and friend, I want to again congratulate you. Your former students and players have learned valuable life lessons that continue to impact their lives today. This celebration will be a special event for your family. Your career has created many wonderful memories and milestones for each one of them as well.

Thank you for your commitment to excellence during your tenure in the Carman-Ainsworth Schools.

Sincerely your friend,



Ralph Baldini

Principal of Carman-Ainsworth High School (Retired)



# Class of 2017 INDUCTEE



## Larry Gall

Like any other young man who grew up playing baseball, Larry Gall had dreams of becoming a major leaguer. He even had a shot at playing pro ball in the Detroit Tigers' system, but it came with a high risk and no guarantee of a high reward.

"When it was my senior year at Scottville (High School), the scout for the Detroit Tigers approached me at a tryout and asked me if I would join the Tigers," Gall recalls. "I said, 'Well, yeah. What kind of place do you have for me?'"

"He said, 'Some sort of a minor league, the lowest minors we have. You'd have to work your way up.' I said, 'Well, I do have a scholarship to Central Michigan,' so I thought maybe that would be the best bet. He said he'd follow me; I never heard from him again."

Gall played only two seasons for the Chippewas, quitting before the 1957 season because of an injury and the addition of Tom Tresh at his position. Tresh, who played one year at CMU, was the 1962 American League Rookie of the Year as the New York Yankees' shortstop.

Are there any lingering regrets for Gall over a possible missed opportunity?

Nope. Not a single one.

"The way things turned out, they turned out great," he said.

Indeed they did.

Gall channeled his love of baseball into a high school coaching career that put him among the best to ever coach the sport in Michigan.

Gall compiled a record of 532-185 in a career that began with a three-year run at Rose City from 1958-60. He really made his mark at Carman High School, which eventually became Carman-Ainsworth, from 1967-91. He had a record of 513-177 after coming to Carman.

The highlight of Gall's coaching tenure came in 1981 when Carman reached the state Class A championship game, losing 7-6 in 10 innings to Harper Woods Bishop Gallagher. The Cougars were led by future major leaguer Jeff Hamilton, who would win a World Series ring seven years later with the Los Angeles Dodgers.

"It was a tough one," Gall said. "We kind of stayed in it. We worked our way down to the final game. Even in the final game, which went into extra innings, we kind of had a downer and that ended it for us. It was a situation where either team could've won, and we just didn't quite do it."

The moment that stands out the most in Gall's career, however, didn't come during that run to the state championship game.

In the 1984 district at Durand, Carman came up against one of the state's most heralded pitchers, future Hall of Famer John Smoltz of Lansing Waverly.

Trailing 1-0 in the seventh inning, Carman got a lead-off walk, then tied the score on a triple from catcher Scott Reber. Reber would soon score the winning run in dramatic fashion.

"He was on third base and we didn't have anyone who could hit the guy," Gall said. "We had been practicing a play. It wasn't a squeeze play; it was a fake squeeze. We tried this fake squeeze play. John Smoltz saw what was happening, so he uncorked a wild pitch about 10 feet over the catcher's head. That scored the winning run for us. I'd say that was the highlight."

Gall was inducted into the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches' Association Hall of Fame in 1989. His victory total ranked him 36th in state history through the 2017 season.

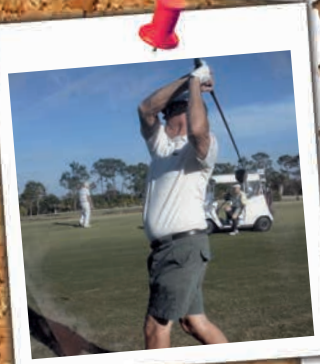
When Gall came to Flint from Rose City, he didn't coach baseball right away. He coached football and basketball at Utley Junior High School, becoming the coach at Carman in the school's second year after Jim Fuller coached the Cougars in their first season. Fuller is a 2015 Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame inductee.

Gall had no idea he would stay in Flint as long as he did.

"It just kind of grew on me and I stayed and did the best I could," he said.

Gall and his wife, JoAnn, spend their summers on Higgins Lake and their winters in Florida. He still follows baseball, but not at the high school level.

"Last year I was in Lakeland watching the Tigers," he said. "I went there with my family. They honored the Flint people who were there; we sat in one section. Jim Leyland ended up giving me a Detroit Tigers hat. I've almost worn that out now."



# *Congratulations to the* 1977 Goodrich Boys Golf Team



On Their Induction Into The 2017  
Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame

*We Are Goodrich*



Goodrich Athletic Department



# Class of 2017 INDUCTEE



## 1977 Goodrich Boys Golf Team

By Dan Nilsen

Nobody beat Goodrich High on a golf course in 1977, and few even came close. The Martians won 25 dual meets by an average margin of 28 strokes, ran away with the league meet by 25 shots and took the regional tournament by 17.

They capped their perfect season with a 12-stroke victory in the Class C championship meet, and their team score of 300 set a state-finals record for all classes.

Such domination has earned the 1977 Goodrich boys' golf team entry into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame. They will be inducted at a banquet Dec. 2 at Genesys Conference and Banquet Center.

It's doubtful anyone in the state could have beaten Goodrich that year, and that includes Class A powers like neighboring Grand Blanc. The Martians beat the Bobcats by a stroke in a triangular, and their state finals score was 21 shots better than any other state champion's that year.

"Not bad for a bunch of rag-tag kids from little old Goodrich," said team captain Kevin Troyer.

In truth, the Martians were something more than rag-tag. Many of them grew up playing in the Flint Junior Golf Association, where Troyer later won the 18-hole championship. Goodrich Country Club was a convenient training ground, and the Martians also had the advantage of practicing and playing their home matches at nearby Atlas Valley CC.

Doug Allen was a senior classmate of Troyer's, as was Bob Doyle, a transfer from Davison. All averaged between 38.5-39 strokes for nine holes during the regular season. Juniors Pat McDermitt and Chris Seltzer averaged 40, and sophomore Kipp Owen topped them all at 38.3.

"And think of the equipment we were using back then," Allen noted. "If you had a persimmon driver, that was awesome."

Rob Staudacher, Lary Blahnik, Chip Seltzer and Brad Brigham contributed to the undefeated season and would have been in the starting lineup of many other teams.

Managing this talent was third-year coach John Bishop, an admitted basketball/football man who reluctantly took the golf post when asked by athletic director Bob McNally.

"I didn't think I could do it justice," he said.

But Bishop brought coaching discipline and golf etiquette to the job, once cutting a player for throwing a club.

"I was strict about conduct and dress code," he said. "I told them we were guests at this beautiful club and we wanted to let them know how proud we were to play their course."

Gerry Gath was an assistant coach, and Atlas Valley provided extra instruction from Mark Henrickson, son of the club owner.

"It was great to have their knowledge and ability," said Troyer. "They helped us with grips and swings and course management."

"And the family was gracious enough to let us play that course. That separated us from other programs, to be able to play a quality golf course like that every day."

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### Standing L-R:

***Coach John Bishop,  
Rob Staudacher, Bob  
Doyle, Brad Brigham,  
Lary Blahnik, Doug  
Allen, Kipp Owen***

### Kneeling L-R:

***Pat McDermitt, Chip  
Seltzer, Kevin Troyer,  
Chris Seltzer***



September 26, 2017

Dear Jon,

The University of Michigan Athletic Department and especially the Wolverine football program congratulates you on your induction into the Flint Sports Hall of Fame.

Not only have you been an All-State athlete at Flint's Carman-Ainsworth High School, an All-Big Ten football player at U-M and an All-Pro player with the Philadelphia Eagles in the NFL, you have proven to be a leader for your peers and your community.

We are proud to know that you represented your constituents of Ocean County Pennsylvania as an elected member of the United States House of Representatives and now back with the sport you love as the Vice President of the Policy and Rules Administration for the NFL.

The best part about you is that your athletic skill is exceeded by your character.

We are proud to say that you are a Michigan Wolverine and we know that Flint is proud to honor and call you one of its own.

Again, congratulations!

Sincerely,

Warde Manuel  
Donald R. Shephard Director of Athletics

*Congrats - we are  
very proud!  
A. P. Blue!*

Warde Manuel  
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# Class of 2017 INDUCTEE



## Jon Runyan

It's hard to imagine now, but former All-Pro offensive tackle Jon Runyan spent his first two falls at Carman-Ainsworth High School running cross country.

"He probably ran in the high 18s, and he's huge," long-time Carman-Ainsworth cross country coach Kenn Domesse said.

It's even harder to imagine that the reason he ran with the skinny kids was because his mother was concerned that Runyan, the biggest and most talented athlete in school, would get hurt playing football.

Getting Runyan onto the gridiron was a tough sell. It wasn't until his junior year that his mother finally relented, persuaded that football could be Runyan's meal ticket.

"Most of the lobbying was done by Tim Johns, because he lived not far from me," Runyan said. "He'd stop by every day on his way home after work. He saw me playing basketball in the driveway and kept lobbying.

"It became a point where I haven't technically grown height-wise since I was 16 years old. The skill set I had as a five in basketball wasn't going to transfer very well to Division I basketball, me being 6-8. I had to find another pathway. I did, and it worked out, I guess."

Before Runyan became a football star, he established his name on the basketball court and in the throwing circle during track and field season.

In basketball, Runyan was called up to the varsity early in his freshman season. He spearheaded the birth of one of the Flint area's top programs, as Carman-Ainsworth went 20-0 during the 1991-92 season before losing in the first game of the districts to powerful Flint Northwestern, 57-47.

"We won a couple of Big Nine championships, that's about it," Runyan said. "The year we had a really good team it was us, Northern and Northwestern all ranked in the top seven in the state playing in the same district. That was the best team, and we couldn't handle Northwestern that one year."

Runyan's greatest success as a high school athlete was in track and field. He was the state Class A shot put champion in 1991 and 1992. He was sixth in the discus in 1990 and second in 1992. His discus throw of 178 feet, 1 inch in 1992 would've won the state meet more often than not, but he was beaten by Grandville's Brett Organeck, whose throw of 196-5 was a state-meet record at the time.

Runyan credits his time with Carman-Ainsworth throws coach Mike Stuart for helping him learn how to train, something that served him well as he moved into his football career.

"He taught me how to lift weights," Runyan said. "We didn't have big weight programs on the football team or with the basketball team. Mike made sure you had access to doing Olympic lifts, squats, power cleans, clean-and-jerks, explosive types of lifts you wouldn't get exposed to a lot because a lot of people didn't know how to do it. When you look at ground-based, explosive type stuff, that's what generates into all athletic movements. People thought he taught me how to throw; he taught me how to lift."

Trying to find his way in a new sport, Runyan played tight end and defensive end his junior year at Carman-Ainsworth. Runyan would go on to play at the University of Michigan and for 14 seasons in the NFL, but he received no all-conference mention as a junior.

"Because it was new, you're trying to figure out if you can actually do it, how good you're going to be," Runyan said. "Actually, the sky was the limit, but you have to go in and put the time in."

He moved to the offensive line as a senior, and was deemed good enough by league coaches to make second-team All-Big Nine. He was a first-team selection on defense.

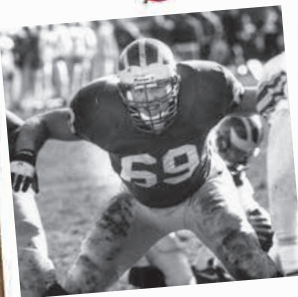
Runyan was an offensive tackle in college and in the pros, making All-Big Ten Conference in 1995 before leaving Michigan a year early to enter the NFL draft. He was chosen in the fourth round in 1996 by the Houston Oilers in the franchise's final year before moving to Tennessee.

Runyan was on the 1999 Tennessee Titans team that lost 23-16 in the Super Bowl to the St. Louis Rams, earning All-Pro that season. He signed with Philadelphia the next season, making another Super Bowl. Again, he was on the losing end of a close game, 24-21 to New England to cap the 2004 season.

"In Tennessee, you had guys around like Bruce Matthews, the left guard on that team who was like in his 13th year in the NFL," Runyan said. "He played 13 years and was going to be a Hall of Famer, and this is his first shot. He went around and said, 'Don't take this type of stuff for granted.' You end up losing probably one of the best Super Bowl games ever to the Rams.

"Five years later, you're back in it against the Patriots and you're the guy saying, 'Don't get too excited. We finally won the NFC championship, but we've still got one more to win.' Then it happened again."

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When passing out accolades for one’s basketball attributes, I can confidently nominate Craig Tucker, who was an “elite player”. In the thirty-three years I was involved in coaching, Craig stands out as a superb guard who always comes to mind when searching for examples of excellence.

After Craig’s stellar High School career where he led Flint Northern to the Michigan Class A state title in 1978, he traveled to Coffeyville Community College in Kansas and earned All American honors in 1979 and 1980. Craig still holds the record for points scored with the Red Ravens in his two seasons of competition. He also won a Gold Medal in Mexico with Team USA at the 1979 “World University Games”.

Craig enrolled as a junior at the University of Illinois in 1980 where he teamed up with Derek Harper to become “the finest pair of guards in the Big Ten”. He was a major factor in leading the Illini to post-season tournaments during both of his years in Champaign. In 1982 as co-captain in his senior year, Craig led the Illini in scoring and soon after was drafted by the New York Knicks.

I congratulate Craig Tucker on his induction into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame. All of the aforementioned accomplishments make him a most deserving selection. Craig was indeed blessed with superior athletic skills but what set him apart was his character. He had the heart of a lion along with a personality that lit up any room. In addition, his selfless love for his teammates is what led them to championship play.

Craig, I thank you for the fond memories. God bless you and your family.

With great love and affection,

Dick Nagy

University of Illinois Assistant Basketball Coach (1979-1996)

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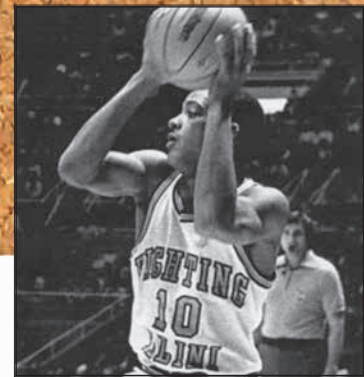
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# Class of 2017 INDUCTEE



## Craig Tucker

Craig Tucker never had to travel far to hone his basketball skills.

As a young man growing up in Flint in the 1970s, opportunities to compete and improve were everywhere.

In the neighborhood schools.

In the various parks around town.

Even in his cousin's basement.

It was in the basement of cousin Trent Tucker that the two aspiring basketball players got their start.

"We'd go in the basement and he had a full court set up where they'd make rims out of cardboard and a hanger," Craig said. "He had them on both ends of the floor. That's how we started playing basketball as little guys, just makeshift rims that he made. So, when I went home, I made one in my house. We used to shoot on curtain rods when we were little. We used to get in trouble for doing that."

When the Tuckers outgrew playing basement basketball, they took their game to the streets.

"I never went to basketball camp," Craig said. "I always played in the parks. The parks were open. That's how me and Trent got the competitive spirit of playing against each other. We never had the opportunity to play with each other. If we played with each other, any high school team we were on would've been undefeated, no doubt."

While Trent Tucker had the most success, playing 11 seasons in the National Basketball Association, Craig Tucker put together an impressive resume in his own right.

Craig led Flint Northern to the 1978 state Class A championship, beating his cousin's Flint Northwestern squad in the regional final and a Pontiac Central team led by another future NBA player, Walker D. Russell, in the title game at Crisler Arena.

Tucker scored a season-high 26 points in the state championship game, earning the game's Most Valuable Player honor. "It was the eye of the tiger, it was our will to win," Tucker said. "That's how we won: we played defense, we played smart. We had a team that in the beginning of the year was not even in the conversation. To come from that to be champions was just a will to win, great coaching, playing hard, playing defense."

Despite leading Northern to a state championship, Tucker wasn't highly recruited by colleges.

It wasn't for a lack of talent — it was for a lack of grades.

"I like to say this to our younger athletes," Tucker said. "Going to school and getting an education is the most important thing before sports, because you cannot play if you don't have the academics. I didn't have the academics to go to a major college after high school."

The only offer Tucker had was from Coffeyville Community College in Kansas. Tucker made the most of the opportunity, both on and off the court. He applied himself in the classroom, earning a 3.4 grade-point average.

He made third-team All-America as a freshman and first team as a sophomore. He scored 1,436 points in 60 career games (23.9 per game), a program record that still stands. One of his teammates was future heavyweight boxing champion James "Buster" Douglas.

He was the only junior college player on the United States' 1979 World University games team that won a gold medal in Mexico City. Among his teammates were Kevin McHale (Boston Celtics) and Jeff Ruland (Washington Bullets).

Tucker's exploits at Coffeyville got the attention of the University of Illinois, which offered him the opportunity to play in the Big Ten Conference. Tucker could've left after his freshman year, but felt loyalty to Coffeyville and played one more season of junior college ball.

At Illinois, Tucker played alongside future NBA veterans Derek Harper and Eddie Johnson, averaging 10.7 points as a junior and 15.5 as a senior.

That led to the possibility of playing on the same team with his cousin when Trent was chosen by the New York Knicks with the sixth overall pick in the 1982 NBA draft and Craig was selected by the same team in the third round.

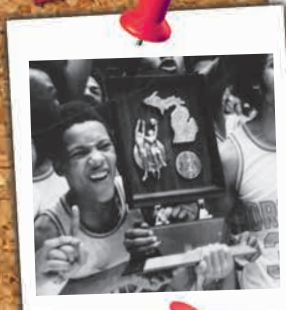
"Unfortunately, I didn't make it," Craig said. "I made it to veterans' camp and ended up being one of the last players cut. Me and Trent never got a chance to get on the court together, even in the summer league."

Tucker had proven himself at every level, but it was difficult for NBA teams to get past the fact he was only 5 feet, 11 inches. "It doesn't matter what size you are, it's what you've got inside," he said. "The will to win, the will to play hard. I had that coming from Flint more than anybody that I ever knew who played in Flint. Nobody — and I quote this — ever had the will to win that I did."

Tucker played in the Continental Basketball Association before retiring from basketball.

These days, Tucker lives in Las Vegas with his wife of 30 years, Paula. Craig and Paula were high school sweethearts.

Tucker is a clinical assistant at a facility that works with recovering alcoholics and drug abusers. "I was on alcohol and drugs at a time during my career," Tucker said. "Now, being 11 years clean, I get a chance to give back what was so freely given to me. That's why I love that. It's all about helping people. I can see people coming in, and I see myself."



# *Congratulations*

## **1983 BURTON ATHERTON GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TEAM**



**On Their Induction Into The  
2017 Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame**



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## 1983 Burton Atherton Girls Volleyball Team

By Dan Nilsen

They weren't very tall but they knew how to play the game.

And they loved it.

What the girls on the 1983 Atherton High volleyball team lacked in size they made up for with sound coaching, relentless defense and a passion for the sport that overcame the odds.

After two years of coming close in the state finals, the Wolverines combined all those traits and experience into a dominant season that culminated in a Class C state championship.

Atherton went 44-2 in the winter of 1982-83, losing only to state-ranked Class A Temperance Bedford twice in a weekend tournament. The rest of the season they beat eventual state champions Wayne Memorial (Class A) and Richmond (Class B) and top-10 teams Warren Cousino, Dearborn Heights Crestwood and Flint Hamady.

Ranked No. 1 going into the Class C tournament, the Wolverines swept past Grand Rapids South Christian in the semifinals and outbattled No. 2 Berrien Springs 11-15, 15-13, 15-6 for the title. It was the first state championship in school history.

"I think it was kind of a silent goal all the way through," said coach Mary Down, a pioneer of Flint-area volleyball who built the Atherton program from scratch. "They knew they were champions and they were good athletes. We played good teams and good tournaments and worked toward a common goal."

The Wolverines had nobody over 5-foot-9, but they did have two-time All-State senior Shannon Voss and All-State junior Colleen Colles, both of whom played outside hitter and setter. Junior Lisa Wilcenski was 5-9, seniors Becky Thronson and Tricia Mitchelson were both 5-7 and senior Teresa Barnett was just 5-6 but had a 21-inch vertical jump. All made the All-Genesee Eight Conference team at one level or another.

"We didn't have the tallest blockers, but we had talented athletes," said Colles. "Even though most of us were relatively short, we had the ability to jump and block. And we were strong at keeping the ball in play."

Backing the starters were Kim Cryderman, a 5-3 senior with a 19-inch jump, and juniors Dee Dee Flemming, Pam Darga and Dawn Friday. Many of the girls had grown up around the sport, some serving as managers for their older sisters' teams. All were recruited early. Colles remembers Down coming into her fifth-grade class to build the program at that level.

The Wolverines also had the support of a strong fan base anchored by the "Boom Squad," a spirited group of boys who yelled "boom" on every Atherton kill.

"They named themselves, bought T-shirts and painted their faces," said Colles. "They would show up at away games. I remember people in the crowd from other teams being impressed."

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### Standing L-R:

***Coach Mary Down,  
Kim Cryderman, Tricia  
Mitchelson, Dee Dee  
Flemming, Teresa Barnett,  
Becky Thronson, Dawn  
Friday***

### Kneeling L-R:

***Lisa  
Wilcenski, Shannon Voss,  
Colleen Colles, Pam Darga***



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I would like to congratulate Mike Austin on his induction into the Greater Flint Area Hall of Fame. Mike is certainly deserving of this great honor. When I think of Mike's career at The Ohio State University, the first thing that comes to my mind is that he was a true student athlete. He was great, not only on the golf course, but also in the classroom, graduating with a 3.5 GPA in business.

Mike was a highly recruited athlete out of high school from the record he established: Mr. Golf in Michigan, two times; High School Champion, two times; All State, two times; AJGA All American Scholar; and six individual titles on the AJGA tour.

While at Ohio State, Mike was a true leader, hardest worker on the team, and very unselfish in his interaction with other team members. He gained respect from his teammates very early in his career and was named captain three consecutive times. He was a four year letter winner, four year OSU scholar/athlete, four year All Big Ten, and two year All American Scholar.

All of us at The Ohio State University Athletic Department congratulate Mike on this great honor.

Go Bucks!

Sincerely,

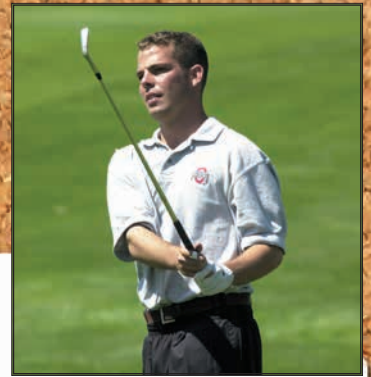
A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Brown". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Jim Brown, Head Golf Coach 1973-2009  
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## Mike Austin

Mike Austin was a University of Michigan fan, but his allegiance to the Wolverines may have been tenuous, at best. "I did my undergraduate degree at Michigan State," his father, Rick, said. "I met my wife at Michigan State. My daughter went to Michigan State — and Mike was a Michigan fan. I don't know if it was just his form of rebellion or what, but he was a Michigan fan." If Austin was merely being contrarian, it made it easier to cut ties with the Wolverines in the most dramatic way possible — he became an Ohio State Buckeye.

When one of the top golf programs in the Big Ten Conference offers a full scholarship, it's best to be practical. "I had an opportunity to go to Michigan on a full ride, but the team at Ohio State was better at the time," said Austin, a 1997 Powers Catholic graduate who grew up in Burton. "Now Michigan has made great strides the last few years and is very competitive themselves. "I think I was a Michigan fan because the whole family was Michigan State fans. That was the Fab Five period; it was easy to get wrapped up in that as a 12-, 13-year-old. I was a Michigan sports fan, but when it came time to choose where to play golf, it was a pretty easy choice."

At Ohio State, Austin was a three-time All-Big Ten selection. As a senior in 2001, he was second by two strokes in the Big Ten tournament to Northwestern's Luke Donald, a former world No. 1 golfer. The Buckeyes fell one stroke short of qualifying for the NCAA tournament that year.

Austin was the team captain his last two years and a two-time academic All-American.

Austin earned his scholarship at Ohio State after a stellar junior and high school career.

He was the state Class B individual champion at Powers in 1995 and 1996. The Chargers never finished worse than second in the state tournament during Austin's four-year career, winning titles in 1993 and 1995 and taking second in 1994 and 1996. "It was a great group of guys," Austin said. "Looking back on it, I was real fortunate to have the team we had around us. That team we had all four years there was great. Great guys to hang out with, too. Those were some of my fondest memories, being on those high school teams."

Austin caught the attention of major college programs by winning five American Junior Golf Association events, including the 1997 Buick Junior Open at the Flint Elks Club.

"Most of your golfers you see on tour are from the south," Rick Austin said. "Not all of them, but the vast majority of them. In order for a boy from Michigan to compete, he has to go south and he has to show the college coaches he can compete with and beat all the southern kids. Just having a good resume from Michigan would not have been enough to have impressed the big-time college coaches." Austin began playing golf when he was 7 years old. It was around the age of 12 that he began to show he had a special talent.

"I played a lot of baseball," Austin said. "We were the kids after school who went to the field and made up any game we could to be active and develop hand-eye coordination. After 13, it was a golf-or-bust kind of thing. I dropped everything else and stuck to the golf clubs."

While Austin had success specializing in golf, he isn't sure that's the best route for a young athlete.

"Looking back on it, knowing what I know now about athletic development, it's a good thing to have an offseason," he said. "Some of these kids are playing year-round. It's important to play other sports, get those other basic skill acquisition parts of your game down." After college, Austin took a shot at playing on the PGA Tour. He played on some mini tours and went to the PGA Tour qualifying school six times, getting through the first stage twice.

In 2004, he received a sponsor's exemption to play in the Buick Open at Warwick Hills Golf and Country Club.

He shot 79 in the first round, carding a double bogey and five bogeys. He rebounded with a 72 in the second round, but missed the cut in a star-studded tournament won by Vijay Singh.

"I still remember every shot like it was yesterday," Austin said. "It was the most nervous I've ever been on the first tee. A great experience, nonetheless."

Austin played four more years of pro golf before quitting abruptly in 2008.

"I just realized I needed a change," he said.

"The first thing I did was take a trip out west. I wanted to be a human again. There were no clubs as part of that trip. I packed a bunch of stuff into a Honda and toured the country. I went and saw a bunch of states I hadn't seen yet. I was gone almost a month."

Jobs in the real world were scarce during the recession of 2008, but Austin eventually landed a sales job in North Carolina. He got back into golf in February 2016 when he became director of instruction at Eagles Landing Country Club near Atlanta.

He no longer plays golf.

"I just haven't had the time or, quite honestly, the inclination to play competitively anymore," Austin said. "In the back of my mind, I'll never get to be at that point again, no matter how much I practice. To play something at a lower level than you once played is a tough pill to swallow. Fortunately, I found a job that got me back in the industry and in touch with the game."





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Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame,

The first time I saw Frank Manley II, it was at a basketball game at Eastern Michigan College in the Late 1950's. Late in that game, against Southern Illinois University, a player on the opposing team sucker punched the Eastern center. Off the bench bolted Frank Manley II to stand up for a teammate. Manley would later say he was just trying *'to rectify the situation'*.

Manley was standing up for a teammate as he would later stand up for the Manley home, friends and so many others for the rest of his life.

He was an outstanding basketball and baseball player at Flint Northern. He would follow that success into college. He was one of the most feared home run hitters at Eastern.

Although he lived in California for many years, his heart was always for Flint and the people in it.

I was proud to call him my friend as many others were too!

**Dean Howe**  
Retired Sports Journalist

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## Dr. Frank J. Manley II

By Greg Tunnicliff

There was no such thing as a day off for Frank Manley II. It didn't matter if he was shooting hoops in Flint Northern's gym or chasing down fly balls on the Vikings' baseball field, he was always going full throttle.

"He was always in the middle of things, performing every night," said Bob Brumback, who played basketball and baseball with Manley at Northern. "You were always happy when he came to the plate or when he drove to the basket." Besides being an All-State performer at Northern, Manley was a two-sport athlete in baseball and basketball at Eastern Michigan University, and he led several amateur teams to city, state and national titles in both sports.

Manley died on May 25, 2015, at the age of 78, and he will be remembered fondly on Dec. 2 when he is enshrined into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame. The induction ceremony will be at the Genesys Athletic Club in Grand Blanc.

"Frank was an outstanding athlete," said Bill Basilius, who played baseball with Manley at Northern. "He had the five skills – hit, hit with power, run, field and throw."

Manley was a standout performer on both the ball diamond and the hardwood for Northern from 1950-54.

The 6-foot, 175-pound guard led the Vikings' hoops squad to three straight City Series and Saginaw Valley Conference titles from 1952-54. As a senior, he led Northern to a 17-4 overall record and runner-up honors in the Class A state tournament.

The Vikings advanced to the state semifinals by upsetting 1953 state runner-up Lansing Sexton, 54-49, in a quarterfinal game. Northern's triumph ended the Big Reds' 19-game winning streak.

The Vikings downed Jackson, 56-49, in the state semifinals before suffering a two-point overtime loss, 43-41, to Muskegon Heights in the championship game before a crowd of 11,835 at Jenison Field House in East Lansing. With the score tied 41-41, the Heights won the game on a pair of free throws with four seconds left by future All-Big Ten Conference performer for the University of Michigan, M.C. Burton.

Manley scored seven points for Northern. The Vikings' captain was not only an All-SVC first-team pick, but he also landed a spot on the Detroit Free Press Class A All-State team.

"He was the leader of the (1953-54) team," Brumback said. "He was the guy that if you needed something done, he was going to do it."

Manley started in right field for Northern's baseball team.

As a junior, he led the Vikings to an undefeated record and a SVC title.

The former Flushing resident was a two-year letterwinner in baseball (1956 and '58), and a three-year letterwinner in basketball (1957-58 to 1959-60) at EMU.

During his two baseball seasons, he helped the Hurons fashion a 24-14 overall record and a 15-12 mark in the Mid-American Conference. He led the nation in home runs with eight in 1958.

Manley scored 565 career points for EMU's hoops squad, including a team-high 267 (12.7 per game) in 1958-59. "He was a selective hitter, and he had one of the strongest arms I've ever seen," said Gerald Moore, who played baseball with Manley at Northern. "He had good baseball knowledge."

Manley competed for several seasons in the amateur baseball and basketball ranks. The right-handed hitter led Fisher Post to the 1952 American Legion state championship, and Kelly Homes to National Baseball Congress and Michigan-Ohio titles in 1956.

He landed a spot on the All-Amateur team from 1955-56 and again in '67.

He led Lacasses Aces to Michigan Open basketball tournament championships in 1956 and '63, and he was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player in '63.

He guided Thome Tire to Michigan Open runner-up finishes in 1961 and '62.

Manley led Ypsilanti Ambulance to the Class AA Ypsilanti/Ann Arbor city league title in 1955, and Roberts TV, Carling Black Label to the Flint Class AA city title in 1967.

Manley received a Ph.D from Western Michigan University, and he worked for several years in the Flint School District as a community school director.

He would later create the Mott Vocational Guidance Program that would visit jails and prisons around the state, and help get ex-convicts jobs and career training.

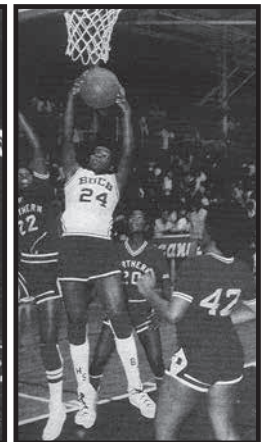
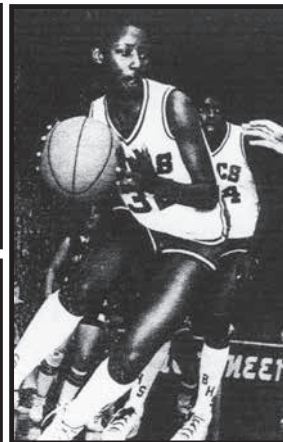
"He was always in great condition," Brumback said. "He was a guy that everybody respected and listened to."



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## *1980 Flint Beecher Girls Basketball Team*



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### On Their Induction Into the 2017 Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame

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## 1980 Flint Beecher Girls Basketball Team

By Greg Tunncliff

If good things come to those who wait, then Beecher's 1980 girls basketball team received the ultimate reward for its long-enduring patience. After suffering double-overtime defeats in the final round of the Class B state tournament the previous two seasons, the Buccaneers' 1980 squad finished the deal, capturing the state championship – the first in Beecher's girls program's history.

"The chemistry was there, and we didn't let up," three-year varsity performer Diana Wiley said. "Our senior year, we did it." Beecher's 1980 team ended with a then-program single-season record 25-2 mark.

The Buccaneers will be honored for their accomplishments on Dec. 2 when they are enshrined into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame. The induction ceremony will take place at the Genesys Conference and Banquet Center in Grand Blanc.

"(GFASHOF) is a big deal," three-year varsity performer Shelly Sparks said. "We worked hard over those three years to finally come home with a championship."

Under the guidance of Dave Hollingsworth, Beecher appeared headed to state titles in both 1978 and '79.

The Buccaneers reached the state championship game in 1978, where they suffered a 59-56, double-overtime loss to Mt. Clemens L'Anse Creuse. It was the first extra-session game, in any class, in girls state finals history.

Beecher advanced to the semifinals the following year and its hopes were dashed again, courtesy of a 52-51, double-overtime setback to eventual state champion Grand Rapids West Catholic.

"When you fall short, it's disappointing," Wiley said. "(Losing in the final round in 1978 and '79) was a learning experience."

Beecher opened the 1980 season with a veteran starting lineup that consisted of four seniors and one junior. Besides the backcourt duo of Wiley and Sparks, the Bucs possessed 6-foot-1 senior center Melody Bridges, senior forward Faye Cotton and junior forward Cassandra Jones.

The Buccaneers, ranked No. 1, fashioned an 18-2 regular-season record and a 14-0 mark in the Big Nine Conference for their third straight league championship.

Both of Beecher's losses were to top-ranked and eventual Class A state champion Flint Northern. The Buccaneers' second defeat to the Vikings, a 57-51 setback in both teams' regular-season finale on Nov. 17 at Northern, would end up being a major turning point for the Bucs.

"It was one of the most thrilling games I've ever played in," Sparks said. "It went right down to the wire. We knew if we could play that close to (Northern), we could take (the Class B state title) home."

Beecher entered the state tournament with a great deal of confidence and captured its first five tournament games by an average of 32.8 points per game. By beating Manistee, 67-47, in a quarterfinal contest, the Buccaneers gained a rematch with Grand Rapids West Catholic in the semifinals.

Beecher got off to a slow start against the Falcons and trailed 10-6 at the end of the first quarter. The Bucs weren't about to go home empty-handed again and went on an 18-2 scoring run to open the second quarter, taking a comfortable 24-12 lead. They were never seriously threatened for the rest of the game.

Wiley scored 12 points for Beecher, which was 25-of-58 shooting (43 percent).

"We said, 'This is our third year, and if we don't get it done, we'll never have this opportunity again,'" Sparks said. "We were not going home crying again."

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### Standing L-R:

Deidre Steele, Manager  
Cassandra Jones, Renee  
Harmon, Rhonda Arthur, Kim  
McClain, Kim Day, Melody  
Bridges, Rhonda Jackson,  
Shawn Jones, Margie Randle,  
Daphne Dixon, Diana Wiley

### Kneeling L-R:

Coach Dave Hollingsworth,  
Faye Cotton  
Not Pictured Shelly Sparks,  
Tina Summers and  
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## ***Flint Central Athletic Department***

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On behalf of Flint Central High School and all Flint Central Indians past and present, it is my pleasure to congratulate our own Bob Holec on his induction into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame. Bob was a teacher at Flint Central for 38 years. He was an assistant football coach for 30 years as well as head baseball coach for 10 years. As baseball coach he compiled a record of 183 wins and 111 losses, the most in Flint Central history. He earned three District Championships, a 1986 Regional Championship and made it to the State Finals also in 1986.

One of Bob's biggest successes and accomplishments was being director of the Flint Baseball/Softball Association. Under his direction the continuation of baseball and softball leagues flourished. He was also responsible for significant upgrading and remodeling at Whaley Park and Broome Park...two Flint treasures.

Bob was baseball coach during my tenure as Athletic Director. A sense of humor, fishing, coaching and teaching defined the life of Bob Holec. However, family has always been #1 with Bob.

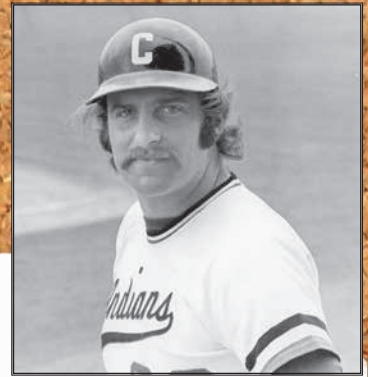
So congratulations Bob Holec for your induction into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame and thank you for all you have done for baseball and softball in the Flint area.

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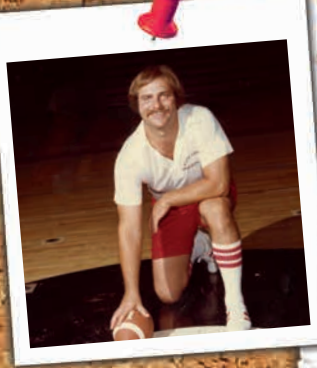
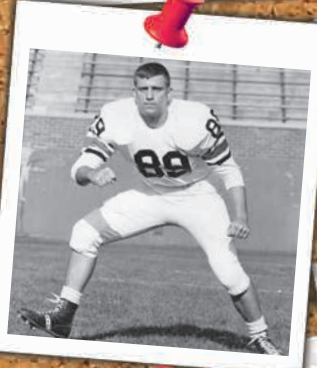
Flint Central High School (Retired)

# Class of 2017 INDUCTEE



## Bob Holec

By Dan Nilsen



Bob Holec always liked playing catcher in baseball.

From his early days in little leagues and the Flint Olympian and CANUSA Games, through high school at Flint Central, on to college at Colorado State and into his years in the Flint City Baseball League, Holec was usually behind the plate. "I liked it," he said. "You're in the game on every pitch. I liked figuring out what pitch to throw next. You're involved in everything. "And I liked getting dirty."

Those traits of leadership and hands-on involvement would serve him well later in life, when he took on the job of preserving baseball in Flint as commissioner of IMA baseball and later the Greater Flint Area Baseball Softball Association.

His induction into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame this year may be based partly on his athletic career, but it's his work as a savior of baseball in his hometown that put him over the top.

"Bob Holec is the driving force keeping baseball and softball viable in the greater Flint area," said Dennis Lazar in his nomination of Holec for GFASHOF consideration.

Holec was a three-sport athlete at Central, where he was an All-Saginaw Valley Conference end and linebacker in football, a 6-foot-1, 205-pound forward in basketball and an honorable mention All-Valley catcher in baseball.

One of his football teammates was lineman Joe Eufinger, who would later coach the Indians for 26 years. Eufinger vaguely remembers Holec coming in as a backup quarterback as a sophomore on the varsity.

"He says he saved our homecoming game," Eufinger said. "There may be a bit of truth in that. I think he might have gone the wrong way on a play and managed to fool everybody and score."

Kidding aside, Holec was good enough to land a full-ride football scholarship to Colorado State, where he also played four years of baseball.

Upon graduation, he returned to Flint to coach both those sports at Central for 38 years, serving as Eufinger's defensive coordinator for 23 years.

"He was an extremely enthusiastic coach," Eufinger said. "Always intense, a fun guy and an outstanding defensive coordinator. The kids loved him.

"He did the pep rallies at school. He was Santa Claus for the teachers' Christmas party. We had great fun."

As head coach in baseball, Holec guided Central to the Class A state semifinals in 1986. He also coached Jim Abbott, a future major league pitcher, and convinced Abbott to play football his senior year.

Along the way, Holec played 15 summers in the City Baseball League and helped Bishop Construction win a national championship in 1975. He was the starting catcher on that team, which was inducted into the hall of fame in 1999.

"He was a good ballplayer," said Roger Foutch, who played against Holec. "Very tough behind the plate. Hard-nosed and a good leader."

Foutch remembered those strengths when the IMA was in search of a new commissioner in 2004. A member of the baseball advisory board, Foutch saw everything the IMA needed in Holec.

"Baseball background, love of the sport, history of baseball in Flint, his work ethic. He was everything you would want in someone that would lead us in baseball," Foutch said. "He knew the people, he knew the system, he coached in it. He was a part of it.

"And he's retired."

That was a good thing, because the job was full-time and then some.

Among his duties, Holec organizes and coordinates the CBL, girls youth softball leagues, 50-and-over softball, 40-and-over Jack Wright baseball, boys youth baseball, the Tom Cole GFABSA Golf Classic, the Greater Flint Area Baseball Tournament, the Len Hoyes All-Star Game, Olympian and CANUSA baseball and softball, and the Vehicle City and Mt. Morris tournaments. He mediates conflicts between teams and coaches, seeks grant money and donations for the non-profit GFABSA, supervises 512 baseball games and 300 softball games at Whaley and Broome Parks, spearheaded refurbishing of both those facilities and reports monthly to the board of directors.

The job started under the umbrella of the IMA but evolved into the GFABSA founded by Foutch, Mott Community College athletic director Tom Healey and others.

"It was good for a while," said Holec. "I had a salary, secretaries. When the IMA gave it up we had to become self-sufficient. Now I'm secretary, treasurer, president, worker of fields, schedule-maker, all in one.

"Sometimes it's not about the money. My big thing was trying to keep tradition in Flint."

So, some 60 years after first putting on a catcher's mitt and squatting behind the plate, Bob Holec is still in the game. Just turned 70, he squeezes in some fly-fishing when he can and works out to stay in shape for his hectic summer job.

"He could have made more money working at the car wash," said Foutch. "But he knew the importance of leadership and guidance. He saw Flint baseball at its peak and he wanted to keep it going.

"Without his leadership, we never could have gotten to the point we're at right now."



## ***Flint Central Athletic Department***

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On behalf of Flint Central High School, I am honored to salute the late Bob Crane on his induction into the Great Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame. As a former athletic director at Flint Central, I understand its history well. From Lynn Chadnois to Clarence Peaks to Herb Washington, Eric Turner and Jim Abbott, our history is rich. Bob Crane is an important part of our history too.

Bob was an all-star pitcher in the late 1940's and all through the 1950's. His pitching prowess started his senior year at Central (1949-50) and continued until his retirement from the game in 1960. Drafted by the Los Angeles Angels (Chicago Cubs AAA) in 1951 Bob played with some of the all-time greats of the game, Ernie Banks, Willie Mays, Chuck Connors and Don Larson to name a few.

An injury hampered his professional baseball career and after being let go by the Cubs, Bob returned home. He began a new career. He started working for General Motors, a path that would last 46 years.

However, he wasn't done with baseball yet. Upon his return in 1954, he joined the Flint City League and played for Greenleys, Drewrys Beer and also Pheiffer Beer. He often led the league in ERA, strikeouts and fewest walks. In his last year of baseball, Bob had an ERA of 1.94.

A complete gentleman and a very humble person, Bob seldom talked about his own accomplishments. He had to be prodded to tell his story of playing against the great Satchel Paige.

After "official" retirement in 1999, Bob devoted his time to coaching, umpiring, and of course to his family. On behalf of the Crane Family and the Flint Central community, we would like to thank the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame for this well deserved honor.

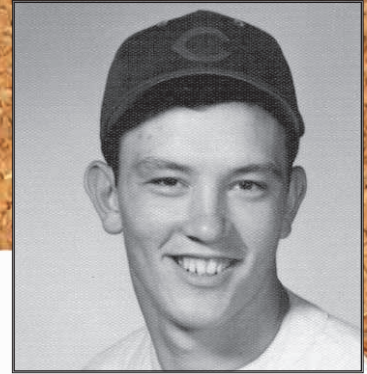
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# INDUCTEE



## Bob Crane

By Dan Nilsen



Bob Crane's kids never could get him to talk much about his brush with fame as a professional ballplayer. Crane spent three years in the Chicago Cubs organization in the early 1950s, climbing as high as the Pacific Coast League before an eye injury ended his career. The Flint Central High graduate then came back home, pitched seven strong seasons in the City Baseball League and raised a family.

His overall baseball exploits have earned him induction into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame this year. Crane, who died in 2010, was selected by the Veterans Committee in the second year of that group's existence.

Crane's daughter, Lori Wright, pieced together all the information she could for the nomination form years ago but got few details from her dad.

"We really had to pick at him," she said. "He was very humble and didn't like to talk about himself. We learned things by listening to him talk with other people or at old-timers events."

The one tale Crane did like to tell was about giving up a tape-measure home run to Willie Mays. It seems Mays had homered three times the night before, and Crane's manager specifically ordered him to walk the slugger every time on this night.

But Crane, thinking he could get Mays out, shook off the catcher's sign and gave up a 450-foot homer on the first pitch. "When he got back to the dugout, his manager said, 'That'll be a \$5 fine,'" related Rob Crane, Bob's son.

"He never bragged about himself, so when people asked him to tell a story, that's the one he told."

Bob Crane was actually a strong, 6-foot-1, 190-pound right-hander, pitching three years on the Central varsity and losing just one game. In 1949 he won the prestigious Kiki Cuyler Award as the most outstanding player in the American Legion State Tournament.

In February 1951, he signed with the Los Angeles Angels, then a minor-league affiliate of the Cubs. Crane started out with the Visalia Cubs in the Class C California League, where he went 11-12 with a 4.60 earned-run average in 1951.

The next year, a 19-15 record and 3.41 ERA earned him a late-season promotion to the Angels. At 19, he was 12 years younger than the average age of ballplayers in the PCL. Among his teammates was 31-year-old Chuck Connors, who would soon go into acting and become "The Rifleman."

Speaking of rifles, Crane could bring it. There were no radar guns back then, but his fastball was estimated at 95-100 mph.

"All I know is I saw it leave his hand and heard it hit the catcher's mitt, and never saw the ball in between," brother Bill Crane once told Lori.

Crane was back in the California League with Stockton in 1953, but that would be his last pro season. Working in a Flint plant after the season, a piece of metal cost him the sight in his right eye.

"My uncles worked with him to try to get his aim back, but he couldn't locate the ball like he used to," said Lori. "There was also concern that he wouldn't be able to cover first base on a bunt."

Crane had no such problems in the Flint City League. From 1954-60, he went 54-22 (.711), sharing or leading the league in victories in 1955, '57 and '58. He was the league ERA leader in '55 and '58 and led the league in strikeouts three times. Twice he permitted the fewest walks. His ERA in his final year was 1.94.

Crane then focused on his family, getting his kids into sports and coaching Lori's Flint Olympian softball team.

"He was very knowledgeable, naturally, and he was there for everybody, not just his daughter," said Lori. "If somebody wanted to stay and practice extra, he'd do it. Even if you weren't the best player, he'd find a place for you. He'd find what you were good at and put you there."

Rob pitched at Davison High, Mott Community College and in the City League. One year in the summer league, Bob served as first-base coach for his son's CBL-West team. On a night when only eight players showed up, the 50-year-old Crane stepped up to help.

"He played first base, in a game I was pitching," his son fondly remembered.

The Crane kids sometimes wonder what life would have been like had their father made the majors. With Rob now in Washington state and another sister in Cleveland, the topic comes up whenever they get together.

"We would have lived in Chicago, or maybe New York if he got traded," said Rob. "What if he had been a Tiger? That was our team."

"I'm still very proud of what he did. And I appreciate the hall of fame for this induction. When Lori called me and told me he was in ...

"It was pretty emotional."

## The Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame Female High School Athlete of the Year (2016-2017)

# *Meredith Norris - Corunna High School*

Meredith Norris of Corunna High School is the Female Athlete of the Year for 2017. Meredith accomplished an amazing record in her four years at CHS capped by her selection as Miss Volleyball for the State of Michigan in 2016-2017.

Meredith was 1st team All-Conference and All-Region all 4 years of her high school career as well as being the team captain those years. She was 1st Team All State in the 10th, 11th and 12th grades as well as securing a place on the Lansing State Journal Dream Team those 3 years. She was the Journal's Player of the Year her Junior and Senior years.

National Honors were also accorded to Meredith. She was on the USA Today High School Preseason All-USA, Prep Volleyball's #25 Senior Ace (ranked 25th in the country), Max Preps Player of the Week and on the Under Armour All-American team. Meredith is 2nd in the MHSAA record books for career kills and holds the MHSAA record for kills in a match. Meredith participated in the Olympic Developmental Program and was named to the All-Tournament team in 2016.

Capping her volleyball career, she was selected as the MLive Player of the Year and the Flint Kiwanis Club's Female Scholar Athlete of the Year for 2016-17. Rounding out her athletic career, Meredith was All-Conference Track and Field her Freshman, Sophomore and Junior years.

Meredith also contributed to her high school in ways beyond athletic participation. She was a member of the Student Council throughout her high school career, a member of the National Honor Society, represented Corunna High School in the MHSAA Women in Sports Leadership Conference and was a regular volunteer in basketball and volleyball camps. She was 7th in her graduation class with a 4.12 GPA.

Meredith is the daughter of Dr. Robert Norris and Nicole Norris. She will attend Michigan State University on a volleyball scholarship.

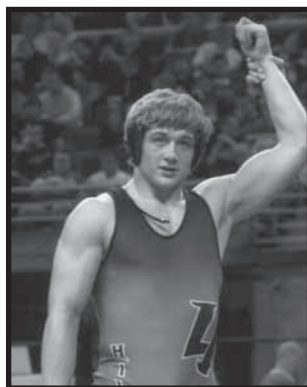
- Miss Volleyball for the State of Michigan in 2016
- 1st team All-Conference and All-Region all 4 years of Meredith's high school career
- All-State in 2015, 2016, 2017
- Lansing State Journal Dream Team in 2015, 2016, 2017
- Lansing State Journal Player of the Year in 2016 and 2017
- USA Today High School Preseason All-USA
- Prep Volleyball #25 Senior Ace (25th in the country)
- Max Prep Player of the Week
- Under Armour All American
- 2nd in Michigan High School Athletic Association record book for career kills
- MHSAA record for kills in a match
- ABC 12 Athlete of the Week
- Flint Kiwanis Club Female Scholar Athlete of the Year
- Outstanding Female Athlete for Corunna High School in 2016-2017
- All-Tournament team member on Olympic Developmental Program
- Student Council member all 4 years of her high school career
- National Honor Society member
- Represented Corunna in the MHSAA Women in Sports Leadership Conference
- 7th in her graduating class with a 4.12 GPA



## The Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame Male High School Athlete of the Year (2016-2017)

# *Trent Hillger - Lake Fenton High School*

- All-League and All County in football all 4 years of high school
- All-State in football his final 3 years
- Tri-County Times Player of the year as a Junior and Senior and was on the Flint Journal Dream Team both years
- Second in the League, District, Regional competition as a wrestler and finished 4th in the State as a freshman
- Won championships in wrestling as a Sophomore at the League, County, District and Regional levels and was the State Champion
- In his Junior year he won championships at all levels and he repeated as State Champion and was the Tri-County Times Wrestler of the Year
- As a Senior, Trent again won championships at all levels, was again the Tri County Times Wrestler of the Year, was on the Flint Journal Dream Team and received Athlete of the Year from two local service groups
- USA Wrestling Magazine High School Dream Team
- In the Pittsburg All-Star Classic, the premier wrestling competition in the United States, pitting Team Pennsylvania vs. the #1 Seniors in the country, Trent (#1 in USA) defeated the national #3 competitor in his weight division
- Finished high school with a 3.97 GPA ranking 6th in his class
- Member of the National Honor Society
- Member of Young Life
- Involved in several service projects aiding the poor and needy in his community



Trent Hillger of Lake Fenton High School is the Male Athlete of the Year for 2017. Words don't do justice to the record of accomplishment Trent established in football and wrestling in a four year span at LFHS. In football he was both All-League and All-County all 4 years of his participation. He was All-State his Sophomore, Junior and Senior years. He was the Tri-County Times Player of the Year as a Junior and Senior and was on the Flint Journal Dream Team as a Junior and Senior.

The record in wrestling is equally impressive. As a Freshman, Trent placed 2nd in the League, District, Regional tournaments and finished 4th in the State Tournament achieving All-State honors. As a Sophomore, he won championships at the League, County, District and Regional levels with a crowning achievement as the State champion. In his Junior year, he repeated as State champion and was the Tri-County Times wrestler of the year. As a Senior, Trent again won championships at all levels, was again the Tri-County Times wrestler of the year, was on the Flint Journal Dream Team and received the Rotary and Kiwanis Scholar Athlete of the year. His final high school record in wrestling was 241-8 and, he was undefeated in his last 3 seasons.

Trent's record in the classroom and in outside activities is equally stellar. He carried all A's his entire school career from 1st - 12th grades. His final GPA was 3.97. He finished 6th in his class and was a National Honor Society member since his Sophomore year. He was active in a school marketing class raising a variety of farm animals and won Grand Championship in the process. Finally, Trent was involved in Young Life and was a volunteer delivering goods to the needy and clothes to local family shelters.

Trent is attending the University of Wisconsin on a wrestling scholarship. His parents are Sue and David Hillger.

The Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame  
High School Coach of the Year - 2017

*Larry Ford II*  
*Flushing High School - Girls Varsity Basketball*

Born and raised in Flint, Michigan the son of Larry and Nancy Ford graduated from Flint Hamady High School in 1977, where he played both football and basketball. After a year of college basketball at Alma College, Coach Ford transferred to Spring Arbor College and earned his bachelor's degree in Human Resource Management.

Larry Jr. began his coaching career in 1993 coaching both boys and girls youth AAU teams. In 1996 he was offered and accepted a varsity assistant coaching position with the Flushing girls program. In 2004, he took over the reins as Head Coach of the Flushing Lady Raiders basketball team.

In his 13 seasons as head coach, he has never had a losing season, compiling 230 wins against only 67 losses while winning 8 League titles, 6 district titles and 2 regional titles before this past season when his Raider team won the greater Flint area's first girl's Class A State Title since 1995.

Coach Ford and his wife of 35 years, Anita reside in Flushing and are the proud parents of daughter Erica and son Larry Ford III.

Our sincere congratulations to Coach Ford along with his players, staff, parent volunteers and the entire Flushing Raider community.



*Ben Roof A-Frame Awards Scholarship*

**KAMRYN CHAPPELL**



Kamryn Chappell is the recipient of the 2017 Ben Roof A-Frame Awards \$1,000.00 Annual Scholarship. Kamryn was nominated by 2017 Greater Flint Area Coach of the Year Larry Ford, Varsity Basketball coach at Flushing High School.

Kamryn graduated from Flushing High School in 2017 earning High Academic Honors with a 3.7 grade point average while also earning 4 varsity letters in basketball and 3 in soccer. A key contributor in both sports, she earned all-conference honors in basketball while helping the Flushing Girls program win their first state title last March and was voted team MVP in soccer while earning all-district honors in that sport!

Kamryn will be heading to Tennessee in the fall to play soccer at the University of Tennessee-Martin while also majoring in early childhood education, with plans to become an elementary school teacher. The generous Ben Roof A-Frame Awards scholarship will certainly be helpful in assisting Kamryn reach her goals. Our sincere congratulations to parents Scott and Trina Chappell and best wishes to Kamryn for her continued success.

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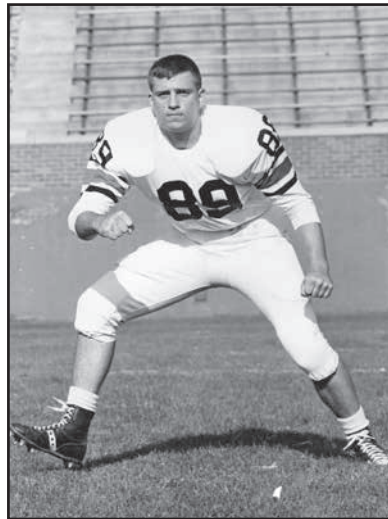


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**Tom Smith 1980**  
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**Paul Krause 1980**  
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 Star at Iowa, 16 Years in NFL  
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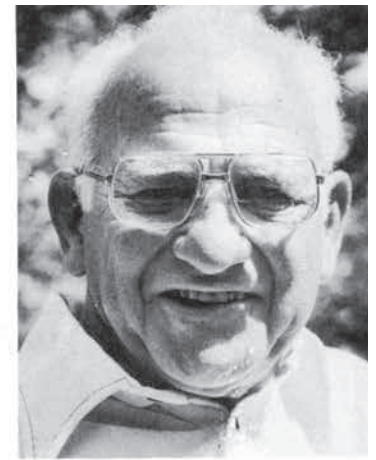
**Merv Rettenmund 1981**  
 Southwestern H.S.-Ball State  
 Univ. Played in 4 World Series  
 During 13-Year Career



**Frank Szczepanski 1981**  
 Special Service Award for  
 Charity efforts through bowling  
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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



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Flint Northern Multi-Sports Star,  
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NFL Standout-Defensive End



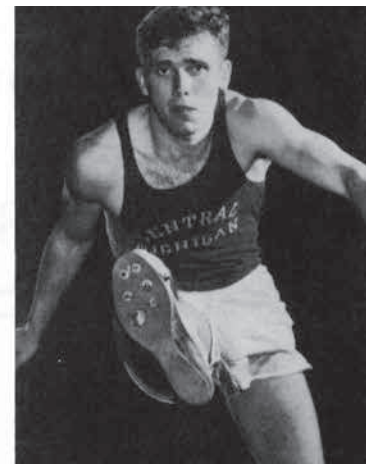
**Everett A. Cummings 1982**

Special Service Award for  
Leadership in Developing  
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**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



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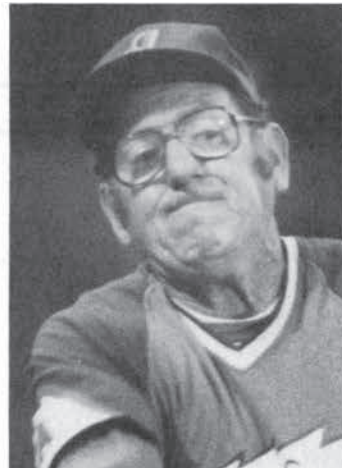
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**Bob Rowe 1983**  
Flushing High Star  
W.M.U. Lineman of the Year  
NFL All-Pro St. Louis Cardinals



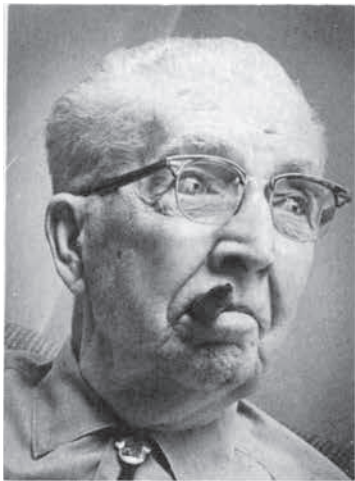
**Pam Stockton Brady 1983**  
Southwestern H.S., 24 National  
Badminton Junior Championships, 16  
National Adult Titles



**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



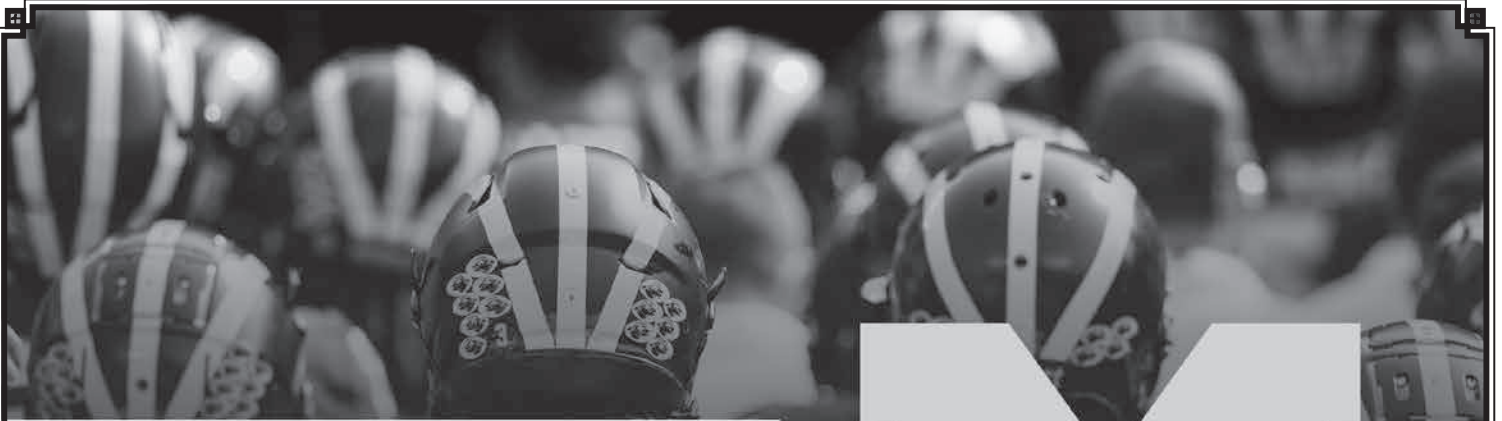
**Howard Gilroy 1984**  
Bowling Great 4-300 games,  
more than 90-700 Series. His  
803 series was best in 37 years.



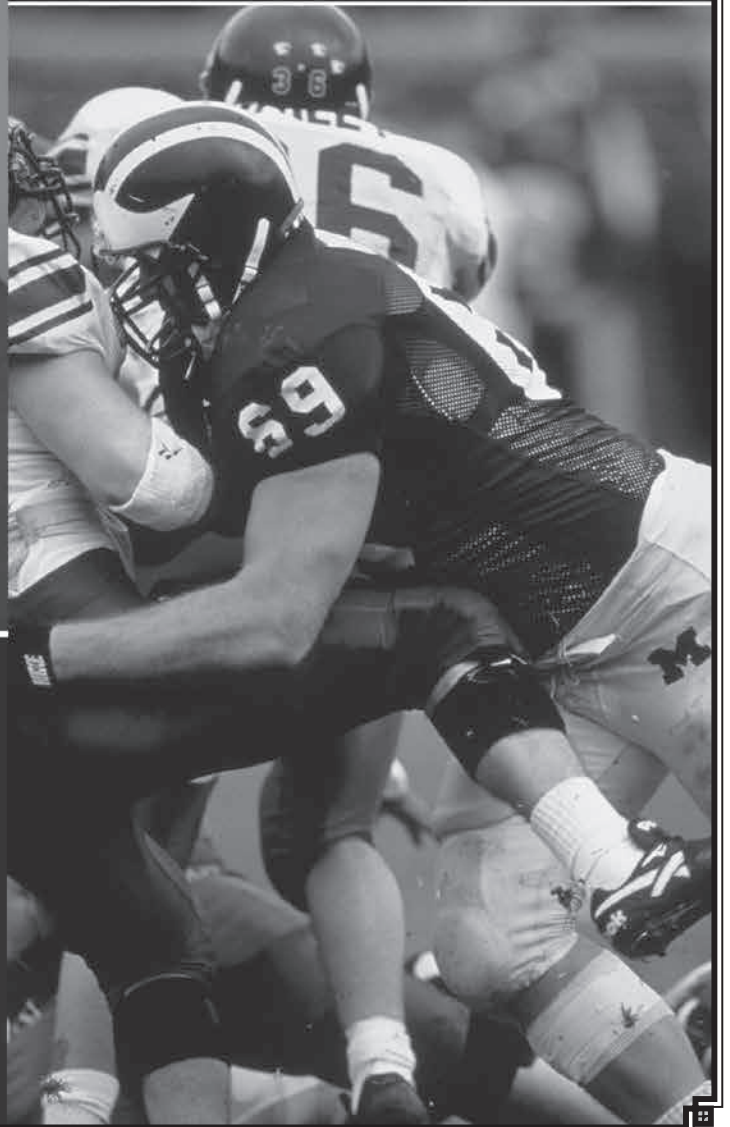
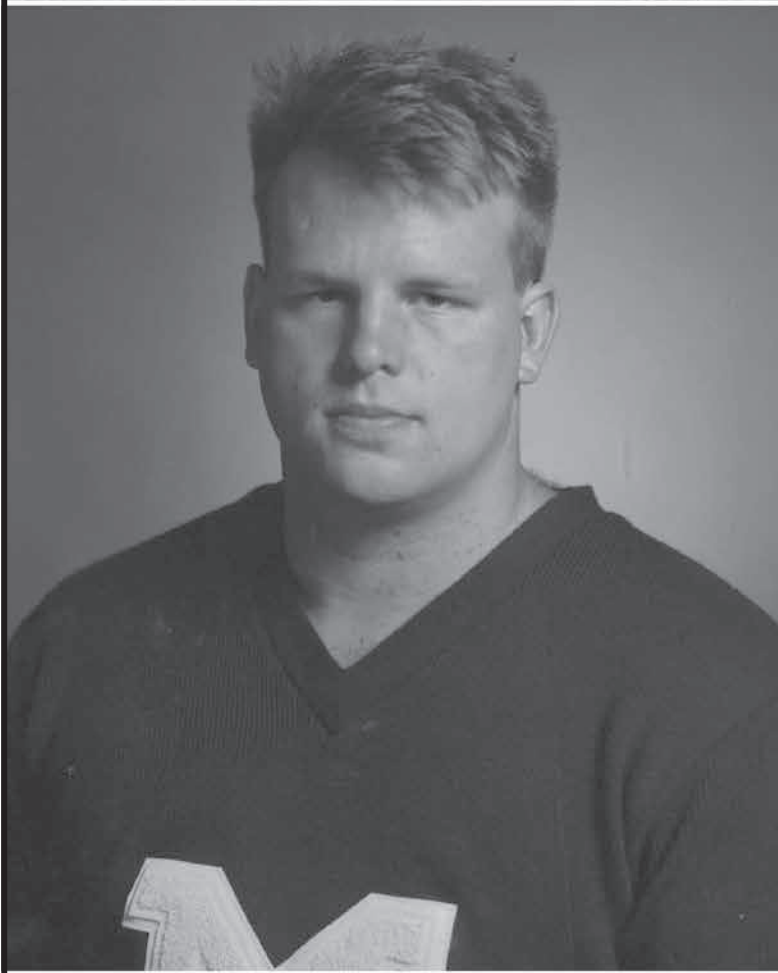
**Peg Hammond 1984**  
Eight-Time City Singles Champ  
Tennis, Mott Foundation Sports  
Teacher in Tennis & Badminton



**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



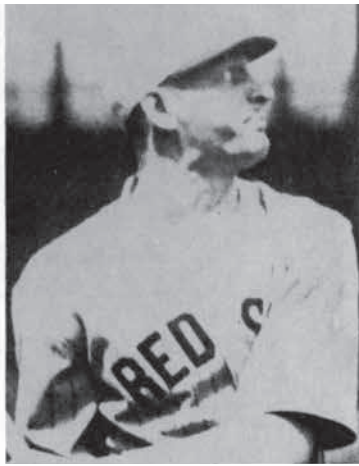
**Nap LaVoie 1985**

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



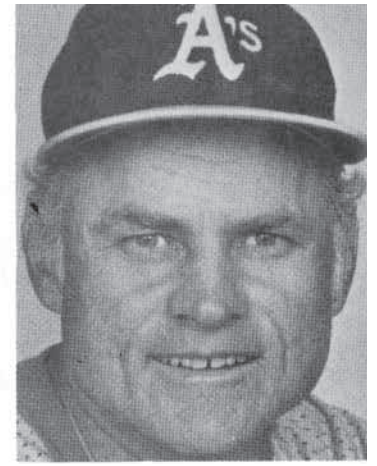
**Mike Menosky 1985**

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



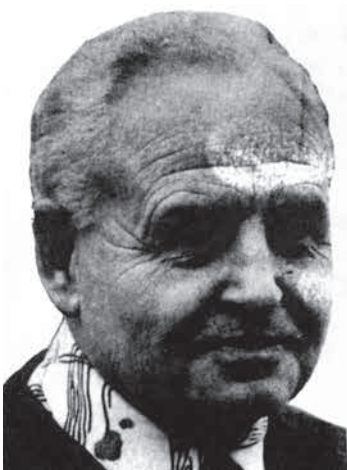
**Leroy Bolden 1985**

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



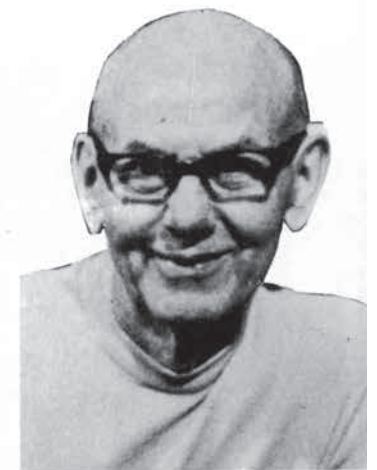
**Jeanette Robinson 1986**

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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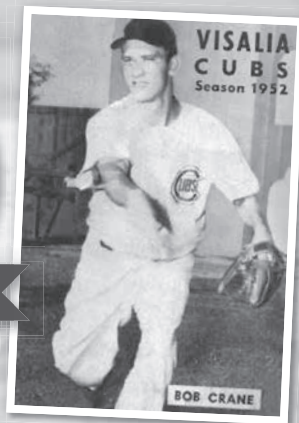
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**Norb Badar 1986**

Track, Cross Country Coach  
Northern, 33 Yrs, 4 State Titles,  
Coach of Year Nine Times



**Ellis Duckett 1986**

Northern 2 Time All State  
Halfback MSU Star Played in  
1959 Rose Bowl



**Sophie Kurys 1986**

Record Setting Star in American  
Girls Baseball League-1943  
Stole 200 Bases in one season



**Ted Prichard 1987**

Pitched Minor League Baseball  
Was 21-6 for Elmira, N.Y., City  
Rec. Director 1937-1942



**Jerry Rideout 1987**

Special Service Award as "Mr.  
Buick Open" Golf Tournament,  
Dir. of P.R. at Buick



**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



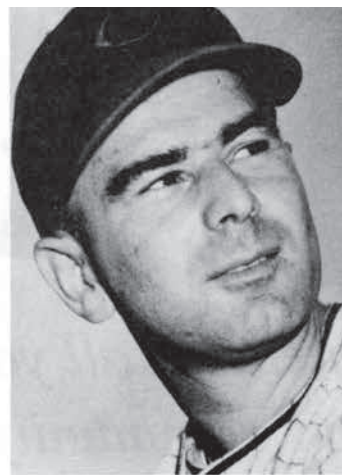
**Jo Lake 1987**

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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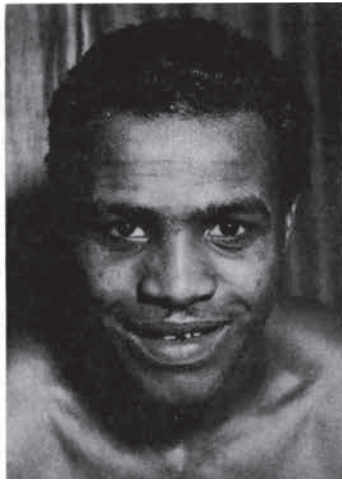
Tom Skinner  
Bruce Stiff  
Eric Smith  
Steve Manville

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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

# **Congratulations to Commissioner Bob Holec for a job well done.**

Chuck Abraham  
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**Ken Morrow 1990**

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



**Al Johnson 1990**

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



**Jock Leslie 1990**

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



**Mike Gorman 1990**

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



**Bob Harvey 1990**

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



**Reggie Williams 1990**

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



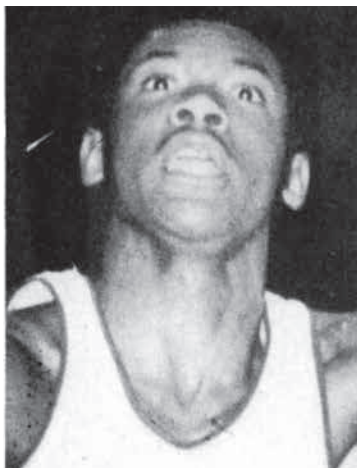
**Bart Markel 1990**

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



**Dennis Johnson 1991**

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



**Terry Furlow 1991**

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



**Ron Pruitt 1991**

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



**Bobby Crim, Lois Craig 1991**

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



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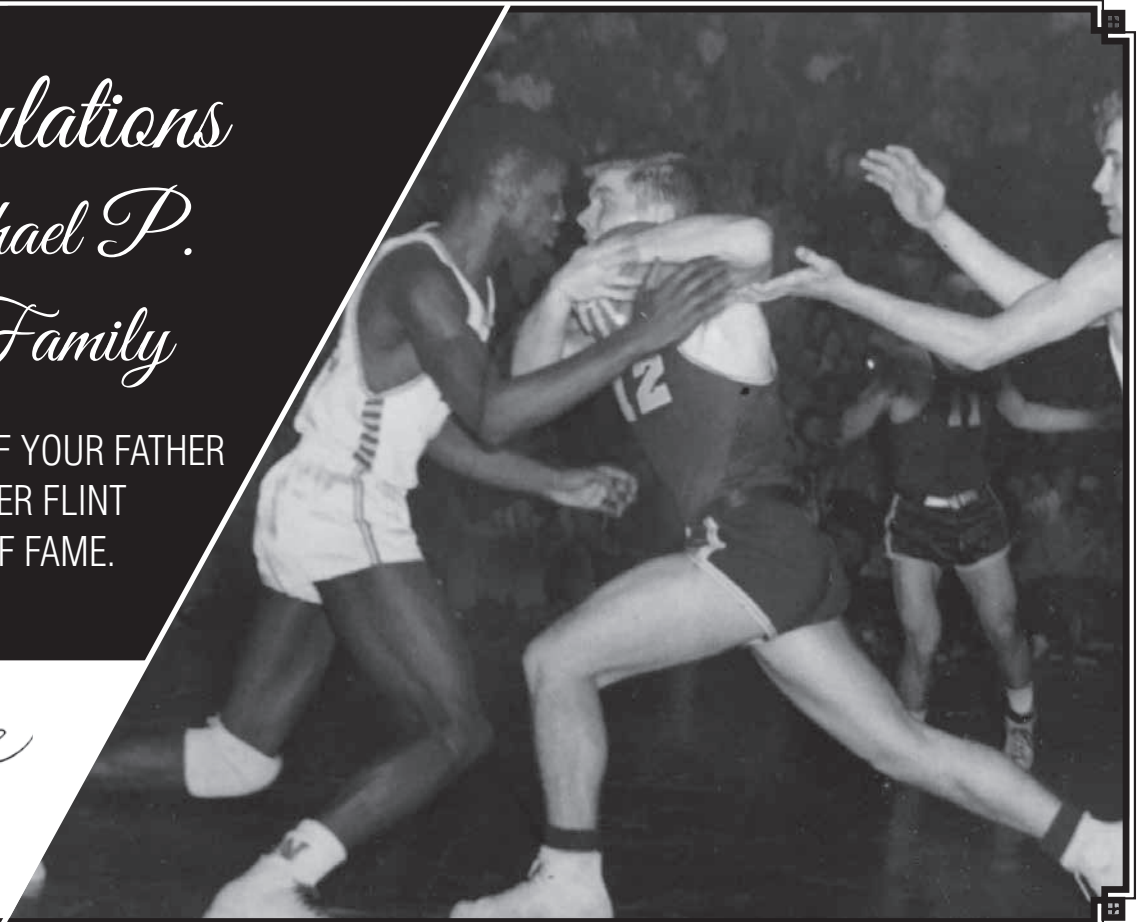
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**Andy McDonald 1991**  
Northern QB & Head Coach  
C.M.U. All American NFL  
Asst. Coach, Northern Arizona



**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



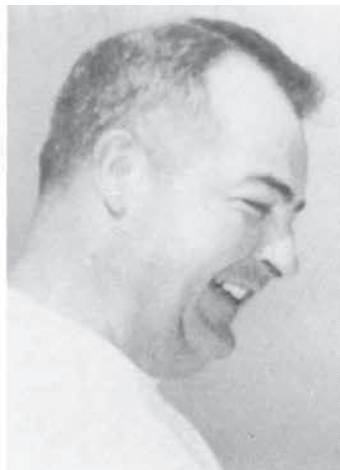
**George Guerre 1992**  
Central-Outstanding in Football  
MSU Standout Halfback, played  
in North-South All Star game



**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 Endurance  
Bicycle Racing



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



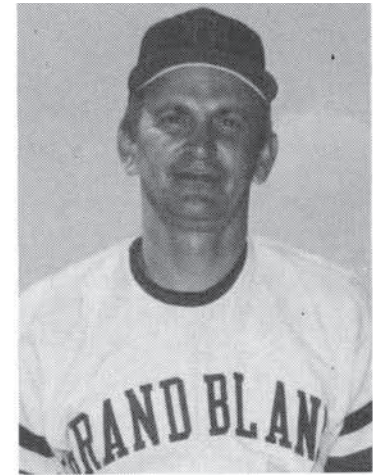
**Herb Odom 1993**  
Northern H.S. Won  
State Golden Gloves  
MSU-Won NCAA Boxing Title



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



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



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



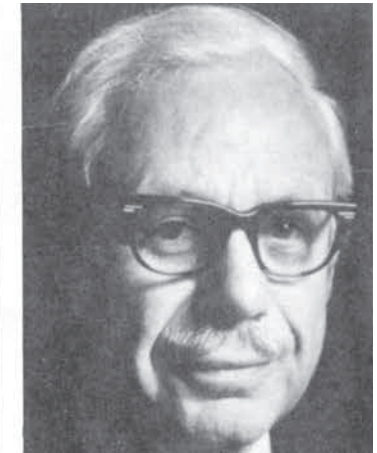
**Cotton Goodell 1994**  
One of Flint's fastest ever Baseball  
Player, Minor League Standout,  
Record 31 H.R.s in 1940



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



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



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

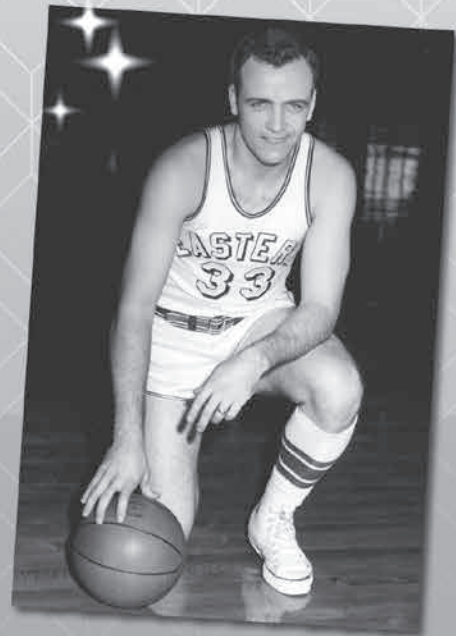
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1977 Goodrich Boys Golf Team  
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1983 Burton Atherton Volleyball Team



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**Jack Petrill 1995**  
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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



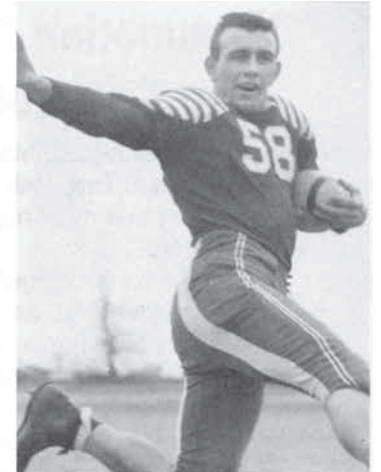
**Justus Thigpen 1995**  
Northern basketball M.C.C. All Conf  
2 yrs Weber State 1st Flint  
Player NBA



**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



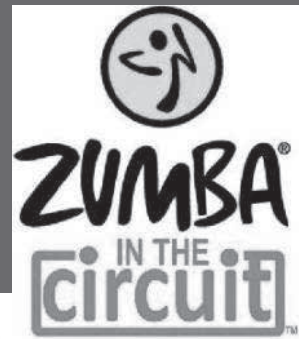
**Art Johnson 1996**  
Northern All State Halfback  
MSU Star, Avg. 7 yds per carry  
CFL All Pro, Rookie of the Year



**Harvey Ethier 1996**  
Special Service Award for  
Dedication to Parochial Athletics  
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*A Look  
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Mali Walton



Letitia Hughley



Rick Daly, Chris "Rooster" Daly  
& Kathy McGee



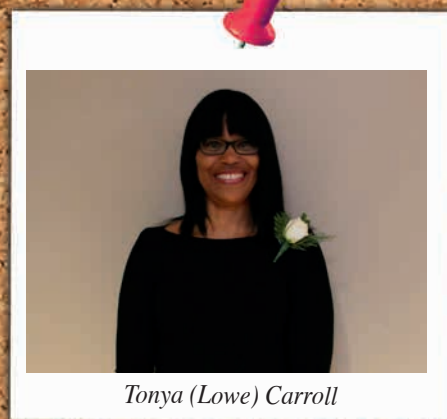
Morris Peterson and Margaret Daly



Class of 2016 inductees and their representatives



Members of the 1977 Grand Blanc Boys Cross  
Country Team: Asst. Coach John Riek, Mark  
Mesler, Ed Stanbury, Dale McKim, John Robins,  
Al Stefanski, Tim Hinterman & Rick Brochu.



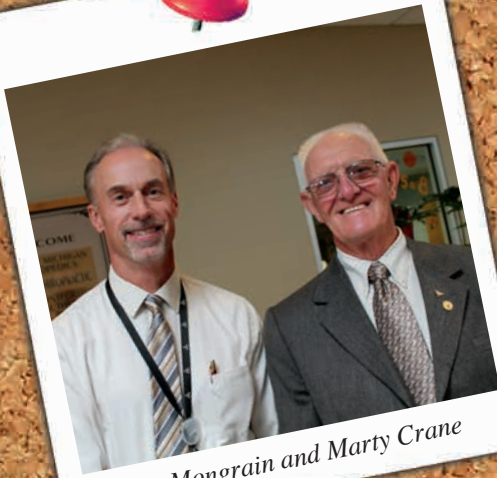
Tonya (Lowe) Carroll



Walt Head



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Beecher Girls Basketball Team



Ann-Margret Manley, Margaret Daly & Mike Manley



Kenn Domerese & Cathy North



Jake Brisendine, Virginia  
Hamilton Riggs & Dean Howe



Lori Wright (daughter) and  
Nathan Behlen (grandson)  
representing Inductee Bob Crane

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Ron Williams, Kathy McGee & Rick Austin



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Tom Yeotis, Sean Croudy & Craig Coney



Mark Christenson, Judi Niles, Kevin Troyer & Gary Niles



Tiara Berry for Melody Bridges, Diana Wiley, Shelly Sparks & Tina Summers representing the Flint Beecher Girls Basketball Team



Betsy Hetu, Inductee Bob Holec, Alex Hetu & Landon Fisher



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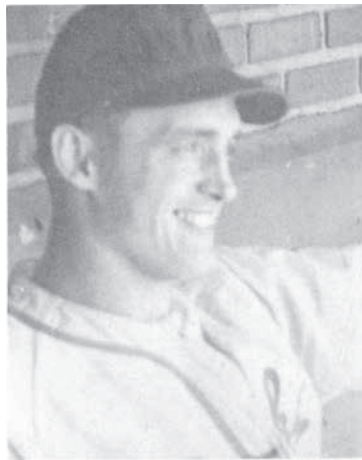
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**Ed "Shorty" Pearce 1998**  
Northern Two-Way Star-led Sag. Valley Conference in scoring-1935 MSU Played in Orange Bowl



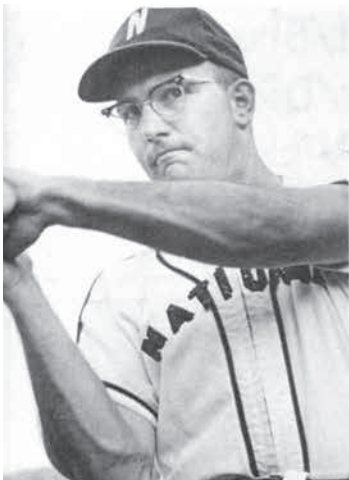
**Edward Novak (Nowaczyk) '98**  
St. Mary. Led Team to State Basketball Title. Played in Minors Tigers & Giants organizations.



**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



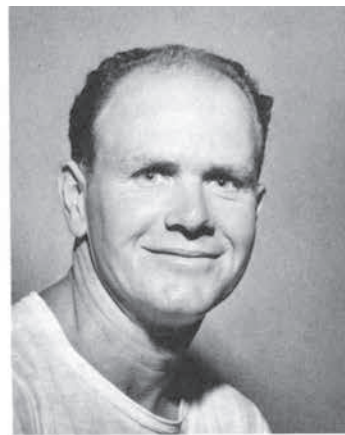
**Paul Staroba 1999**  
St. Matthews H.S. 3 Sports All State, U of M-Led Big Ten in Punting NFL-Cleveland Browns



**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 COACH LARRY GALL

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## CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS

- ❖ 10 Metro and Big Nine Championships
- ❖ 6 District Championships
- ❖ 2 Regional Champions
- ❖ 1981 Class A State Runners-Up
- ❖ 3 Greater Flint Tournament Championships
- ❖ 1976 Class A #1 Final Ranking
- ❖ 1981 Class A #1 Final Ranking

## INDIVIDUAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ❖ 1979 Class A Coach of the Year
- ❖ 1981 Class A Coach of the Year
- ❖ Coach 1982 Michigan H.S. All-Star Game
- ❖ Assist. Coach 1984 Michigan H.S. All-Star Game
- ❖ Michigan H.S. Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame 1989
- ❖ Carman-Ainsworth Athletics Hall of Fame 2002



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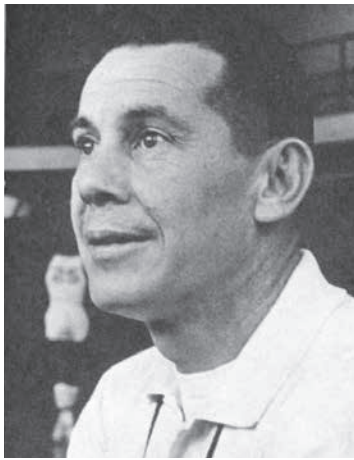
## SPECIAL THANKS FROM FORMER PLAYERS

Ted Beede '74-75  
Steve Cushman '76-77  
Will Ogle '76-77  
Tom Pougnet '77-78-79  
Dan Larke '78-79-80  
Al Oppenheiser '79-80  
Eric Gall '81-82  
Christopher Cole '84-85

*"Well-deserved for a great coach. Privileged to have played for you, Coach. Best wishes to you and your family while enjoying this honor."* - Christopher Cole

*"Coach was a big influence on my life. Very grateful!"*  
- Dan Larke

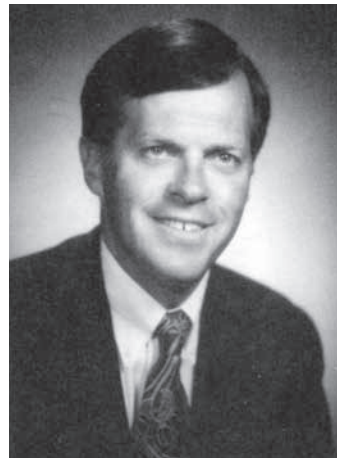
*"Happy to see Coach Gall is being inducted into GFASHF. Well deserved!"* - Tom Pougnet



**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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**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



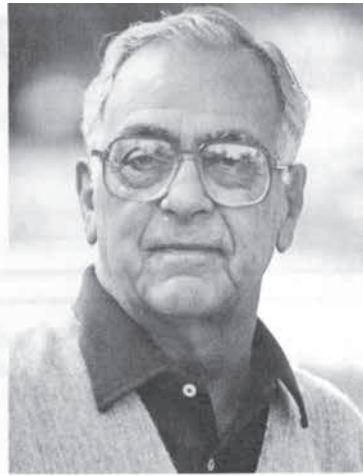
**"Bud" Brotebeck 2001**  
Central Basketball & Baseball  
W.M.U. 3 Letters, Played  
in College World Series



**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



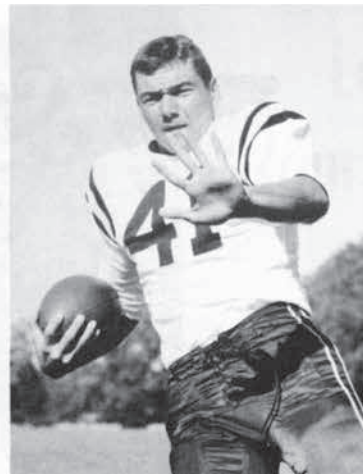
**Len Hoyes 2001**  
Special Service Award for  
Lengthy Service to Area Sports.  
Past Journal Sports Ed.



**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

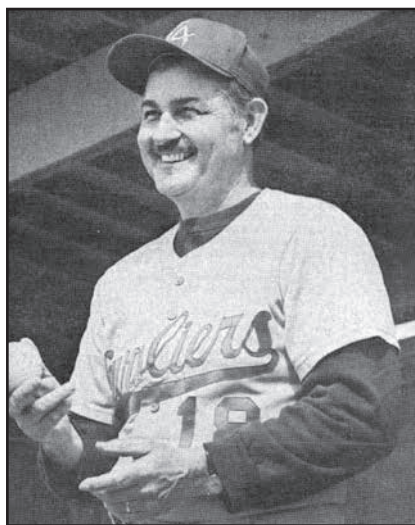


**Carl Banks 2002**  
Beecher H.S. Football  
MSU All Big Ten, 2 Pro Bowls  
SuperBowl with Giants

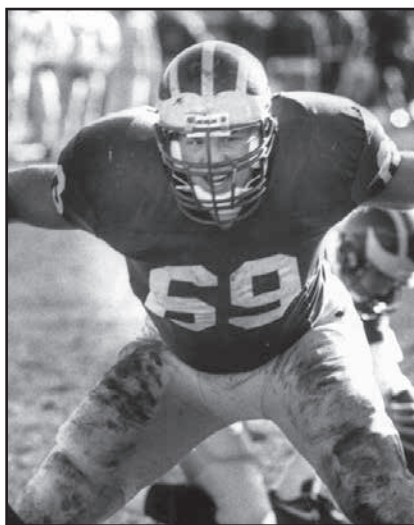


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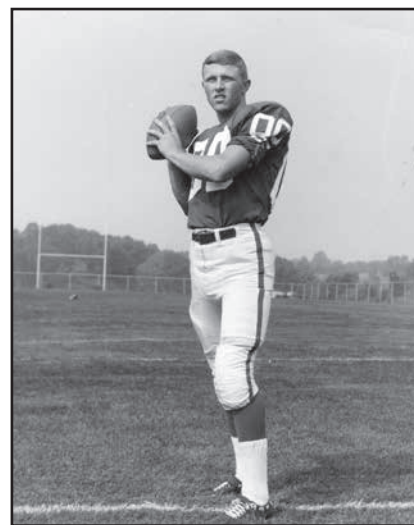
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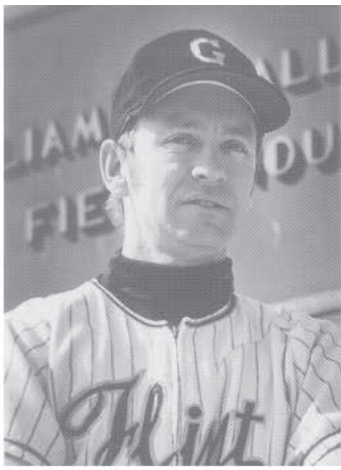


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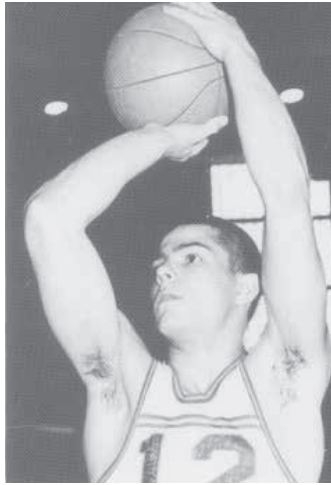


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*on their induction into the  
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**Ernie Myers 2002**  
Northern & U of M Baseball  
Mott Coach Won 359 Games  
Coached Dutch Nat'l Team



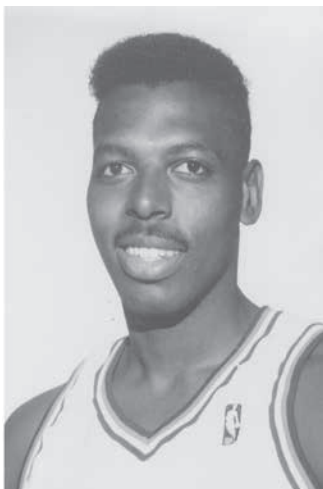
**John Sperla 2002**  
St. Matthew & W.M.U. Star  
Area Single Season Scoring  
Record 2 State Class D Titles



**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



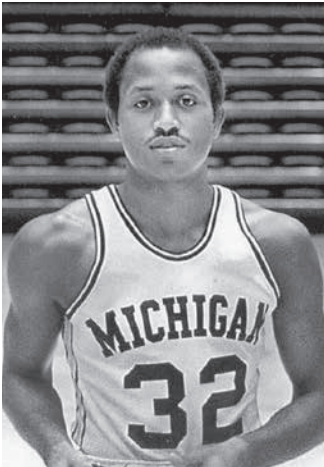
**Erwin Ketzler 2004**

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



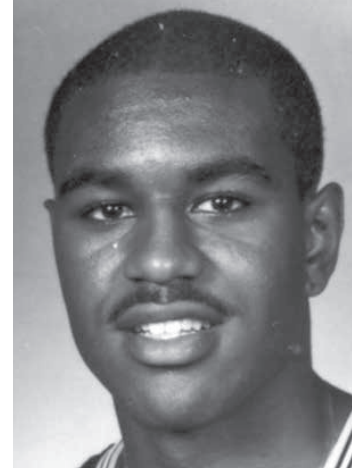
**Wayne Van Slyke 2005**

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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Thank you for your years of service to the  
Greater Flint Area Baseball Softball Association**



**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.  
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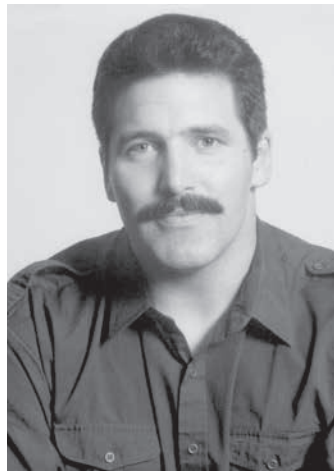
**Jack Doering 2006**

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



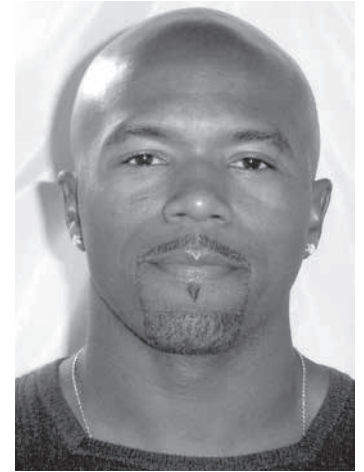
**Dick Daly 2006**

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



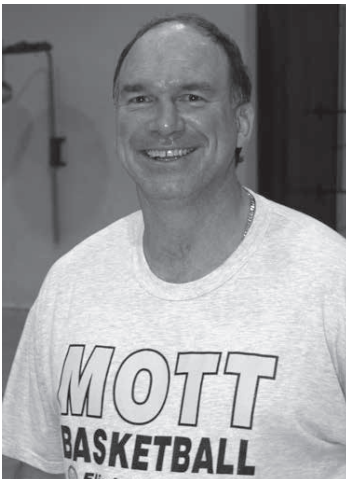
**Courtney Hawkins 2006**

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



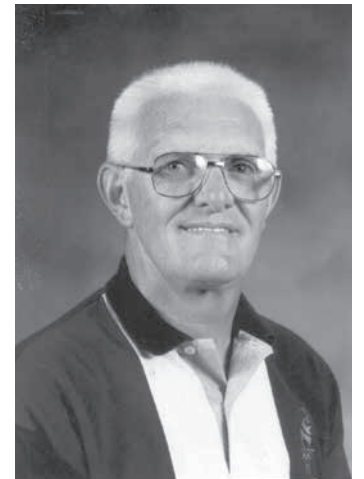
**Steve Schmidt 2006**

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 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Round Draft, Seattle Seahawks  
Receiver

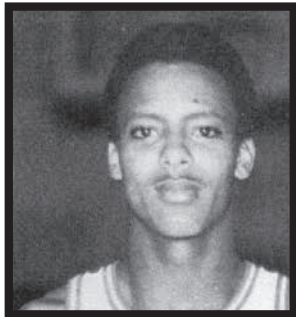


**Marty Crane 2006**

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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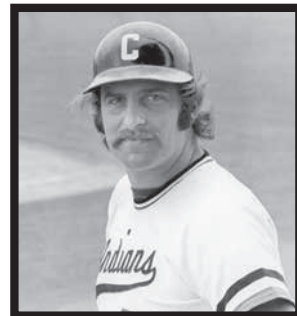
**Craig Tucker**  
Northern



**Dr. Frank J. Manley II**  
Northern



**Bob Crane**  
Central



**Bob Holec**  
Central

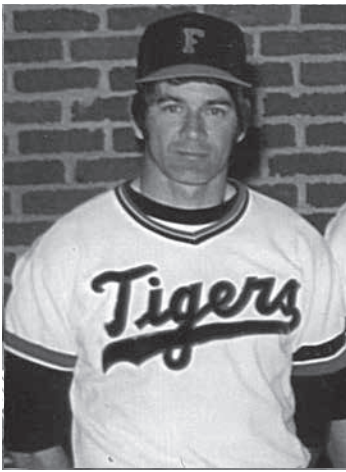


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**Bill Hajek – 2007**

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.



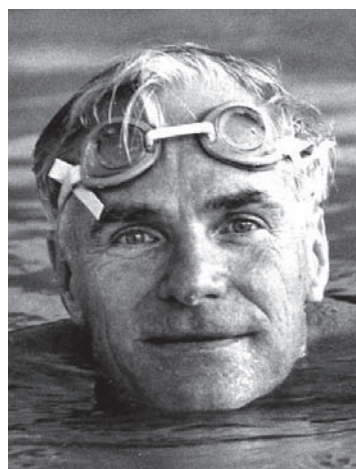
**Mike Czarnecki – 2007**

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



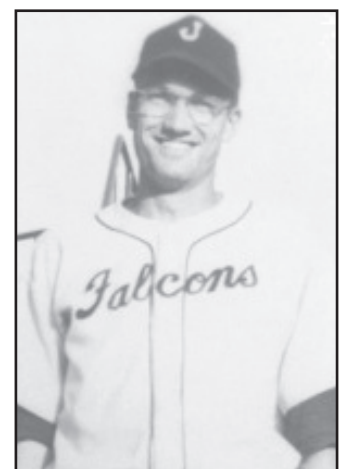
**Wally Dobler - 2008**

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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## **"KEEPING TRADITION ALIVE"**



*Congratulations*

**Bob Holec (Dad and Papa)**



on being inducted into the  
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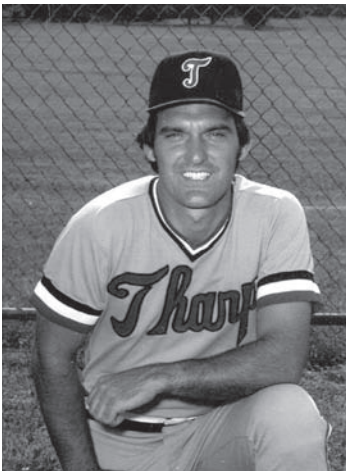
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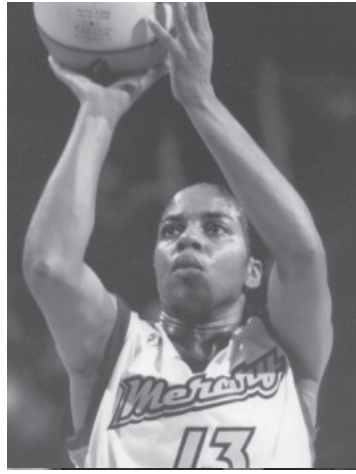
*Amanda, Wes, Betsy,  
Alex and Tommy*

*Vicky*

*Jenny, Rob, Mackenzie,  
Peighton and Landon*



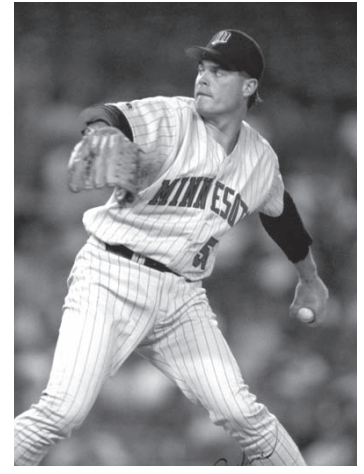
**Roger Foutch - 2008**  
Bendle H.S. Star-All Sports.  
Varsity H.S. Coach, CBL Mgr. 32 yrs.,  
Stan Musial World Series Champs-  
2001 and 2005.



**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.



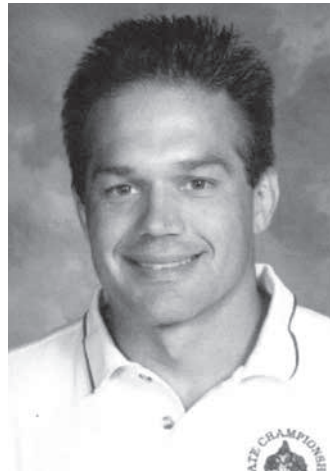
**Paul Snitko - 2008**  
Special Service Award  
Flint Northern H.S. Athlete,  
Leading Sponsor of Flint area teams,  
Supported various parks& charities.



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



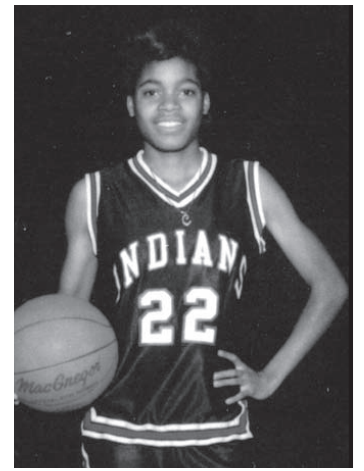
**John Biedenbach - 2009**  
St. Matthews - 3 Sport Star  
MSU Baseball, All-American - Pro-Ball  
Trenton H.S. Softball Coach - Over 800  
Wins. Inducted MHSSCA - 1997.



**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.

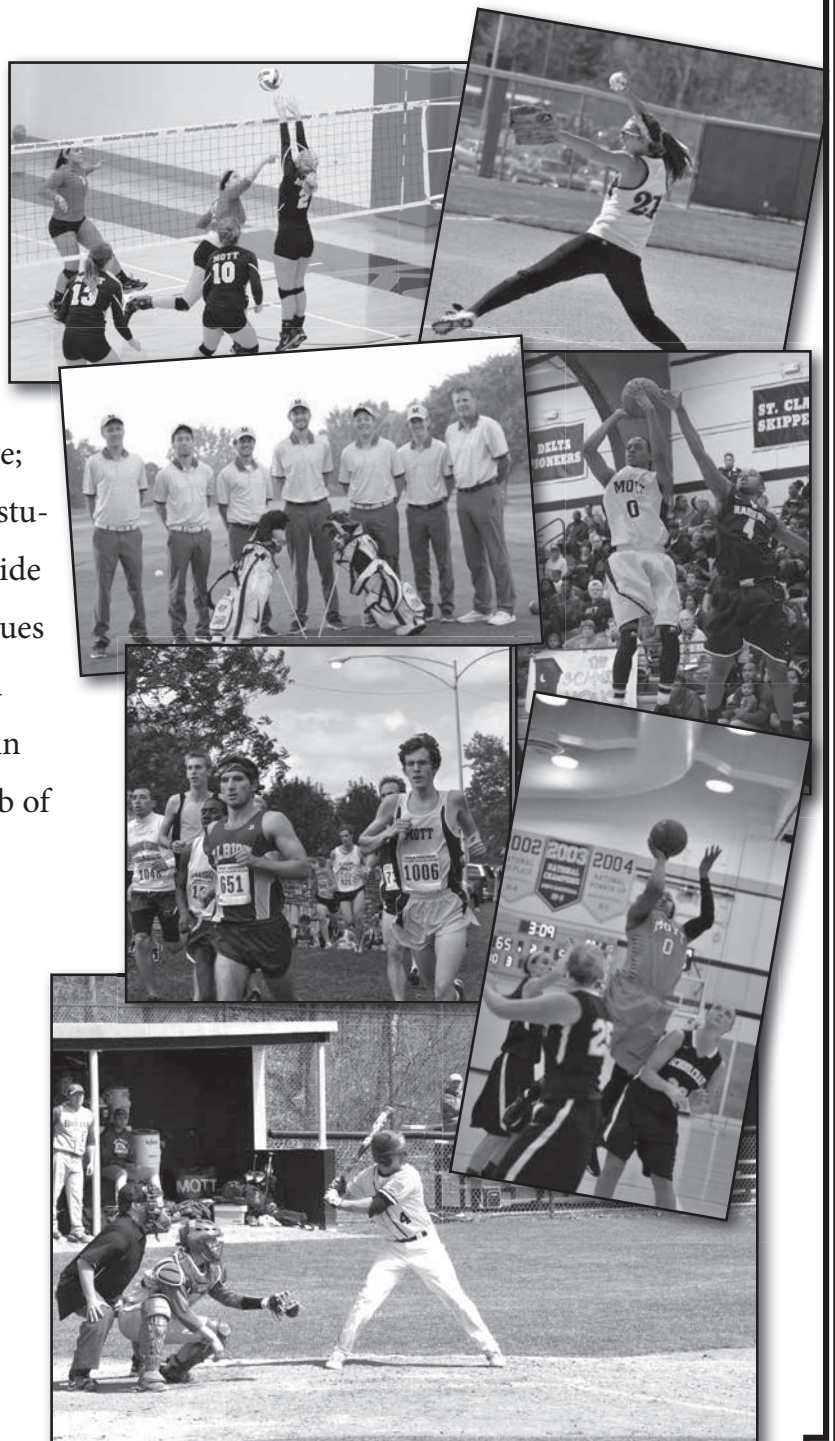
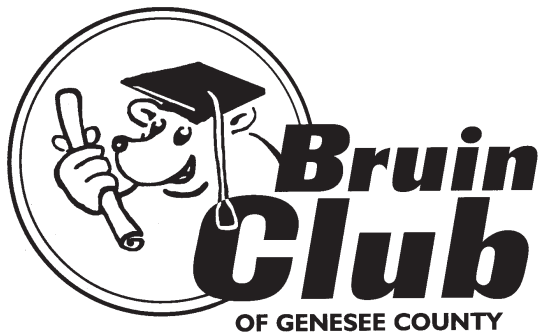
*“I’ve always tried to coach people the way I would like to be treated; positively and encouragingly rather than with criticism and fear. ... I’ve tried to be as fair as possible.”*

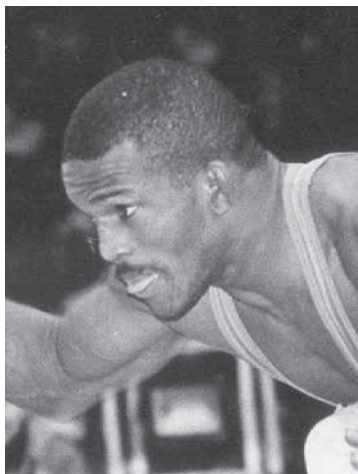
**– Tony Dungy**

# ***The Bruin Club of Genesee County***

## ***Would like to congratulate the 2017 Greater Flint Sports Hall of Fame inductees!***

Since its inception in 1955, the Bruin Club has contributed nearly 3 million dollars to the MCC athletic program. The established goal for the Bruin Club is to provide support to the MCC Athletics program including: promoting athletics at Mott Community College; providing scholarship monies for tuition of student athletes; and promoting community pride and goodwill. Today, the Bruin Club continues to raise money to support this endeavor and would like to give you the opportunity to join us as an Associate member of the Bruin Club of Genesee County.





**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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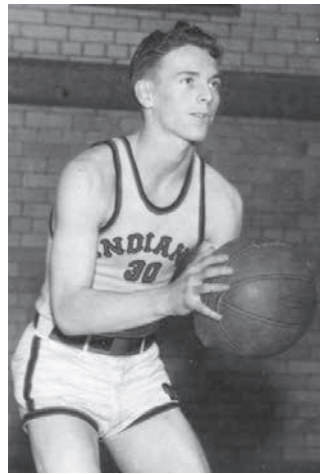
**Dave Lazar - 2011**

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



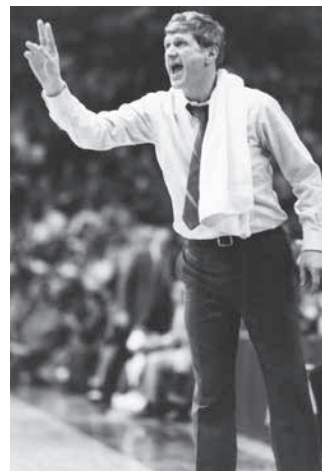
**Bob Stallcup - 2012**

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



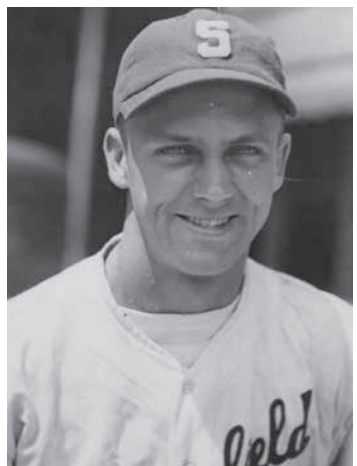
**Bill Frieder - 2012**

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



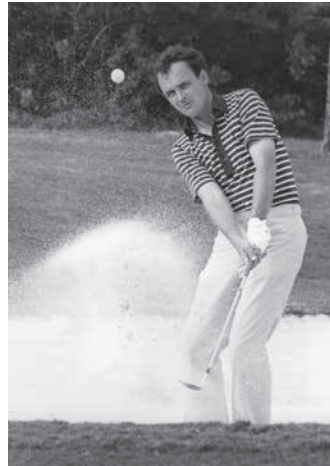
**Jim Massar - 2012**

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



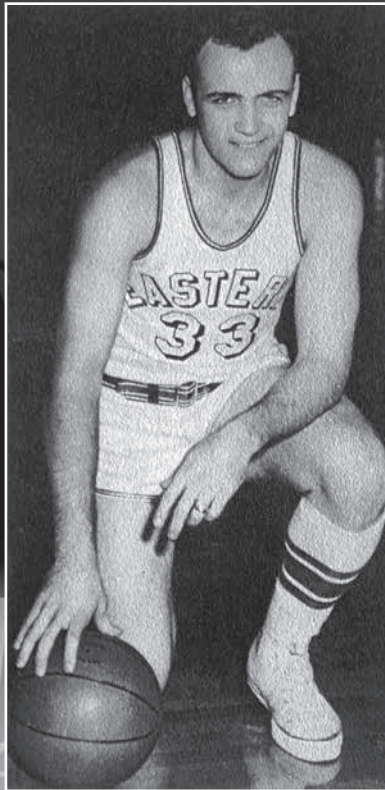
**Bernie Borden - 2012**

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

*“I don’t  
count my sit-  
ups. I only  
start counting  
when it starts  
hurting.”*  
**– Muhammad  
Ali**

# *Congratulations*

**DR. FRANK J. MANLEY II**



on his induction into the  
Greater Flint Area  
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*Frank & Jennifer Manley & Family*



**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.



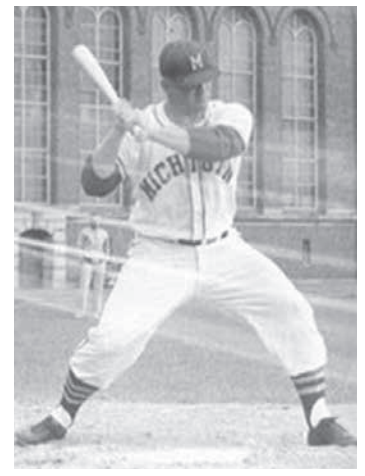
**Pete Hanson - 2013**

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.



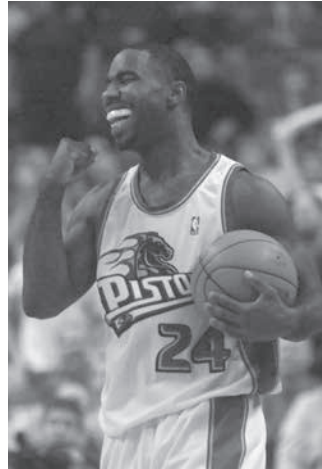
**Jim Fowler - 2013**

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.

*"I'm glad I don't play anymore. I could never learn all those handshakes."*  
*- Phil Rizzuto*



**Jeff Hamilton - 2014**

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



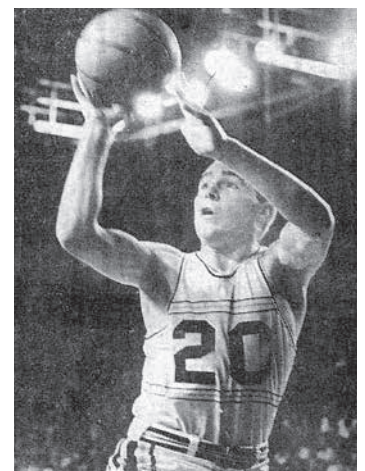
**Steve Smith - 2014**

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.

# ***Congratulations***

*To All New and Past Inductees of the  
Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame*

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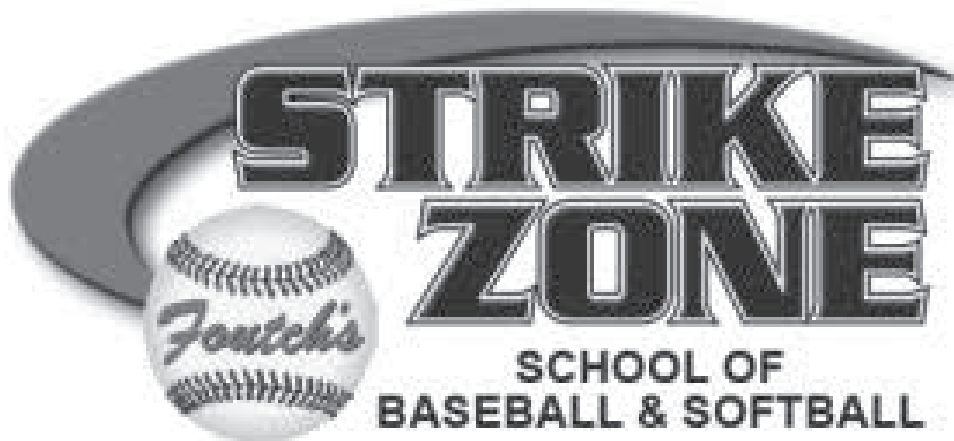
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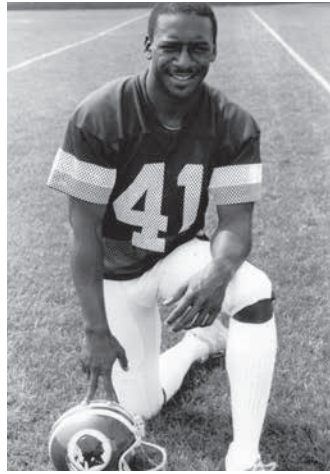
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**Bob Perani - 2014**  
Hockey goalie for Flint Generals who later bought the team. Founded Perani's Hockey World equipment store.



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



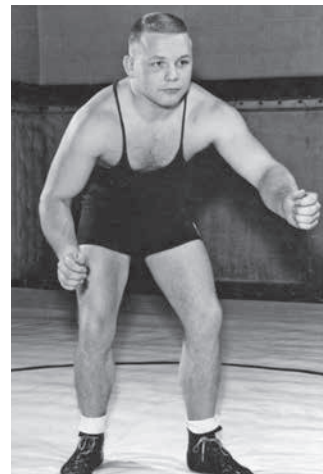
**Morton "Bud" Stebbins - 2014**  
Special Service Award  
Regarded as the Father of Slowpitch Softball in the Flint area.



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



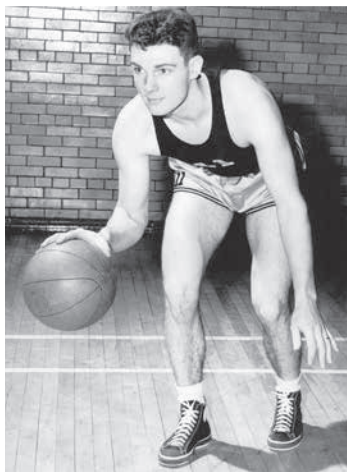
**Mary Down - 2015**  
Atherton H.S. volleyball coach of 1993 Class C State Champions. Outstanding volleyball instructor respectfully regarded as the "Mother of Volleyball" in the greater Flint area.



**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.

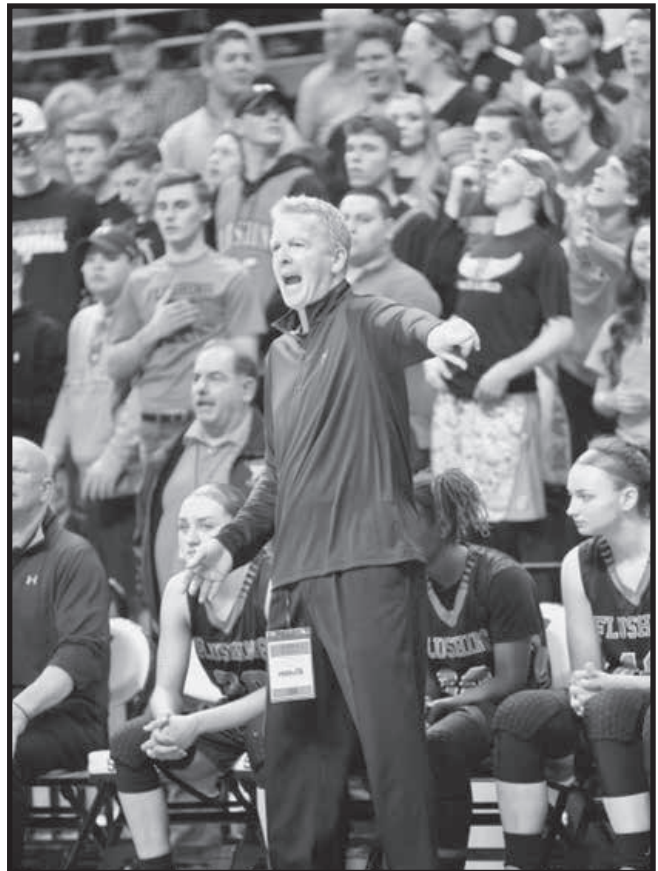
*"Most people never run far enough on their first wind to find out they've got a second."*  
**- William James**



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**Mali Walton - 2016**

Flint Northern All-State. Oakland University  
3 time All-American. Led Oakland U. to  
two final four appearances. 7 professional  
championships in his 11 year pro career.



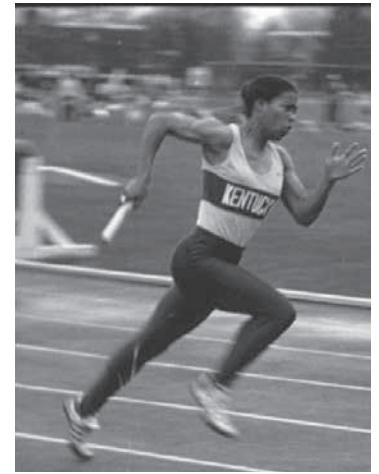
**Duane Raffin - 2016**

38 year Holly Track and CC coach. 37 Metro League  
titles. Developed 4 state championship teams. 3 time  
Michigan (MITCA) coach of the year and 2 time  
National Coaches Association Coach of the year.



**Charlie Bell - 2016**

Flint Southwestern all-state. Michigan  
State University 1997-2001. 1999 Final  
Four. 2000 NCAA Champion. 2001 All-  
American. 10 year NBA career.



**Tonya (Lowe) Carroll - 2016**

Flint Northern 2 time state track champion. 3  
time All-American Hurdler at the University  
of Kentucky. Former U of K Female Athlete  
of the Year and SEC Woman of the Year.



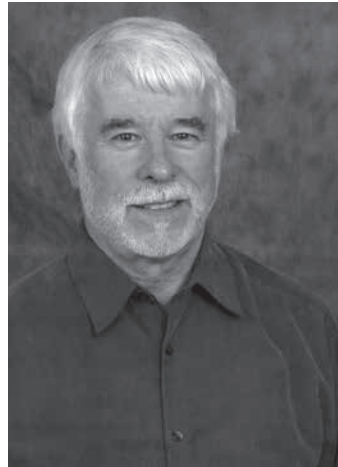
**Walt Head - 2016**

32 year Head Coach at Saginaw Valley State. Winningest coach  
in Division II Baseball History. 3 GLIAC championships. 2 time  
GLIAC coach of the year. Coached 1974 Carpets by Jim Smith  
team to Connie Mack National Title.



**Morris Peterson - 2016**

Flint Northwestern, Michigan State University Star.  
1999 All Big Ten, Big Ten Player of the Year, All  
American, Final Four. 2000 NCAA Champion. 1st round  
Draft pick of Toronto Raptors. 11 year NBA career.



**Dr. Jon Schriener, D.O. - 2016**

Pioneer in the development of sports medicine treatment programs and  
facilities. Founding member of American Society of Sports Medicine.  
Founding member of McLaren Sports Medicine Center and its director from  
1985-2006. Medical Director of the Crim Festival of Races from 1985-2011.



**Bob Stoppert - 2016**

1935 Flint Northern Grad: Football and Baseball Star at Albion College.  
Legendary football and Baseball coach at Midland High School.  
Previously inducted into Michigan Football and Baseball Coaches  
Associations H.O.F.'s and Albion colleges' H.O.F.



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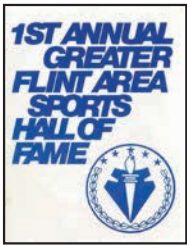
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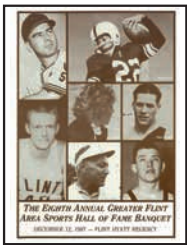
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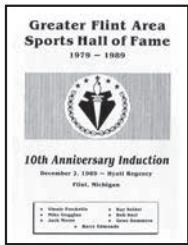
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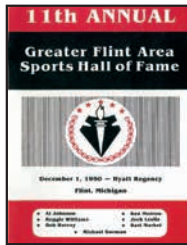
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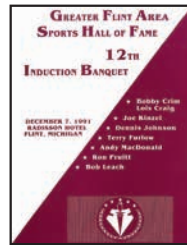
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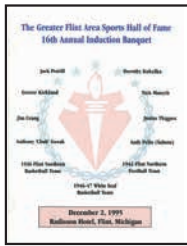
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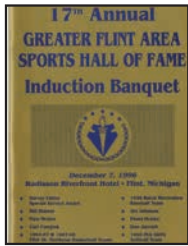
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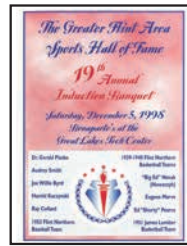
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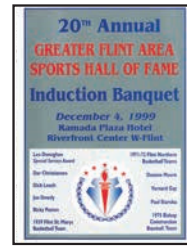
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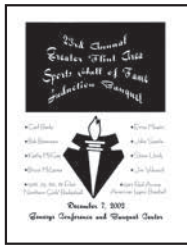
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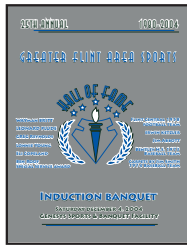
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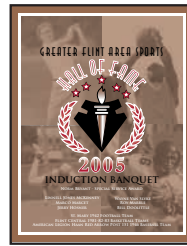
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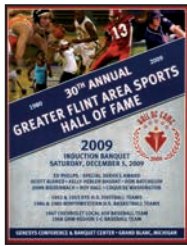
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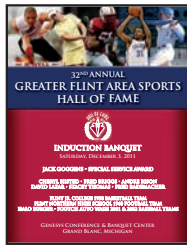
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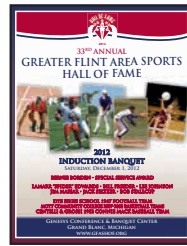
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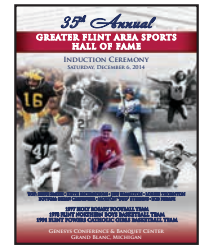
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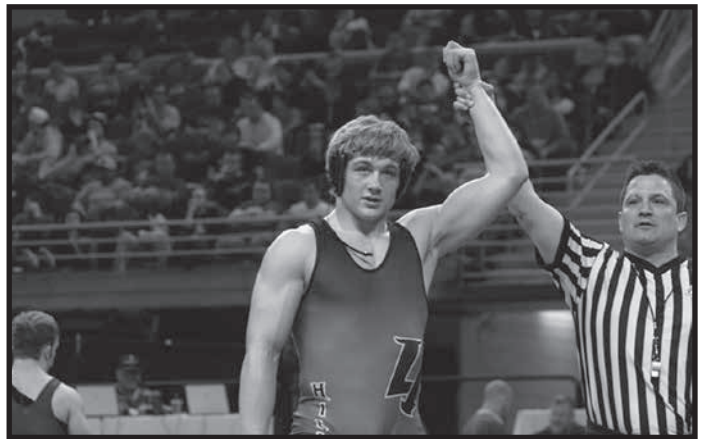
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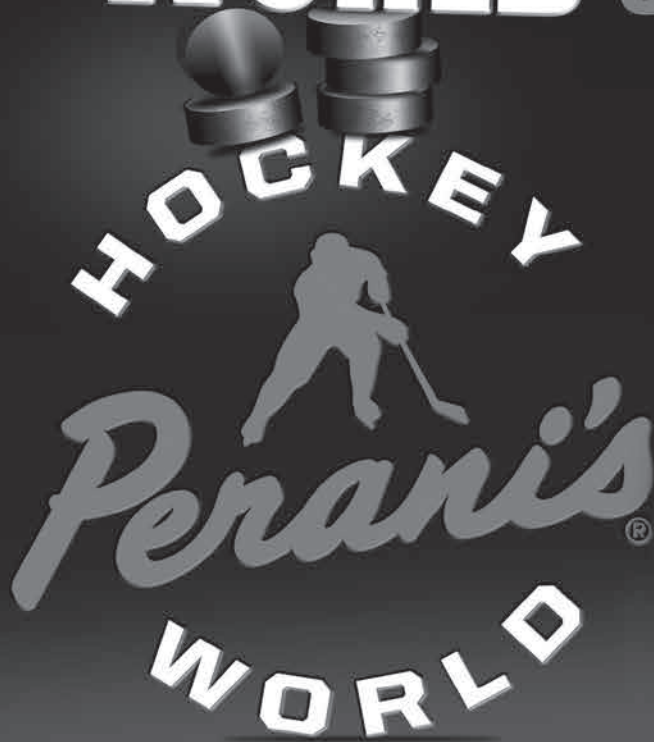
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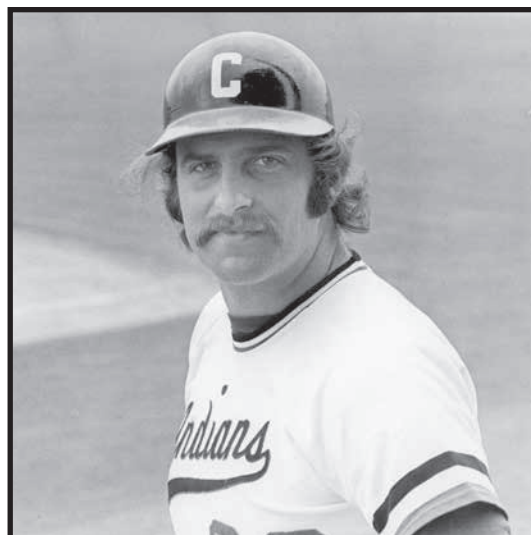
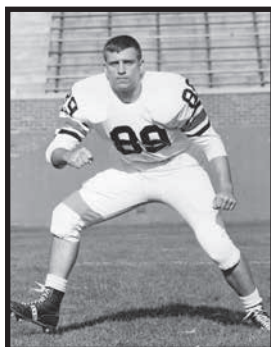
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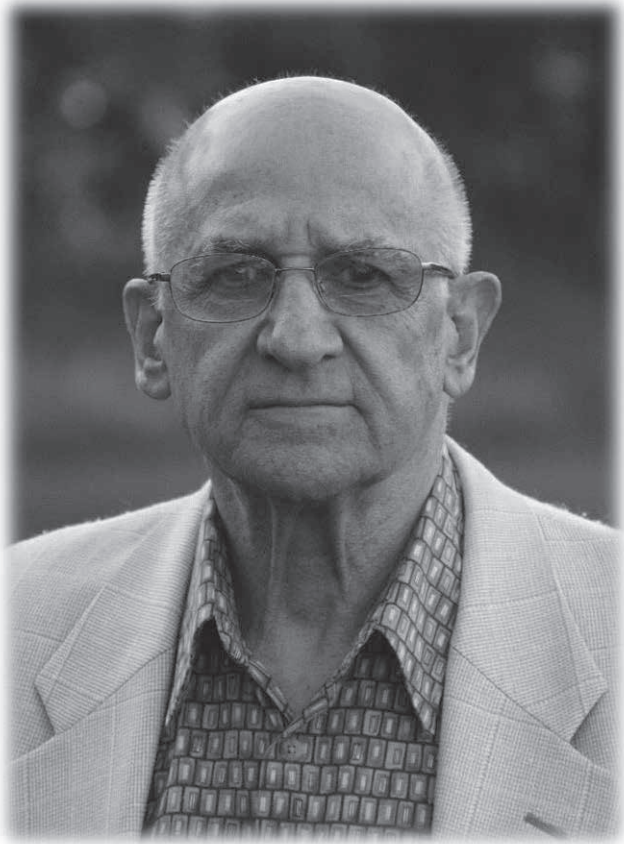
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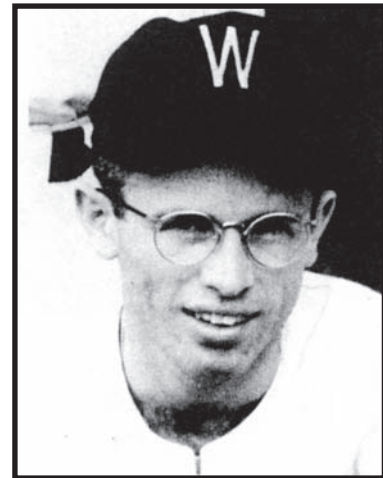
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1996	Flint St. Matthew's Basketball 1967 and 1968 Buick Recreation Baseball 1936	2010	Beecher Boys Track 1976,1977,1978 Flint Powers Baseball 1980 Sam Ragnone Attorney AAU Basketball 1990,1991,1992
1997	Flint MSD Track 1945 and 1946 Flint Sausage Baseball 1930 and 1931 Julie's Pawn Shop Men's Basketball 1972	2011	Flint Junior College Basketball 1950 Flint Northern Football 1960 Halo Foutch Baseball 2001 and 2002
1998	Flint Northern Basketball 1939 and 1940 Flint Northern Baseball 1953 James Lumber Basketball 1951	2012	Dye High School Football 1947 Mott College Mens Basketball 2007 and 2008 Centilli & Grossi Connie Mack Baseball 1982
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2005	Flint St. Mary's Football 1942		
2005	Flint Central Boys Basketball 1981,1982, 1983 Red Arrow American Legion Baseball 1946		

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Abraham, Ed "Blackie"	2001	Cook, J. B.	1992	Gorman, Mike	1990
Aldred, Scott	2009	Coon, Lloyd	2003	Grayer, Jeff	2003
Alward, Tom	2000	Copeland, Eli	2004	Greene, Terence	2013
Auer, Howard	1988	Craig, Lois	1991	Guerre, George	1992
Austin, Mike	2017	Crane, Bob	2017	Guzak, Chub	1995
		Crane, Marty	2006		
Badar, Norb	1986	Crang, Jim	1995	Hackett, Larry	2013
Baldwin, Jack	2001	Craven, Ollie	1986	Hajec, Bill	2007
Banks, Carl	2002	Crim, Bobby	1991	Hall, Roy	2009
Barclay, Bill	1986	Crossman, M. B.	1997	Halligan, T.J.	1983
Barclay, Jim	1982	Czarnecki, Mike	2007	Hamilton, Bill	1983
Barnett, Reggie	2000			Hamilton, Jeff	2014
Bates, Floyd	1982	Daly, Dick	2006	Hammond, Peg	1984
Bell, Charlie	2016	Daniels, Jack	2003	Hanson, Pete	2013
Bentley, Francis	2003	Decker, Leroy	2001	Harding, Mike	2017
Bernard, Roger	1981	Dobler, Wally	2008	Harrison, Vince	2008
Bernstein, Bob	2002	Doering, Jack	2006	Harvey, Bob	1990
Bero, John	1993	Donoghue, Leo	1999	Hawkins, Courtney	2006
Biedenbach, John	2009	Doolittle, Bill	2005	Head, Walt	2016
Blamer, Bill	1996	Dowdy, Joe	1999	Hebler Baudat, Kelly	2009
Blom, Doug	1981	Down, Mary	2015	Histed, Cheryl	2011
Bolden, Leroy	1985	Doyle, Jim	1983	Hoey, George	2003
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Boros, Steve	1985			Hoskins, Dave	1983
Branch, Dr. Hira E.	1994	Edmonds, Barry	1988	Hosner, Jerry	2005
Brandt, Bill	2006	Edwards, Lamarr "Spider"	2012	Houston, Guy	1980
Branoff, Tony	1992	Edwards, Tonya	2008	Hoyes, Len	2001
Braun, Stephen	2015	Ethier, Harvey	1996	Hughes, Howard "Gus"	1984
Brazil, Lloyd	1980			Hughley, Letitia	2008
Briggs, Fred	2011	Failing, Ken	1985		
Britt, Wayman	2004	Fisher, John	2010	Jakowczyk, Wally	1994
Broome, Stan	1985	Fleischmann, Bob	1988	Jarrard, Don	1996
Brotebeck, "Bud"	2001	Fornari, Pete	2000	Johnson, Al	1990
Bryant, Norm	2005	Foutch, Roger	2008	Johnson, Art	1996
Burton, Leon	1987	Fowler, Jim	2013	Johnson, Dennis	1991
Byrd, Joe	1998	Frieder, Bill	2012	Johnson, Jimmy	1984
Bysco, Steve	1980	Frechette, Vinnie	1989	Johnson, Lee	2012
		Fuller, Jim	2015		
Calvo, Margarita	2010	Furlow, Terry	1991	Kaczynski, Harold	1998
Carpenter, Brian	2014	Fusi, Pete	1988	Ketzler, Erwin	2004
Carroll, Tonya (Lowe)	2016			Kinzel, Joe	1991
Chandnois, Lynn	1980	Gall, Larry	2017	Kirkland, Grover	1995
Chipman, Bob	2007	Gallagher, Frank	2000	Klein, Mary	2003
Christiansen, Dar	1999	Gant, Lamar	1997	Krause, Paul	1980
Cleaves, Mateen	2013	Gay, Varnard	1999	Krupa, Ed	1988
Cmejrek, Carl	1996	Gilroy, Howard	1984	Kukulka, Dorothy	1995
Cole, Tom	2000	Goggins, Jack	2011	Kurys, Sophie	1986
Coleman, Don	1980	Goggins, Mike	1989		
Collard, Ray	1998	Gooch, Stan	1992		

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LaSalle, Clete	1997	Parker, Scott	2010	Snitko, Paul	2008
LaVoie, Nap	1985	Patton, Ricky	1999	Sperla, John	2002
Lawson, Fred	1984	Peaks, Clarence	1981	Springsteen, Jay	2001
Lazar, David	2011	Pearce, Ed "Shorty"	1998	Stallcup, Bob	2012
Leach, Bob	1991	Perani, Bob	2014	Staroba, Paul	1999
Leach, Dick	1999	Peterson, Morris	2016	Stebbins, Bud	2014
Leach, Rick	1994	Petrill, Jack	1995	Steffen, Ray	2001
Leslie, Jock	1990	Phelps, Ed	2009	Stockton, Pam	1983
Lindholm, John	2000	Piesko, Dr. Gerald	1998	Stoppert, Bob	2016
Lipski, Chet	1981	Pitock, Joe	1994	Suci, Bob	1989
Lyght, Todd	2007	Plude, Leonard	2004	Sugar, Leo	1982
		Podoley, Jim	1982	Summers, Gene	1989
Mancour, Larry	1992	Ponsetto, Joe	1997	Sventko, Andy	1987
Manley Sr., Frank	1980	Pratt, Jack	1994	Sweet, Len	1993
Manley II, Dr. Frank J.	2017	Prichard, Ted	1987		
Manych, Nick	1995	Pruitt, Ron	1991	Thigpen, Justus	1995
Marble Sr., Roy	2005			Thomas, Frank	2003
Marcet, Marco	2005	Rademacher, Fred	2011	Thomas, Jesse	1984
Markel, Bart	1990	Raffin, Duane	2016	Thomas, Stacey	2011
Marve, Eugene	1998	Raymond, Tubby	1983	Thornton, Lorrie	2014
Massar, Jim	2012	Reed, Bobby	2001	Tomasi, Dominic	1984
Matthews, John	1988	Reid, Don	2001	Trosko, Fred	1982
McCombs, Bennie	1988	Rettenmund, Merv	1981	Tucker, Craig	2017
McDonald, Andy	1991	Reynolds, Bobby	2013	Tucker, Trent	1994
McGee, Kathy	2002	Reynolds, Greg	2004	Turner, Daryl	2006
McGee, Pamela	1996	Reynolds, Russ	1983	Turner, Eric	2010
McGee, Paula	1996	Rice, Glen	2015	Turner, Fred	1997
McKenney, Linnell	2005	Richardson, Keith	2014		
McLenna, Bruce	2002	Rideout, Jerry	1987	Urick, Steve	2002
Menosky, Mike	1985	Rison, Andre	2011		
Middleton, Lee	2015	Roberson, M. Joe	1987	Van Pelt, Brad	1981
Minardo, Bill	1986	Robinson, Jeanette	1986	Van Slyke, Wayne	2005
Minarik, Hank	1997	Roof, Ben	2004	Vukovich, Jim	2002
Mintline, Doug	1992	Rowe, Bob	1983		
Moore, Booker	1993	Runyan, Jon	2017	Walton, Mali	2016
Moore, Deanne	1999			Wargo, Joe	2003
Moore, Willie	2000	Sabota (Pelio), Andy	1995	Washington, Coquese	2009
Morrissey, Jim	2000	Schmidt, Steve	2006	Washington, Herb	1985
Morrow, Don	2008	Schriner D.O., Dr. Jon	2016	Washington, Mali-Vai	2007
Morrow, Ken	1990	Sczepanski, Frank	1981	Weathers, Andre	2015
Morse, Jack	1989	Secrest, Mike	1993	Weiss, Jennie	1980
Mott, Charles Stewardw	1980	Seidel, Ray	1989	Williams, Reggie	1990
Murphy, Dr. J. Vincent	1987	Seltzer, Jack	2012	Winer, Mel	1987
Myers, Ernie	2002	Serges, Julius	2010	Wohlfert, Duane	2015
		Severn, Dan	2006		
Novak (Nowaczyk), Edward	1998	Sigman, Al	2013	Yambrick, Bill	1992
Novara-Reber, Sue	1982	Smith, Audrey	1998	Yeotis, Tom	2007
		Smith, Steve	2014	Young, Keith	2010
Odom, Herb	1993	Smith, Tom	1980	Young, Lonnie	2004

## 1977 Goodrich Boys Golf Team

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Bishop also did something unheard-of back then, taking the team to Boyne Country for a summer camp.

"I knew several pros up there and we got on basically for cart fees," he said. "We took them bowling and swimming. It really brought the kids together and bonded them."

Goodrich blazed through the regular season, beating all but two opponents by double digits. The Martians set a course record at Southmoor with 136, carding four 34's and throwing out two par-35's. Their closest match was the 249-250 win over Grand Blanc, a perennial Class A power that finished third in the state that year. Owen's 37 led that victory, and McDermitt's par putt at the end clinched it.

"We were all walking tall, thinking we just beat Grand Blanc," said Troyer.

Going into the postseason, the team remembered finishing eighth the previous year and vowing to do better this time.

They sailed through the regional, shooting 303 at Twin Oaks to beat host Freeland's 320. Troyer and Owen shot 74 to share medalist honors, while Doyle carded 75 and Allen 80.

The Martians topped that a week later with their 300, a phenomenal score at the time that beat Pewamo-Westphalia by 12 shots and set the all-time state finals record for all classes.

Allen was medalist with a 3-over-par 73, his curling, 25-foot birdie putt on the last hole edging Troyer's 74.

Troyer finished with three straight birdies, as Goodrich smoked the back nine to erase a two-stroke deficit. On an Oak Lane CC layout of par 34-36, Allen shot 38-35, Troyer 38-36, Doyle 38-37-75 and Owen 39-39-78.

On the ride home, the team drove through town honking the horn to announce the school's first state championship in any sport. In school on Monday, teachers came out of their rooms to congratulate them.

Troyer was selected to the state's Dream Team, made up of the top six golfers from any class. Allen and Doyle made the Class C All-State team. Bishop likely would have been Coach of the Year but hadn't coached long enough to qualify. He earned that honor the following year, when Goodrich finished second in the state.

None of this would have happened if the team hadn't battled through a millage crisis a couple of years earlier. With the district looking hard at athletics for cuts, Bishop offered to give up his salary, and parents were offering to pay. Troyer's father, Bill, made an impassioned plea at a school board meeting.

"He stood up and said, 'I guarantee you have a state championship team here if you give these boys a chance,'" Kevin recalled.

"A few years later we delivered on it."

## Jon Runyan

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At one point, Runyan made 190 consecutive starts, but the wear and tear of life in the trenches took their toll. He had microfracture surgery on his right knee following the 2008 season. He signed with San Diego in 2009, played five more games, then retired.

Following his NFL career, Runyan was elected to Congress as the representative of New Jersey's third district in 2010. The Republican lawmaker became the fourth former NFL player to win a seat in Congress. He was re-elected in 2012 before choosing not to run for another term.

"It's kind of where I'm rooted, where I'm based, is helping people out and community service," Runyan said. "Unfortunately, I learned the hard way it's more about politics than it is actually helping people. That's the frustrating part and the big reason I got out of it. Five years of that rat race was enough, a year of campaigning and two terms."

These days, Runyan works for the NFL as its Vice President of Policy and Rules Administration. He oversees on-field rules compliance for the league.

He's also renewed his ties with Michigan. His son, Jon, is a junior offensive lineman with the Wolverines.

"It's nice to be back," Runyan said. "When I played in the NFL and went straight from the NFL to politics, it was 16 years before I got back to Ann Arbor. We had kids who were an early age. When you had a bye week, your wife has you suit up the kids and run off to Disney."

## 1983 Burton Atherton Girls Volleyball Team

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"There were boys from other schools in that group," said Voss (now Shannon Cumming). "Can you imagine that now? They would yell 'boom' so loud. I'm sure some of our opponents really didn't know what to think of them."

And, of course, the Wolverines had Mary Down, who launched the program at Atherton in 1974-75 and infused her players with a love of the game and a will to win. A coach since 1960, she taught her teams how to play smart.

"She was a good volleyball player and very competitive," said Cumming. "Our practices were tough and we all pushed each other to get better and better."

"We didn't talk about whether a team was Class A or Class B or how tall they were," said Colles. "She made us believe we could beat anybody."

Atherton did beat nearly everybody that year and sailed through the district and regional.

In the final four at Linden High, the Wolverines ousted South Christian 15-4, 17-15 in the semifinals, then jumped out to leads of 10-1 and 11-3 against Berrien Springs in the final.

"I remember being so thrilled in that first game and feeling that we were playing so well," said Colles. "This was going to be our year."

Then everything went sour.

Playing better defense and hitting harder, Berrien Springs reeled off 12 straight points to win the first game 15-11. The Shamrocks then jumped out to an 8-2 lead in the second game, moving within seven points of the state title.

"All of a sudden they're scoring points so easily on us," said Cumming. "Our defense was not great and they took that game from us."

Down called timeout.

"She just looked at us," said Colles. "It was the only time I heard her get so animated, and she had this fire in her eye. She said, 'You're either going to start playing and win, or you can just roll with it and we'll have another loss.' It motivated us, and by the third game there was no doubt. We knew we had this match."

Atherton cut the 8-2 deficit to 9-8 on two serving points by Mitchelson and four by Thronson. Three points by Barnett and two by Colles put the Wolverines up 13-10. Berrien Springs fought back to within 14-13, but Barnett's serve was knocked into the net, clinching the game.

In the deciding game three, Atherton took a 7-6 lead, then pulled away with the final eight points, the last two on an ace by Wilcenski and a deep kill by Colles.

"I can still remember the last play so vividly," said Cumming. "What a great feeling. We did it. We couldn't stop crying, smiling and laughing that night."

"I think the entire city of Burton was at Linden for that match. When I walk in that gym now, it's still the first thing I think about."

The Miss Volleyball award was still 20 years in the future, but had it existed then, Voss would have been a strong candidate.

"From the input I've had from other coaches, she's the best player in the state of Michigan," Down told the Flint Journal after the season. "I've heard this from the Detroit coaches, the Battle Creek coaches and a university coach."

Voss went on to play for Central Michigan, and Colles and Wilcenski played for Northern Michigan.

Voss, Colles and Barnett also went into coaching, a Mary Down legacy that continued after she left Atherton. At least nine Atherton players became volleyball coaches in high school or college.

Down was inducted into the Hall of Fame two years ago, an honor she found bittersweet because she was going in ahead of her team.

"I cried," she said. "I said that's not the way it should be."

"It's far more important that they're going in. They're the ones who did all the work."

# 1980 Flint Beecher Girls Basketball Team

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Beecher faced Livonia Ladywood in the championship game, and the contest was tightly played for all 32 minutes.

Because of a combination of the stomach flu and foul trouble, the Buccaneers lost the services of Sparks early in the second half. The rest of the Bucs stepped up to the challenge and held on to post a 44-35 triumph over the Blazers. Wiley scored a team-high 18 points.

"It was a whole bunch of emotions that went off," Sparks said. "It was very gratifying. We did it, we did it."

Several of the Buccaneers earned postseason honors. Sparks was a three-time All-State and All-Big Nine first-team pick. Wiley snared special mention All-State and second-team All-Big Nine honors, Cotton received honorable mention All-State and All-Big Nine distinctions, and Margie Randle earned honorable mention All-Big Nine accolades.

Rounding out Beecher's roster were Renee Harman, Rhonda Arthur, Kim McClain, Rhonda Jackson, Shawn Jones, Daphine Dixon, Tina Summers and Antionetta Williams.

The team's assistant coaches were Mose Lacy, Tyrone Armstrong and Bob Sunday, and its manager was Deidre Steele.

"(Hollingsworth) always said we were young ladies first," Wiley said. "Every time we put the uniform on, we represented our family, our school and our community."



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<b>Dick Leach</b>	<i>Inducted 1999, Flint Central, U/M</i>
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