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2022

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- Ben Lewis
- Jake Long
- Tom Skinner
- Marty Embry
- Michael Miller
- Darryl Johnson
- Dave Hollingsworth
- Gwen Wentland-Mikinski
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- Powers Girls Golf Teams
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GREATER FLINT AREA SPORTS HALL OF FAME
41ST INDUCTION BANQUET

Dear Patrons,

This year marks the 41st anniversary of the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame. After a two-year absence due to the corona virus disease, the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame is excited to celebrate the rich heritage of Flint Area athletics once again.

As a youth growing up on the northside of Flint, I had the opportunity to interact with so many Greater Flint Area legends such as Norman Bryant, Justus Thigpen, Wayman Britt, Terry Furlow, and Eugene Marve and tonight we honor the lives of seven unique individuals from the Greater Flint Area.

This year's inductees include Marty Embry, Gwen Wentland-Mikinski, Michael Miller, Jake Long, Darryl Johnson, Dave Hollingsworth, and Ben Lewis are being honored for their integrity, moral conviction, and dedication to sports.

The 2022 Distinguished Service Award is being presented to the late Tom Skinner. Mr. Skinner provided an endless promotion of local sports through television and radio and was the voice of athletics in Genesee County for decades.

Three teams are being honored in the class of 2022 this evening. The Michigan School for the Deaf (1961, 1962, and 1963) Track Teams, the (1962) St. Matthew's Boys Basketball Class D State Champions, and the (1993-94) Flint Powers Catholic High School Girls State Champions Golf Team.

The Board of Directors would like to express its appreciation to the following: Special thanks to Ben Roof and A-Frame Awards and Sovita Credit Union for their continued support of the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame. A big thank you to Genesys Conference and Banquet Center and the Genesys Athletic Club for their extraordinary efforts in hosting the program and in providing a permanent home for the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame.

Finally, our sincere gratitude to all our patrons who purchased advertising in this program, or provided monetary support. Without you, this event would not be possible.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and Selection Committee, I wish you a great evening,

Sincerely,

James J. Blakley Jr.

James J. Blakley Jr., President

THE GREATER FLINT AREA SPORTS HALL OF FAME
41st INDUCTION BANQUET

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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 or they may be obtained at the Genesys Health and Fitness Center registration desk.
3. Professional athletes shall not be eligible for election to the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame unless they have retired from professional participation for at least three years.
4. No individual inductee will be formally inducted without his/her or family approval.

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

TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

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

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- ★ MARTY EMBRY
- ★ GWEN WENTLAND-MIKINSKI
- ★ MICHIGAN SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF 1961, 1962, 1963 TRACK TEAMS
- ★ MICHAEL MILLER
- ★ JAKE LONG
- ★ FLINT ST. MATTHEW 1962 BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM
- ★ DARRYL JOHNSON
- ★ DAVE HOLLINGSWORTH
- ★ BEN LEWIS
- ★ POWERS GIRLS GOLF TEAMS OF 1993 AND 1994
- ★ TOM SKINNER

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Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame Board of Directors 2022 Member Emeritus Recognition

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



Dean Howe



Jim Vukovich

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 **DEAN HOWE** and **JIM VUKOVICH**. 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.

DEAN HOWE served loyally as a Board Member for 4 years (1980-1983). His vast knowledge of Greater Flint Area individual athletes and teams was invaluable due to his years of sports coverage as a phenomenal sports writer for the Flint Journal.

DEAN HOWE was always willing and able to assist in any capacity that was needed in his role as a Board Member. He currently serves as a Selection Committee Member.

JIM VUKOVICH served loyally and consistently as a Board Member for 5 years (2010-2014). He served as Vice President for 4 years. He was a team player who was always willing to assist wherever he could.

JIM VUKOVICH is also a 4 time Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame inductee. He was inducted twice as a coach, once as a member of a team and once as an individual. Sadly **JIM** passed away in 2020.

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

2022 GREATER FLINT AREA SPORTS HALL OF FAME BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Back Row L to R- Bill Parish, Mike Vance, Roger Foutch, Rick Daly,
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2022 GFASHOF SELECTION COMMITTEE



(L to R):

Bill Basilius, Tim Bograkos, Tim Weeks, Sue Conway
(Not pictured: Dan Cady, Dean Howe,
Virginia Hamilton-Griggs, Clifton Turner, Ken West)

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



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To: Great Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame
Re: Marty Embry Hall of Fame Induction

DePaul salutes Marty Embry for his enshrinement into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame. A student-athlete on DePaul's 1983-1986 Men's Basketball teams; Marty made a tremendous impact as a Blue Demon both in the classroom and on the court.

At 6-9, Marty appeared in over 100 games for DePaul highlighted by a 19-point and 11-rebound performance in the Blue Demons' Second Round NCAA Tournament win over Oklahoma in 1986. A member of two of DePaul's 10 all-time Sweet Sixteen teams, Marty played for both Coach Ray and Joey Meyer.

During his second season in 1983-84, the Blue Demons finished No. 4 in both the AP and Coaches polls. That team won its first 16 games to start the season and reached as high as No. 2 in the AP Poll with wins over eventual National Champion No. 3 Georgetown, No. 7 Purdue and No. 15 UCLA to start the season.

Seeded No. 1 in the 1984 NCAA Tournament Midwest Region, the Blue Demons advanced to the Sweet 16 before they were upset by Wake Forest, 73-71, in overtime. Marty and his DePaul team finished their remarkable season at 27-3.

Two seasons later, Marty would help the Blue Demons reach the Sweet 16 again, upsetting fifth-seeded Virginia and fourth-seeded Oklahoma before being eliminated from the NCAA Tournament by top-seeded Duke.

With notable teammates Rod Strickland, Lemone Lampley, Dallas Comegys, Kenny Patterson, Tyrone Corbin and many others, Marty helped the Blue Demons to multiple AP and Coaches' Poll rankings, including No. 2 twice.

Following his distinguished career at DePaul, Marty was drafted in the Fourth Round of the NBA Draft by the Utah Jazz. He went on to play 13 seasons overseas in Europe and Asia.

Marty stays involved with the Men's Basketball team by attending various alumni outings and is one of our ambassadors in the state of Michigan.

Congratulations Marty on this well-deserved honor. Thank you for making us proud both as a student-athlete and now as an alumni.

With my highest regards and honor,



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Marty Embry

Contrary to perceptions, not every kid growing up in Flint in the 1970s and early 1980s was infatuated with basketball.

In fact, one of the city's all-time greats would've preferred to be anywhere but a basketball court in his younger days. "I wasn't a basketball fanatic," Marty Embry said. "I hated basketball. I didn't like playing. I only played because that's what everybody was doing. I also excelled in a lot of things away from basketball, away from sports."

One of those things was cooking, but we'll get to that in a bit. How does someone blessed with as much talent as Embry have such harsh feelings about the most popular sport in his hometown?

Because, even though Embry led Flint Central to two state championships and played professionally for 13 seasons, he wasn't always the type of player who would get picked first in pick-up games. Far from it.

"I was awkward," Embry said. "My brother (Mark) was an athlete. If I had his jump shot, I would have been in the NBA for 12 years. He was a better athlete than me, for sure. But he was a lot smaller. My brother probably topped out at 5-11. He was the one that played the sports. I was the one that was big, who everybody assumed I played."

Embry grew to be 6-foot-9, 240 pounds, providing a physical force in the paint for Central teams that had plenty of flash-and-dash with guards like Eric Turner, Mark Harris and Darryl Johnson.

So, it's hard to believe that Embry was the target of bullying when he showed up for games back in the day. "I would go to open gym with guys who enjoyed basketball," Embry said. "We would all hang out and go play, but it was older guys. Because I was a bigger kid, they just pummeled me. It took the fun out of basketball for me. But I can honestly say all those guys that bullied me when I was younger, payback was sweet as I got older."

The switch flipped for Embry during his sophomore year at Central when he had a growth spurt. "That kind of helped," he said. "Then my skill level slowly caught up with my height. I think going into my sophomore year, I started enjoying basketball where it wasn't a chore for me."

Embry became the chairman of the boards for the Indians, setting Flint-area records with 399 rebounds in 1981-82 and 706 for his career in only two seasons.

"I wasn't asked to score," Embry said. "My role was to clog up the middle, to play defense, to stop my man from scoring and to get every rebound that comes off the goal, because that's how we started our fast break."

After a four-year career at DePaul University from 1982-83 to 1985-86, Embry was the 84th overall pick in the 1986 NBA Draft, going in the fourth round to the Utah Jazz.

The Jazz allowed Embry to play in Spain in 1986-87, which helped prepare him for his first NBA training camp the following season.

Embry felt he performed well enough to earn a spot on the team, but was cut. The Jazz retained his rights for several seasons and never waived him, so he didn't get another shot with an NBA team.

"I don't want to say I got screwed by them, but I really got screwed by them," Embry said. "I don't think they expected me to do as well as I did in camp. (Coach) Frank Layden said if I do what I was supposed to do, they'll make a position for me. Eric Leckner was the big guy. Well, I was smashing Eric Leckner. I didn't know who he was and I didn't care."

"I'm thinking I'm in. When the smoke cleared, only one position was left for me. I had a better camp. I know I'm in. I'm coming back to veterans' camp, for sure. My agent told me they secretly signed Jose Ortiz. I called Jerry Sloan and asked Jerry if that's true; it's true. He said, 'We'd love to see you in veterans' camp.' For what? There's no spot. They wanted bodies in there to go against their veteran players, so I left."

Despite the disappointment, Embry carved out a nice career for himself playing in Belgium, Spain, Italy, Japan, South America and Turkey before retiring in 2000.

One of the benefits of playing in so many countries was being exposed to a wide variety of culinary styles. Embry had been cooking all his life, helping his parents in the kitchen. His dining experiences overseas helped prepare him for a career after basketball.

He opened a restaurant in Flint called "51 to Go," an homage to his jersey number. He has authored eight cookbooks and a self-help book called "Diary of a Depressive."

"Playing basketball in Europe broadened my mind a little bit when it comes to the kitchen," Embry said. "I grew up on southern food. My mother and I are both from Arkansas."

"When I went to Europe, a lot of countries cook a lot of fresh food, a lot of fresh ingredients, nothing out of a can. A lot of restaurants even source their own vegetables and things. The things they did in Europe, I brought back to the States. It was a personal thing initially."

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Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame:

On behalf of Kansas State University and our track and field program I congratulate Gwen Wentland on her induction into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame. Gwen was a significant contributor and great teammate during her time at Kansas State in the early 1990's.

As a collegiate, Gwen was a four-time NCAA Division One runner-up in the high jump. She won three Big Eight high jump championships and in her senior year won the USA Indoor National Championships with her personal best mark of 1.96 / 6' 5". To this day Gwen still ranks second on our program's indoor and outdoor ranking lists in the high jump. Gwen also competed in the combined events during her collegiate years. She set a collegiate best, American best and world best in the pentathlon high jump. She also set a collegiate best and tied an American best in the heptathlon high jump.

Gwen competed for a number of years post-collegiately, perennially ranking among the top ten in the United States. Among the highlights were Gwen making the USA World Championship team in 2003 and winning another USA Indoor high jump championship in 2005.

Gwen is a member of the Kansas State Sports Hall of Fame and certainly one of the more decorated female sports figures in Kansas State history. Her induction into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame is a well-deserved honor.



Cliff Rovelto
Kansas State University
Director of Track & Field • Cross Country

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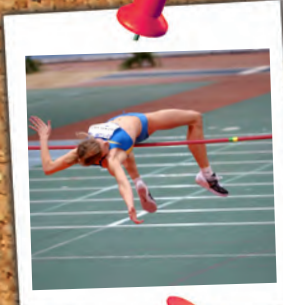
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Gwen Wentland-Mikinski



Andy Taylor was coaching varsity girls basketball at Grand Blanc High School when he spotted potential in a junior varsity player named Gwen Wentland-Mikinski.

Just not as a basketball player. Definitely not as a basketball player.

"I was kind of a failure in basketball," she said.

Perhaps, but Taylor also coached track and field at Grand Blanc. Even on the basketball court, Taylor detected glimpses of athletic ability that could translate nicely into that sport.

"He watched me ride the bench as a JV athlete for a couple years," she said. "I could touch the rim; that was probably my only talent. I would grab the rim, things like that. He's like, 'You're not very good at basketball, but you should come out for track.'" Doing so would mean giving up soccer, a sport she played growing up, because both sports take place in the spring at the high school level.

"I came to a fork in the road," she said. "I had to make a decision. I said, 'You know, I'm going to do something different, see how this goes.'"

It went quite well, which is putting it mildly.

Wentland-Mikinski became one of the best high jumpers in Michigan high school history, was an All-American at Kansas State University and competed in five U.S. Olympic Trials from 1992-2008.

She came up short of qualifying for the Olympics as a competitor, but achieved that dream as a coach in 2012.

Wentland-Mikinski competed as a high jumper longer than most athletes, even though she began coaching at Kansas State and for a year at California-Irvine shortly after her college career ended.

"I just thought, 'You know, you've got this really small window of opportunity left,'" she said. "I wanted to keep going. I moved back to train with Cliff Rovelto at Kansas State. That worked to my benefit, because I ended up finishing second at the U.S. championships that year. I made the world champion team in 2003, won the U.S. championship indoors following the birth of my daughter in 2004. Clearly, I wasn't done. I had a little more gas in the tank."

"I was into my 30s by the time I retired. There's always a very fine line as to when it call it quits. You don't want to hang in so long that people are saying, 'Why is she still out there?' As long as I was competitive and making a run at national championships and in the hunt for top-three performances, I tried to stay with it as long as I could."

Her first track and field meet came as a freshman at Grand Blanc in 1987. She cleared 4 feet, 10 inches that day and barely missed qualifying for the state meet at regionals.

"I had horrible form," she said. "Like a baby deer, I was just trying stuff, but I had a proclivity towards it. I knew if I set my mind to it, if I had another year, I could get really good."

Once Wentland-Mikinski got the hang of things, she took second in the state with a jump of 5-4 in 1988, won at 5-7 in 1989 and won at 5-10 in 1990. Her jump as a senior is still the state meet record for Class A or Division 1 and was six inches higher than runner-up Yeshimbra Gray of Carman-Ainsworth.

Before moving on to college, she jumped 6 feet at the 1990 CANUSA Games to set a Michigan high school record that still stands.

Where did that talent come from?

"My gramma on my dad's side used to say her husband, my grandfather who I really didn't get to know very much because he died early, they used to call him Leaping Leonard," she said. "Quite possibly, the leaping came from him."

Her high school performances attracted the attention of major college programs, but Kansas State wasn't high on her list.

"That was kind of a lucky mistake," she said.

She took visits to LSU, North Carolina and Tennessee before being persuaded by Rovelto to travel to Manhattan, Kan., to check out K-State. Wentland-Mikinski had a national letter of intent in hand to sign with North Carolina when she backed out at the last minute with no guarantee the other offers were still available.

"I went from being one of the top recruits in the country to having nowhere to go to school, because I told North Carolina 'no.' Kansas State found out at a track meet that I declined to go there. Coach Rovelto called me and said, 'I heard you're not going to North Carolina; where are you going to school?' I said, 'If the offer still stands, I'd like to go to Kansas State.'"

At Kansas State, Wentland-Mikinski became the greatest high jumper in school history. She won one outdoor and two indoor NCAA championships, was an eight-time All-American and set the school indoor (6-5) and outdoor (6-4.5) records in 1995. Both records were broken by Akela Jones in 2016.

Wentland-Mikinski was inducted into the school's Hall of Fame in 2006.

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1961



First Row: J. Bischer, A. Haywood, W. Reed, B. Ingham, B. Jordan, D. Smith, G. Blakely, R. Zweng, J. Goniwicha.
Second Row: G. Vernon, S. Kovacs, G. Blumerick, H. Hug, C. Hassell, B. Angelbeck J. Tackett, R. Scriptor.
Third Row: I. Hardenburg, Manager, F. McFadden, S. Gemmill, W. Ivins, F. Fickies, D. Takacs, D. Schemehauer, A. Powell, R. Kaufman, D. Trumphour, Manager.
Fourth Row: G. Young, D. Jacobs, R. Phillips, R. Bailey, D. Zito, R. Beck, R. Hartman, B. Green, T. Gruchala.

1962



First Row: G. Blakely, Mgr., A. Powell, C. Hassell, D. Zito, R. Smith, D. Smith, G. Blumerick, B. Angelbeck, R. Zweng, R. Hartman, Mgr.
Second Row: Mr. Dunk, Coach, G. Vernon, G. Young, F. Fickies, D. Takacs, R. Beck, S. Gemmill, R. Scriptor, S. Kovacs, A. Mitchell, Mr. Roberts, Coach.
Third Row: W. Ivins, F. McFadden, M. Hug, R. Phillips, A. Jones, B. Hoffmeyer I, R. Kaufman, I. Hardenburg, A. Peters, D. Schemenauer.
Fourth Row: R. Zuchegno, J. Cook, R. McClish, W. Berke.

1963



Top Row: S. Wall, D. Zuchowski, R. Bartosiewicz, L. Archambault, A. Peters, K. Lowrie. 5th Row: R. Hartman, Wm. Brandon, D. Kaufman, J. Conterio, D. Weston, H. Strandell, D. Bigelow, Wm. Pearce, G. Blumerick. 4th Row: T. Sturgess, G. Haerison, D. Gunn, I. Hardenburg, L. Burke, J. Stolte, G. Burgess, G. Perry, V. Martin. 3rd Row: R. Terwilliger, A. Jones, R. Morrison, N. McKenzie, R. Zuchegno, J. Cook, T. Hoxsie, S. Davis, F. Dunk. 2nd Row: E. Roberts, F. Fickie, S. Gemmill, M. Hug, D. Schemenauer, R. Smolinski, R. Beck, W. Berke, Wm. Hoffmeyer. First Row: R. Scriptor, Wm. Angelbeck, S. Kovacs, A. Mitchell, A. Powell, D. Zito, D. Takacs, G. Young, G. Vernon, F. McFadden.

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Michigan School for the Deaf 1961, 1962, 1963 Track Teams

By Dan Nilsen

Winning state track championships was nothing new to Michigan School for the Deaf in the early 1960s. The Flint school already had three Class D titles and four runner-up finishes from previous decades.

By 1961, though, the Tartars had gone 12 years without one, and had never strung three in a row.

That drought ended in dramatic fashion in 1961, '62 and '63, as MSD swept three consecutive Class D crowns and re-established the school as a state track power. As part of that run, they also won five straight regionals and five Motor Valley Conference titles.

Those 1961-63 teams now enter the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame and join the 1945 and '46 MSD track teams, which won back-to-back titles and were inducted in 1997.

For coach Earl Roberts, the sweep gave him six state titles in 19 years. A variety of talented athletes spread over several events made it happen.

Among the standouts and highlights were: Donald Smith, who set a state record in the long jump in 1962 and ran on multiple state-winning relays; Dave Takacs, whose final throw won the shot put in 1963 and sealed a 43-34 victory over Brethren Norman Dickson; Gerald Blakely, who won the 880-yard run in 1961 and was part of state-winning relay teams with Caswell Hassell, Jim Bischer, Bill Ingram and Brown Jordan that year; Wilbert Reed, who won the 440 that year and also ran on two relays; Ron Scriptor, who was on winning relays in multiple years and came within three-tenths of a second of winning the 880 and setting a state record; Anson Mitchell, Dominic Zito, Steve Kovacs, Gerald Vernon, Gary Blumerick, Bill Angelbeck, Frank Fickies and Bill Hoffmeyer, all of whom contributed to the Tartars winning seven relay events in their three-year state run.

Other athletes contributing to conference, regional and invitational titles were shot-putter Alan Haywood, pole vaulter and relay runner Glindell Young, high jumper Fred McFadden, miler Robert Morrison and sprinter Bob Zweng.

But the biggest standout on the team was Abram Powell, a lanky, 6-foot speedster from Pontiac who won the state 440 three consecutive years from 1962-64 and went undefeated in 35 consecutive races. He also ran on the winning 880 relay team in the 1963 state meet and won the broad jump in 1964, the year MSD's streak ended with a third-place finish behind champion Covert.

Powell's specialty was breaking from the line into a big lead, despite the disadvantage of not hearing the starter's pistol. "Oh no no, I caught that gun pretty quick," he replied, shrugging off the disadvantage. "It didn't matter if they were hearing or not, I was able to take them. I took off and was way out. They couldn't catch me."

That was evident in the 1964 state meet. Powell got his usual fast start and won the 440 by 5 yards for his third straight state title in that event.

But he missed his final chance at the state record of 51.2. Powell had clocked 51.1 just four days earlier in a dual meet, but wind and 90-degree heat at the state finals slowed him to 52.1, above his two previous state-winning times of 51.9 in 1962 and 51.75 in 1963. Powell also won the broad jump at 21-4 in 1964, missing the state record by an inch.

Like many of his track teammates, Powell also played football and basketball, the only other sports available at MSD.

"He was a rail-thin halfback, but he was fast," said Scriptor.

"And that was because he didn't like anyone to catch him," Scriptor added, slipping into wry humor. "He didn't want anyone to tackle him. He didn't like pain."

Scriptor, who came from Durand, was pretty fast himself on the track, coming within an eyelash of winning the state 880 one year. Running in a cluster the first lap, Scriptor found himself stuck there as one runner pulled away in the second lap.

"Once there was an opening, I was able to get out and catch up," he said. "But by the time I caught up it was too late."

"If I would have just been able to break out of that cluster of kids, I could have gotten first place. But he was really far ahead. I had a lot of catching up to do, but, wow, just .3 seconds at the end. We both broke the state record, 1:59-something."

Anson Mitchell, another 1964 grad, hailed from Sault Ste. Marie. He was on the 1963 state-champion 880 relay squad and also did the broad jump. A two-way player in football, Mitchell was only the second deaf player in state history to make two All-State teams in one year, the Associated Press All-Star team and the Detroit News first team.

Perhaps the farthest any student-athlete traveled to MSD was Fred McFadden, who was born in Beaumont, Texas. A high jump specialist, he won at the Goodrich Invitational and competed in regional and state meets.

"My mommy and daddy sent me there when I was 12," he said. "My first day there, I just loved it. I stayed five years. All the deaf kids loved me. Communication was good. The community was good."

MSD trackmen also shone at a Midwest open meet in Indianapolis, a stepping stone for the International Olympic Games for the Deaf. Zito won the 100-meter dash in 11.1 seconds and set a world record for deaf athletes with a 22.4 clocking in the 200. Powell won the 400, extending his quarter-mile streak, and tied for first in the triple jump. Scriptor won the 800 and Takacs took the shot-put.

At the 1965 Deaf Olympics in Washington D.C., home of Gallaudet University, Scriptor placed third in two heats of the 800 but finished fifth in the next heat and was eliminated. He later attended Gallaudet.

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Induction into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame is another worthy accolade for Mike Miller, an extremely talented dual-sport athlete.

He excelled at Flint Northern High School, where he played football and ran track. An All-City selection on the gridiron and state champion and record holder as a sprinter on the track squad, he brought those talents to the University of Tennessee and added to the school's storied history of football/track dual-sport standouts.

Miller excelled on the football field, lettering from 1980-82 as an important contributor to UT's "Wide Receiver U" legacy. He was recognized as a leader within the program, serving as an elected game captain.

Miller also was an All-American on the Vols' track & field squad, earning the honor eight times as sprinter from 1979-82 in five events (60m, 100m, 200m and as a member of 4x100 and 4x400 relay units). The Tennessee men's track & field team won Southeastern Conference championships—both indoor and outdoor—in 1981 and 1982.

The University of Tennessee was most fortunate to have Mike Miller represent the Volunteers as an outstanding dual-sport student-athlete. Tennessee Athletics salutes and enthusiastically endorses his selection to the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame. Congratulations to a memorable "Vol for Life."

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bud Ford".

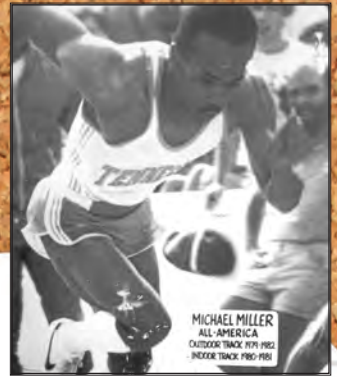
Harris D. (Bud) Ford
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Michael Miller

Nobody had any idea how fast Mike Miller could run, least of all his father. So, when Miller came home asking for track shoes to run in his first meet in junior high school, his father declined the request.

"He looked at me and said, 'You can't run; wear those shoes you have on,'" Miller said. "I wore those shoes in my first meet and never had to run in tennis shoes again after he saw me run."

His father was understandably skeptical of his son's talent.

"There was nobody in my family who was an athlete," Miller said. "Nobody ever did anything further than junior high school. That's the reason I believe my dad said what he said to me that day."

It was a gym teacher at Emerson Junior High School in Flint, Carl White, who noticed Miller's speed when he had students race one another.

Miller's wheels would take him to the University of Tennessee, where he was a two-sport athlete, playing football in the fall before running indoor track in the winter and outdoor track in the spring.

Miller, the state Class A champion in the 220-yard dash in 1976 at Flint Northern, chose Tennessee over Michigan so he could continue in both sports.

"It was rough, especially in the spring time," Miller said. "I would go to track practice, then go to football practice. I went to Tennessee on a track scholarship and just played football, because I wanted to make sure I was able to run track. That's the reason I didn't go to Michigan. (Bo Schembechler) told me I had to be at spring football practice."

"The only thing about spring football practice is it's right before nationals in track and field and I wanted warmer weather. You might be lucky to have warm weather for the state meet the first week of June (in Michigan)."

Miller excelled in both sports, becoming an eight-time All-American on the track and an NFL draft pick as a wide receiver in football. The Green Bay Packers made him a fourth-round pick, 104th overall, in 1983.

With the Los Angeles Olympic Games one year away, Miller had a decision to make. He ran the world's fastest time in the 200 meters in 1982, clocking 20.15 seconds at altitude in Provo, Utah. The seventh-fastest time that year was run by a rising star named Carl Lewis.

Miller chose the sport that was more beneficial financially, signing with the Packers. Green Bay, which was set at wide receiver, traded Miller to the New York Giants before the start of the 1983 season.

"I qualified for the Olympic Trials in 1980," Miller said. "I probably would've at least made a relay team. I was hot in '80. In 1983, at that time, professional athletes could not go to the Olympics. There was no money in track and field back then. They're paying them a little bit now. I just went on to football, so when '84 came around, I was a professional athlete and couldn't participate."

"I kind of wish I would have waited, but you're a young kid, 21 years old; you're looking for financial stability. The NFL lights are shining in your face. I took it. I look back at it, it's something you think about. It's like when you pull a trigger to a gun; once you do it, you can't get the bullet back."

Miller played in 13 games for the Giants in 1983, catching seven passes for 170 yards. He spent the entire 1984 season on injured reserve after getting hurt in training camp.

He was working as a truant officer at Lowell School in Flint in 1985 when he got a call from the New Orleans Saints around midseason. He played in three games with the Saints in what would be his final NFL season.

"Not too many people get to live out their dreams like that," Miller said. "If you look at the number of football players in the United States, then break down to college, it's a small number of them. Not even 1% of football players make it to the NFL."

"A lot of that had to do with timing, most of it had to do with staying healthy and a lot of it had to do with thinking. A lot of good athletes can't remember plays. Once you get to that level, everybody is good, everybody is fast. So, then it comes to that mind. You've got to outthink that person across from you."

For all the success Miller had on the track and gridiron, those weren't his first options as an athlete. "Actually, basketball was my favorite sport, because I was bigger than everybody," he said. "I'm the same size now as I was in sixth grade. I didn't get any more height after sixth grade. I was 6 feet in sixth grade. I was a center then. Everybody caught up with me in high school."

Miller wasn't blessed with tremendous height, but he was blessed on the home front. He owes his success to his parents, Eddie and Mattie, even if his father was initially skeptical about his ability as a runner.

"I couldn't dream of better parents," said Miller, who lives in Youngstown, Ohio. "Sometimes kids these days don't get that, because we as Americans say, 'What have you done for me lately?' and get divorced. My parents stayed together, fought through it. Now, they just get divorced and these kids are raised without two parents. I had great parents."

"I don't care where I played, I could look up in the stands, whether I was in New York or New Orleans, Tennessee or Kentucky, I could look up in the stands and see my dad's face. My mom would be there, too. She wouldn't watch me run a play. She thought she would jinx me. She would go to the bathroom. It was always good to know I had my parents' support."





Jake Long
Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame

Dear Jake,

The University of Michigan Athletic Department and the Michigan football program are excited to congratulate you on your induction into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame. This is a well-deserved honor and one that we are proud to see you receive in your hometown as you have done so much to make this football program, athletic department and university proud.

During your time in Ann Arbor, you developed into one of the elite offensive tackles in college football. The leadership you displayed as a two-time captain helped propel the team to great success that culminated with a great victory in the 2008 Capital One Bowl. You and your teammates sent Coach Carr out with a great victory over Florida that will be remembered by Michigan fans and faithful for eternity.

Your determination and dedication were on display during that senior year in 2007 when Mike Hart gained nearly 1,200 rushing yards directly behind your blocking on the left side, and you helped him set the career rushing record. The discipline that you played with was evident during that season as you were not flagged for a penalty and yielded only one sack. You also became a member of a very select group of Michigan and Big Ten players by earning consensus All-American honors and the Big Ten Offensive Lineman of the Year award following your junior and senior seasons. You protected your quarterbacks, led your teammates, and were as reliable as you were talented.

To see the culmination of all your hard work realized and rewarded with your selection as the first pick in the 2008 NFL Draft by the Miami Dolphins is something that still makes all of us at Michigan happy to think about and acknowledge. We are even more proud of the father and role model that you have been and continue to be since retiring from the NFL after a nine-year career.

We want to thank you for all that you accomplished at the University of Michigan, growing on the field of play as a student-athlete, earning your degree, and as you continue to do, being a tremendous representative of the program.

Congratulations on all your success and on this tremendous honor.

Go Blue!

Warde Manuel
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Jake Long

Need further proof that playing multiple sports is a benefit, not a deterrent, for young athletes who dream of ultimately playing a single sport in college and beyond?

Jake Long is willing to offer his path as validation that specialization isn't needed to achieve greatness in an athlete's primary sport.

Long was a first-team All-Metro League performer for Lapeer East's basketball team in 2001-02 and 2002-03. He was a second-team all-leaguer twice on the baseball diamond.

All he did was go on to star as an offensive lineman at the University of Michigan, become the No. 1 overall pick in the 2008 National Football League Draft and earn four Pro Bowl berths.

That's all.

"I feel like nowadays people try to specialize in one sport," Long said. "I am against that all the way. I played all three sports. When I was being recruited for football, I sent in my tapes. Everybody knew what I could do on a football field. I had more football scouts come to my basketball and baseball games than I ever had to my football games.

"Basketball helped with my conditioning, running down the court and playing defense. Baseball, flipping your hips and hitting showed scouts for football the type of athlete I was and how coachable I was. It just broadens your horizons on different sports, how to be a different type of teammate, just the camaraderie and competition at every level."

Long continued to play basketball and baseball throughout high school, even though his dream all along was to play football at Michigan. He said he had some interest from Division II colleges for baseball and Division III for basketball, but his football talent could take him to even greater stages.

He understood that the moment he joined the football team at Michigan, the time had come to put the other sports in his past.

"I really loved those two sports," he said. "Not being able to play those two anymore after I got to college was a bummer. I miss those but, honestly, football was a full-time job. Every day of the year I was occupied with that. I was really excited to just focus on one and dive right into that."

Lifelong friend Jake Weingartz remembers Long being the best athlete and biggest kid on any team when they were growing up.

"He was a really good athlete in general," Weingartz said. "He was 6-foot-7, 290 pounds and was great on the basketball court. Playing baseball, he was a phenomenal batter. He set pretty much every school record at Lapeer East hitting-wise."

At Michigan, Long became a starter at offensive tackle in the third game of his redshirt freshman season in 2004, earning freshman All-America and second-team All-Big Ten Conference. Following an injury-plagued 2005 season, Long became truly elite by earning first-team All-America and Big Ten Offensive Lineman of the Year in 2006 and 2007.

Playing for Michigan was everything he hoped it would be as a lifelong fan of the Wolverines. "Coming out of the tunnel is one of the most energetic things you'll ever do," Long said. "Being able to run out to 110,000-plus people with all your closest friends on the team, being able to touch that banner so many people have touched, so many great players, to be part of that tradition is really hard to explain, but it's magical."

Long expected to be a first-round draft pick when he left Michigan, but had no clue he would eventually go No. 1 overall to the Miami Dolphins. He was projected to go in the top 10, then began to move into the top five.

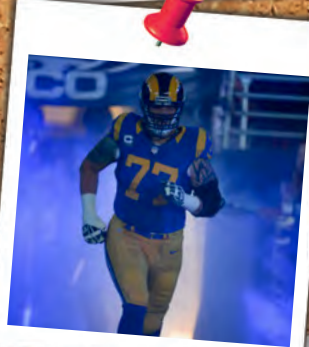
Then came a fateful phone call about a week before the draft. "I got a call from my agent," Long said. "He said, 'You need to pack up. You're flying to Miami tomorrow.' I said, 'I've been out there two times already. Why am I going out there now?' He said, 'They're drafting you and are going to sign you tomorrow.' That was four or five days before the draft. That's the first time I thought it was possible." Having a contract secured with the team that held the top pick made Long's experience more chill while he was in New York for the pre-draft festivities.

"All the other guys there, the other five guys with me, they were all kind of stressing out, because they didn't know where they were going," Long said. "I got to relax and soak it in. It's the first time I'd ever been to New York. I got to go there and really enjoy it."

On his big day, about 100 people gathered at the Lake Inn in Lapeer for a draft watch party. Long made sure to call shortly before the draft and again afterward to thank everyone for their support and make sure everyone was having a good time.

He had just signed a five-year, \$57.5-million contract and was heading to South Beach, but the money and the status wasn't going to change the Jake Long everyone in Lapeer knew.

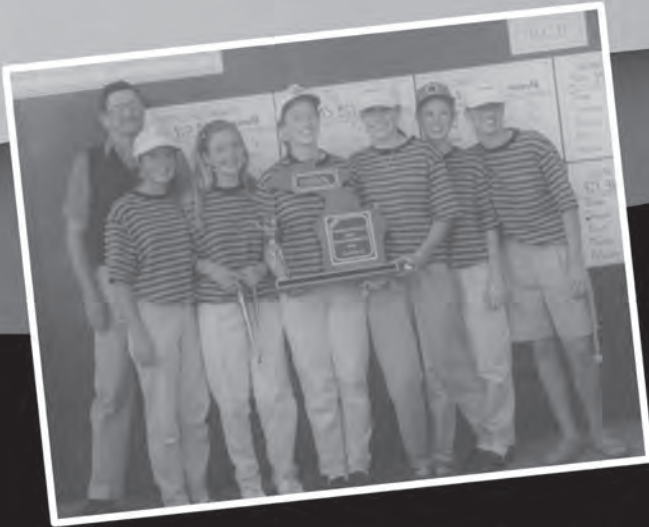
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Flint St. Matthew 1962 Boys Basketball Team

By Dan Nilsen

Officially, Flint St. Matthew High won its first state basketball championship on March 24, 1962, when it beat Brimley 60-52 in the Class D final at Michigan State's Jenison Field House.

In reality, the Panthers wrapped up that title nearly three weeks earlier, when they scraped past Sacred Heart 60-59 in a battle of Flint Area Parochial Conference co-champions in the district opener at Kearsley High.

St. Matthew's only loss in a 23-1 season was against Sacred Heart on Jan. 5, and the Matts — as they were more commonly called — nearly fell again to their toughest opponent of the season.

When they survived, the path to a state title was wide open.

"After we beat Sacred Heart, it was over," said Roger Houle, a 6-foot-2 freshman on the varsity. "The tournament games were easy. We had no competition.

"The toughest competition we had was our league. The parochial league made us state champs."

The numbers back up that claim.

After the nail-biter, St. Matthew beat Mt. Morris St. Mary 70-40, Genesee 75-58, Kinde North Huron 77-56, New Lothrop 66-51 and Pottersville 71-51 to reach the final four.

The last two games were a bit closer, with a 59-52 win over Lawrence in the semifinals, and the eight-point triumph over Brimley in the title game. But even those games were never in doubt.

"They weren't that close," said Houle. "Everybody was getting in to play."

Case in point: All 12 St. Matthew varsity players got in the championship game.

That dominating run through the 1962 tournament has earned St. Matthew a berth in the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame.

The state title was the culmination of four years of solid play by a nucleus of four key players, led by a young Jack Pratt in his first four years as a head coach.

John Biedenbach, Craig Metcalfe, Alex Peterson and Don Trevarrow carried St. Matthew to two league championships, two holiday tournament wins, four district titles, three regional crowns and the first state championship in any sport for the little school (enrollment 200) on Beach Street.

None of the Big Four stood taller than 5-11. Their strength was speed on the fast break, fueled by block-out rebounding drilled by Pratt, and the belief and desire to win instilled by him.

"We were trained on defense and on blocking out and getting rebounds," said Peterson. "He'd throw the ball up in practice and say, 'Block off the guy that's going to the basket. I want that ball to hit the floor.'"

Rebounding was the duty of the fifth man.

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Front L-R:

Bob Lane, Craig Metcalfe, Alex Peterson, Don Trevarrow, John Biedenbach, Coach Jack Pratt, Manager Doug Catsiman

Back L-R:

Larry Whalen, Tony Wittbrodt, John Klungle, Roger Houle, Tom Chittle, David Kiefer, Jim Sarginson, Jim Leatherman, Larry Heath, Tom Fairless, Assistant Phil Nowak



I am thrilled to send a letter of congratulations for Darryl Johnson on his induction into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame.

This is a tremendous honor for Darryl, who was one of the first players I recruited when I was hired at Michigan State as an assistant to my mentor, Jud Heathcote. Darryl was one of the first from Flint to come to our program and he joins a long list of Flint natives who are part of this Hall of Fame. They say this is a city where Legends are Born and Raised, and Darryl is part of that history.

He was a terrific player here at Michigan State, graduated as one of the top-10 scorers in program history and still ranks among the top-25 all-time. Darryl was drafted by the Golden State Warriors, played professionally for 15 years and continued to impact his hometown following his playing career.

I'm thrilled for Darryl and his family and it's great to see him join some of the best from the great city of Flint in the Hall of Fame.

Tom Izzo

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Darryl Johnson

Darryl Johnson never abandoned his NBA dream, even when his birth certificate suggested it was time to move on.

His perseverance paid off when, at the age of 30, he played 11 games for the Cleveland Cavaliers during the 1995-96 season, 13 years after he helped Flint Central win its third straight state Class A basketball championship as a senior.

Finally making it to the league was the culmination of a journey that began when his grandfather built him a backyard hoop and ultimately took him around the globe to play professionally in seven countries over 16 seasons.

"I would see guys and talk to different guys whose journey was somewhat like mine or tougher, like undrafted free agents," Johnson said. "That's a hard road to take. During my journey, I never gave up. I knew I could play in the NBA. I wasn't worried about not making it or taking so long. I knew my hard work would pay off, even if it took nine years from college to get to the NBA."

Johnson signed two 10-day contracts with the Cavaliers before being retained for the rest of the season. He averaged 2.5 minutes of action in his 11 NBA games. He scored 12 points, was 5-for-12 from the field, grabbed two rebounds and had one assist.

"I really appreciated it, too, once I got there," Johnson said. "I always felt I belonged. I knew I could play. I had to take a different route, a harder road. That's a relief once you get there. I wanted to try to continue, but it didn't happen like I wanted it to, but I'm thankful for the opportunity."

He had an opportunity to try out the following season, but took the security of a guaranteed paycheck with a team in Naples, Italy.

"I'm 30, my son was just born in '96," he said. "When I went into the NBA for the half season with Cleveland, I had to make a decision and go over. I had to. I wasn't a youngster out of college anymore."

When Johnson was fresh out of Michigan State University, where he excelled under coach Jud Heathcote, he was drafted by the Golden State Warriors in the third round of the 1987 NBA draft, going 58th overall.

"I really thought I was going to make the team," said Johnson, who averaged 22.1 points as a senior at MSU. "I felt I had a real good training camp. It's hard making the NBA, the pros in general. They had a bunch of veteran guys in front of me. That's the first time I knew about the politics of the game. That was very disappointing. It's the first time I ever got cut from a basketball team. That was pretty dramatic. It taught me how to be strong, persevere. Anything you want, you've got to work hard for."

When Johnson left the Warriors' camp, he embarked on a pro career in which he played for 18 different teams. His first stop was Chicago in the Continental Basketball Association in 1987-88 and his last was Union Deportiva Espanola Temuco in South America in 2002-03.

"Just because you're not playing in the NBA, you can still make good money playing overseas," Johnson said. "I had a ball over there. I played all over Europe, Australia, the Philippine Islands, Venezuela, Italy, France, Spain. I put a lot of miles on that passport. I enjoyed every bit of it. It was a great experience. Basketball took me places I probably never would've gone."

Johnson's first experience playing basketball at a high level was at Flint Central, where the Indians built a dynasty under coach Stan Gooch. He was a part of a special era in Flint athletics, playing on all three state championship teams from 1981-83.

"What helped him out a lot was the fact he was playing against somebody like Mark Harris and Eric Turner in practice," said former teammate Marty Embry, who is being inducted into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame in the same year as Johnson.

"That helped set his mind as to how he wanted to be. To me, every game he played in I never felt like if the ball was in his hands he would screw up. He grew into a very good competitor. I played against him in Europe, too; it was in Belgium. For me, that was really cool to play against your teammate."

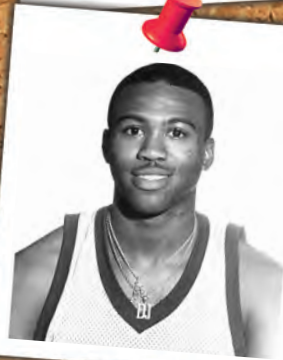
Johnson also benefited from being surrounded by great teammates during the college recruiting process. "I had no idea I was going to State," he said. "It was so funny how they saw me. They were recruiting Marty Embry his senior year, my junior year. They were recruiting him very tough. He ended up going to DePaul. They were recruiting him and saw me. I started getting recruited in 11th grade. I knew I was going to play in the Big Ten; I didn't know where at that point. That's all I used to watch was Big Ten ball. To me, that was the premier league at that time in the country."

Johnson scored 1,383 points in four seasons with the Spartans. He made All-Big Ten in 1986-87, back when MSU still played at venerable old Jenison Field House.

"We loved that place," Johnson said. "It was 10,000, maybe not a big arena like you see now, but those fans were loyal and supportive."

These days, Johnson works as a driver for Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home in Flint. He came upon the job by accident, having visited the funeral home asking to install a vending machine when he was in that line of work.

"Once I got there, in a short time he said they were looking for some drivers," Johnson said. "He was asking if I would be interested. I asked, 'I don't have to work with bodies or anything of that nature?' He said, 'No, we just want you to drive.' That's how I started driving."





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It is my honor and privilege to recognize Dave Hollingsworth for his posthumous induction into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame (GFASHOF). As superintendent of schools for the Beecher Community School District, I want to offer our greatest appreciation for his contributions to Beecher athletics and the school district.

Dave was an outstanding coach of the Beecher Girls Basketball program, winning 13 consecutive Big Nine League titles, Class B State Championships in 1980 and 1987 and securing two runner-up finishes in the state tournament in 1978 and 1988. During this run, Dave was selected Michigan Girls Coach of the Year three times.

A good coach is positive, enthusiastic, supportive, trusting, focused, goal-oriented, knowledgeable, observant, respectful, patient and a clear communicator. The best coaches are in the profession because they love it. Besides being strongly committed to the sports and success, the best coaches display a clear commitment to looking out for the best interest of the individual athletes. Coaching is an around-the-clock job, as top coaches live and breathe the art of coaching.

Dave Hollingsworth was one of those great coaches and I know he is missed by the entire Beecher Family. Congratulations for this great honor for his posthumous induction into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame (GFASHOF).

Sincerely,

Richard E. Klee, Ph.D.
Superintendent
Beecher Community School District

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Dave Hollingsworth

By Dan Nilsen

Nobody around Flint seems to know if Dave Hollingsworth ever played sports in high school or college in his native North Carolina. He just wasn't the type of guy to talk about himself.

But he sure knew how to coach.

Hollingsworth came to Flint in 1968 and joined the Beecher School District as a science teacher and coach at the elementary and junior high levels. By the mid-1970s he was at Beecher High, teaching biology and chemistry and coaching the girls' varsity basketball team in the fall and the boys' junior varsity in the winter.

By 1978 he had the Lady Bucs in the state finals, the first of three straight finals appearances that culminated in a Class B state championship in 1980. They won another state title in 1987 and fell just short in 1988.

On the local front, Hollingsworth built two dynasties.

The girls won 13 consecutive Big Nine Conference championships — including a 35-game winning streak in league play — and 13 consecutive district titles. Overall, they had eight 20-win seasons and a 282-91 record under Hollingsworth. He was the Big Nine Coach of the Year five times and Class B Coach of the Year three times. In the winter, his JV boys teams were perennial Big Nine champions and had five undefeated seasons in 15 years.

Hollingsworth's record speaks for itself.

Others speak for him.

"He won multiple, multiple Big Nine titles," said Bob Sunday, a Beecher assistant in both the girls and boys programs. "Kathy McGee, the great girls coach of Powers Catholic, once was quoted as saying her goal was to have a team as good as Beecher's."

Marty Crane, another successful Beecher coach who won 10 state track championships, observed that, "If the boys JV had played the varsity schedule, they would have won 60 percent of the games."

It leaves you wondering if Hollingsworth, who passed away in 2013, ever played basketball himself.

"Don't know," said Crane.

"He was a private person who didn't talk about himself much," said Sunday. "Getting into talking about our backgrounds, we never did."

"But he was a great person, a very friendly and gregarious guy. I treasure his friendship."

His girls loved him.

"He was dynamic," said Shelly Sparks, a four-year varsity player and a senior point guard on the 1980 championship team. "He was our teacher, too, and he cared more about your education than playing basketball."

"He would look after us when any scholarships came in. He would make a way for you. He would do anything he could to ensure the success of his players."

"He also believed in fairness. You had to win your position every week for every game. We had a really good eight-man team; any of them could start."

"That included work-study, homework and then being at practice. I liked that about him."

Forward/center Diana Wiley was another four-year varsity player on the 1980 team.

"He was straight-forward, honest and very structured," she said. "When he told us to do something, you did it or you were on the bench."

"He believed academics came first. If you didn't have them, you weren't going to play."

"We had study hall before practice every day. We wore our practice clothes and warmup suits so that when we got to the gym, we were ready to go. We could not be late."

"That 1980 team," said Crane, "if they gave out awards for a team academic grade-point average, they would have been way up there."

But Hollingsworth could be fun, too. He had nicknames for every girl on the team — China Doll, Sister Suki, Chocolate Chip, Big Mo, Nay Nay, Ricki Dee, etc.

"Those names were not permanent," said Sunday. "A kid's nickname could change from week to week."

"You'd get called names according to how you played a week ago," Sparks confirmed.

To toughen them up, Hollingsworth had his girls scrimmage the JV boys.

"Dave was ahead of his time in that," said Sunday. "I see college coaches doing that now."

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MICHIGAN STATE
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Dear Mr. Ben Lewis,

I write this letter to congratulate you on your induction into the Great Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame. It is quite the honor for you to be acknowledged for your athletic achievements over the years and be enshrined into a fraternity of such an elite group of people.

You join the likes of former Spartans such as Morris Peterson (Basketball), Roy Hall (Wrestling), Brad Van Pelt (Football), Courtney Hawkins (Football), Mateen Cleaves (Basketball), and Carl Banks (Football) just to name a few. The great thing about all of this is that you are all Spartans and all have represented the Flint area and community in such positive manner.

Your time at Michigan State and with the wrestling program will always be celebrated as you became one of the few multiple time individual Big Ten Wrestling Champions in program history and became an NCAA All-American. Your commitment to be the best during your time is still considered the golden days of Spartan Wrestling. You helped lead your team to a team Big Ten Championship in 1971 and 1972 and will forever be a mainstay in the record books.

It is my pleasure to congratulate you on this honor for representing Michigan State University Wrestling at the highest levels in all that you do.



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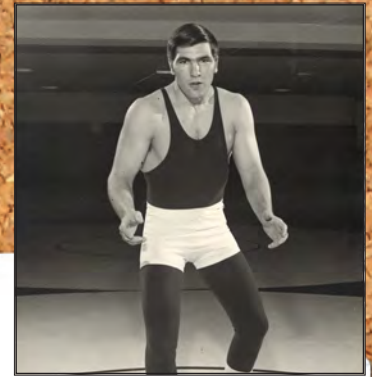
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Roger Chandler
Head Coach Wrestling Coach

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Ben Lewis

By Dan Nilsen

Like many high school seniors, Ben Lewis Jr. had a decision to make about which college to attend. In his case, it wasn't so much about the school as it was which sport he wanted to compete in.

A Fenton High School standout in both football and wrestling, Lewis first accepted a scholarship offer from coach Johnny Majors to play football at Iowa State. He signed a Big Eight letter of intent in the fall.

But as his senior year progressed into an undefeated wrestling season, he had second thoughts, and second choices.

"Wrestling was my first love," he said. "As the season went on, I had more offers. I told Iowa State I wasn't coming and signed a letter to wrestle at Michigan State."

What was it about wrestling that made Lewis give up the glamour of major college football?

"I like that you get to depend on yourself," he said. "It's just you and one other person. Whatever you do is up to you. And when you win, it's a real high."

Lewis did a lot of winning at Fenton. The Tigers were a football powerhouse that went 26-1 in his three years on the varsity (1965-67). Lewis played center as a sophomore, then moved to guard and added defensive tackle to his duties as a two-way lineman his junior and senior years.

Those last two years were undefeated seasons for Fenton, which never finished lower than third in the state Class B polls. As a 232-pound senior, Lewis was a first-team All-State pick by the AP, a second-team selection by UPI and an all-class, first-team choice by the Detroit News, which also picked Ken Wegner as Coach of the Year.

Wegner had football connections at Iowa State, and Lewis might have played there were it not for a new sport popping up at Fenton.

"They started wrestling my freshman year," Lewis said. "Leroy Decker (Fenton basketball coach) came up to me in gym class and said, 'You should be pretty good at that,' because I wasn't much of a basketball player. I was a little round."

Lewis had already started lifting weights at age 12 with the Fenton Barbells Club, and his size, strength and athletic ability made him an ideal candidate for wrestling.

Under coach Duane Wohlfert, Lewis finished second in the County B League meet and the Class B regional as a sophomore. As a junior he went 37-1, capturing league and regional championships and placing third at state. In his senior year he was 25-0, a champion at every stage and a second-team All-American.

Lewis might have had back-to-back state titles and undefeated seasons if it weren't for a large obstacle in his path at the state tournament his junior year. Seeded first at heavyweight, the 232-pound Lewis ran into 6-foot-7, 391-pound Chris Taylor of Dowagiac in the first round.

"I don't know if he had a bad record or what, but he was seeded last," said Lewis. "So we wrestled in the first round and I lost 6-5."

"I do know that for the next year, every day at practice, I geared for facing him again. Wohlfert had me wrestling two guys at once."

The following year they met again in the final, with Lewis winning 1-0 on an escape in overtime. Lewis left Fenton with 10 varsity letters — four in wrestling, three in football, one in baseball and two in track and field. But he never stopped wrestling, continuing to compete in non-scholastic spring and summer events.

He was an alternate member of the United States Junior World Wrestling Team in 1967, and placed fourth and then third the next two years in the AAU National Greco-Roman Championships.

"Wohlfert used to take me to tournaments," Lewis said. "I'd wrestle older guys and college guys. I even wrestled Wohlfert once in a tournament but didn't do too well."

Like the Fenton football team he played on, Lewis joined a juggernaut in MSU wrestling. The Spartans were on a streak of seven consecutive Big Ten titles, and Lewis helped keep it alive.

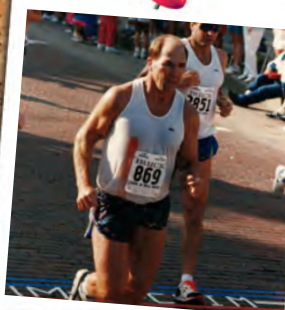
He took first place at the Big Ten Championships in 1971 and '72, fourth at the Midlands Championships in 1970, third at the NCAA District Four in 1971 and finished fifth in the NCAA National Championships in 1971, which earned him All-American status.

Like the Fenton wrestling team he joined, Lewis found another new sport at MSU. At the end of wrestling season in his junior year, Lewis wandered over to the judo room, which was right next to wrestling.

"I went in and starting working out with the judo teacher," he said. "It was something to do after wrestling."

In two years with the judo team, Lewis twice finished second in the Big Ten Championships and was third in the 1972 National Collegiate Championships, where he was awarded a 1st-degree black belt.

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Powers Girls Golf Teams of 1993 and 1994

By Dan Nilsen

You know you have a harmonious golf team when you're singing songs together on the way to meets and tournaments. The Powers Catholic girls teams of 1993 and 1994 did that often on their way to winning state championships both years. The Chargers captured both Class B-C-D titles with basically the same team members, winning by a rout the first year and by a stroke the next year. That repeat has earned those teams induction as a single entry into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame. Powers played in tune and hummed along both seasons.

"We were all so close, a tight-knit group of girls," said team captain Darci Stocker. "We liked each other. We hung out together. We played for each other."

And they sang together.

"We'd sing songs from 'The Little Mermaid' in the minivan," Stocker said. "Wendy Mesack had a beautiful singing voice and would lead everybody along."

Mesack also changed the lyrics of the sports anthem "We Will Rock You" to a golf version: "We will, we will par you. ... You got turf in your face, a big disgrace, hitting your ball all over the place."

Those lyrics were humorous, but also fitting in the 1993 tournament. Powers rocked the field with a 19-stroke romp over top-ranked Lansing Catholic Central.

In the first year of a two-round tournament format, the Chargers shot 384 on Friday at Groesbeck Golf Course, taking a seven-stroke lead on Lansing Catholic's home course.

Powers came back Saturday with another 384 on the more challenging Forest Akers West course at Michigan State University, despite wet and chilly conditions. The Chargers' two-day total of 768 easily beat LCC's 391-396-787.

All of this without a senior in the lineup. Powers, which had placed sixth in the 1992 tournament, came into 1993 with all underclassmen as its top players.

"We almost felt like we were a year away," coach Jack Snow told the Flint Journal after the 1993 championship.

None of the girls saw it that way.

Freshman Tera Hamo led Powers with 88-96-184, finishing seventh individually. Stocker shot 96-96-192 to place ninth. Sophomore Kristin Esia carded 102-94-196, sophomore Audrey Austin 103-98-201 and junior Mesack 98-105-203. Hamo and Stocker earned All-State honors.

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1993
Jack Snow (Coach), Jennifer Goss-Ream, Audrey Austin-Morningstar, Darci Stocker, Tera Hamo, Kristin Esia-Rivera, Wendy Mesack-Palmer



1994
Jack Snow (Coach), Bridget Beach (Assistant Coach), Tera Hamo, Kristin Esia-Rivera, Darci Stocker, Wendy Mesack-Palmer, Jennifer Goss-Ream



The Mott Community College Athletics Department would like to extend a message of congratulations to Tom Skinner on his posthumous induction into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame. This honor is well deserved and we all know that Tom, being the sports historian he was, is overjoyed about this induction.

As the voice of the Mott Community College Bears on many occasions over the course of two decades, Tom brought a professionalism to every level of sports commentary he did that made the events larger than the sum of its parts. The intermingling of sport trivia, numerous perfectly timed puns and a genuine overall knowledge of each game including the individual participants provided a context to each competition we so rarely get to experience in the world of athletics, especially, on the local levels.

When he was not commentating at competitions or engaging in some nostalgic sports conversation about local legends, Tom was a tremendous advocate for local programs. From Clio High School to Montrose High School or Mott Community College to the University of Michigan, Tom was consistently recruiting by spreading positivity about the historical accomplishments and the current devotion to the local student-athlete.

The fervor Tom Skinner had for the greater Flint area sports programs, along with the knowledge he had about the topic alone are enough for him to gain entry into this prestigious hall of fame. However, coupled with that sentiment is the professional career, or one could say lifelong devotion, he had to broadcasting, commentating and announcing local athletics puts his entry in rarified air.

Congratulations Tom... and thank you, on behalf of all the Mott Community College student-athletes, coaches and fans for your decades of service to the Greater Flint Area sport community.

Sincerely,

Al Perry and the Mott Community College Athletics Department

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Tom Skinner

By Dan Nilsen

When he was just a young boy, Tom Skinner was already showing a passion for sports broadcasting. Among his earliest calls was belting out "And down the stretch they come!" to an imaginary horse race. As he grew, Skinner's voice spread to other sports, then non-sports. "It could be a soap opera," said sister Sue Randall. "Or Mom could be making a pot roast and he would do play-by-play and drive her nuts."

It was all youthful fantasy, until one day at Western Michigan University, where fate played a hand.

While watching a football game at his fraternity, Skinner's play-by-play caught the attention of someone from the student broadcasting program, who asked if he could do that on the air.

And Skinner's fantasy became his life's work.

"He got a taste of broadcasting and ran with it," said brother John Skinner. "He got a poli sci degree from Western but never really used it."

Instead, Tom Skinner spent the next four decades working the Flint sports scene in a variety of capacities.

For 27 of those years, he did play-by-play of high school sports, Flint Generals hockey, Auto City Speedway races and other area sports — taping the events and postgame interviews for later broadcast on Comcast Cable. He worked the Buick Open every year.

When he wasn't broadcasting, he was serving as PA announcer at Broome Park baseball, Whaley Park softball and Mott College basketball games. He was on the board of directors of the Greater Flint Baseball-Softball Association and was a supervisor for the Flint City Baseball League.

With a soft spot in his heart for youngsters, he worked with the Elmer Knopf Learning Center in Flint, spent time with special-needs kids he called friends, and led the Montrose High School student broadcasting program to unparalleled success for 12 years.

For all that and more, Skinner, who died in October 2021 at age 63, has earned the Distinguished Service Award from the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame.

"He was so generous with his time," said Randall. "He didn't always get paid to do all that, but I'm sure he would have been doing it anyway."

Tom Skinner was a standout athlete in his own right, playing football, basketball and baseball at Clio High School. As a middle linebacker, he had almost 200 tackles his senior year, 30 against Powers Catholic. As a switch-hitter, he had triples from each side of the plate in one game. His football prowess earned him a scholarship to Ferris State, but a knee injury in his freshman year ended his football career.

With his playing days over, sports broadcasting became a natural alternative.

"He had that funny gravelly voice, but his stuff was always first-class," said John Dashner, a football referee who found himself on Skinner's "Comcast Game of the Week" several times. "Parents and athletes watched and taped those events, which never would have been captured if it weren't for Tom's efforts."

"And it wasn't always Powers and Grand Blanc. The first one of mine was Bentley and Hamady. He moved it around so more parents could get a view of their kids' games on TV."

"Tommy really got that thing going," said Chris "Rooster" Daly, Skinner's cousin and lifelong buddy. "Kids would walk into school on Monday flying high because they were on TV the night before."

Skinner soon expanded into bigger events, including the 1996 U.S. Open at Oakland Hills.

"He got an interview with Jack Nicklaus," said John Skinner, who served as his key grip. "Tom's holding a Comcast microphone, not CBS or NBC, but Jack was as classy as ever. He didn't blow him off but gave him engaging answers."

"Tom got those big opportunities here and there, but then the next week he could be interviewing a high school student who was thrilled to death to be on the 'Game of the Week.' That was kind of neat."

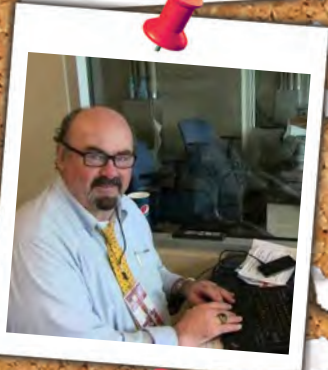
On a shoestring budget, Skinner covered a Super Bowl in San Diego. Instead of an expensive hotel stay, he rented an RV for the week and parked it in the stadium lot, with all the other TV trucks.

In Lakeland, Fla., he grew close to Tigers broadcasters Ernie Harwell and Paul Carey.

Then there was the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles, where Skinner and "Rooster" had the time of their lives. Fudging press passes, they got into the interview room after the U.S. men's volleyball team won the gold medal.

"We asked at least half the questions," said Daly, who came from a volleyball family, officiated high school matches and knew intricacies of the sport that real reporters did not. "The next day the answers were in newspapers around the world."

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The Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame
Female High School Athlete of the Year (2021-2022)

Gracie Olsen - Fenton High School

- Eight Time MHSAA or MISCA State Champion
- 5 Time All American
- 6 Time State Champion
- D2 Athlete of the year
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The Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame
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Levi Harber - Montrose High School



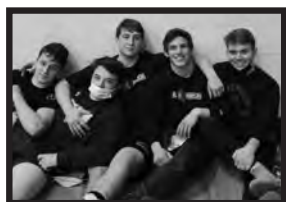
- Football 2 Time All Conference & 2 Time All State
- Wrestling-All Conference & 2 Time All State
- Track All Conference, Mid-Michigan Shot Put Champ

Attending Vanderbilt University
on full football scholarship

The Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame
High School Coach of the Year (2021-2022)

Zac Hall

Davison High School - Head Coach, Wrestling



- 2x MHSAA D1 Team State Champions
- First team in history to have all 14 starting wrestlers place at the State Championships
- 9 Individual State Champions, 14 State Finalists, and 26 State Placers
- Davison teams finished nationally ranked #5, and #15
- 9 athletes currently wrestling, or committed to wrestle in college

Ben Roof A-Frame Awards Scholarship

MAX CALLAHAN

Max Callahan is the recipient of this year's Ben Roof A-Frame Scholarship Award Winner, nominated by Davison Wrestling Coach, Zac Hall.

- Freshman Year - State Qualifier
- Sophomore Year - X (injured)
- Junior Year - All State (6th)
- Senior Year - Starting the season ranked 3rd in the state at the 165 weight class



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1980

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

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Dorothy
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1995



Norb
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1986



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Walter E. Head	Inducted 2016 Ainsworth High School, Head Coach Saginaw Valley State University Baseball Team-32 years
Bob Leach	Inducted 1991 Flint Central High School, University of Michigan
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 Influenced thousands, Won
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 Flint Bendle-14 Letters
 Star at Iowa, 16 Years in NFL
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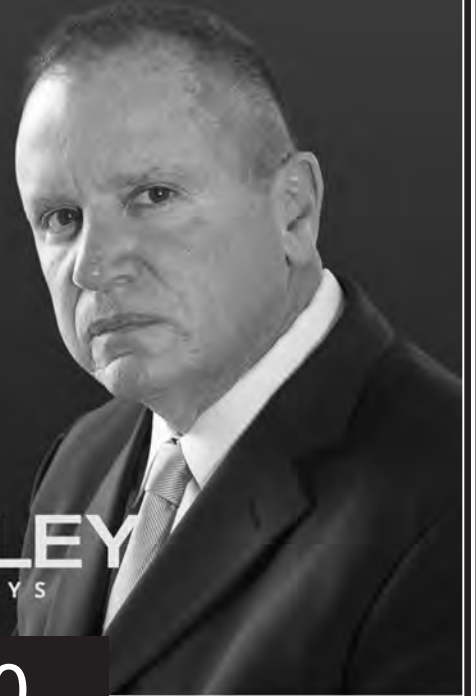
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1923-37 Compiling a record of
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Northwestern High School,
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Purdue All Big Ten,
NFL Standout-Defensive End



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Flint Northern 9 Letter Winner
U of M Halfback,
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Jim Podoley 1982

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



Jim Barclay 1982

First Northern H.S. Basketball
Coach-Won four State Class A
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Floyd Bates 1982

Central H.S. 3 Sports Star, played
softball with Joe Louis Punchers,
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Dave Hoskins 1983

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



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Northern H.S., Univ. of Mich.
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Bill Hamilton 1983
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T.J. Halligan 1983
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Proprietor for 40 Years, Pres. of 3
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Star at Northern, Capt. & MVP
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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
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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



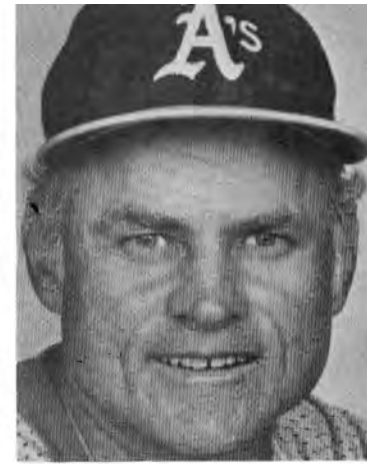
Mike Menosky 1985

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

Congratulations

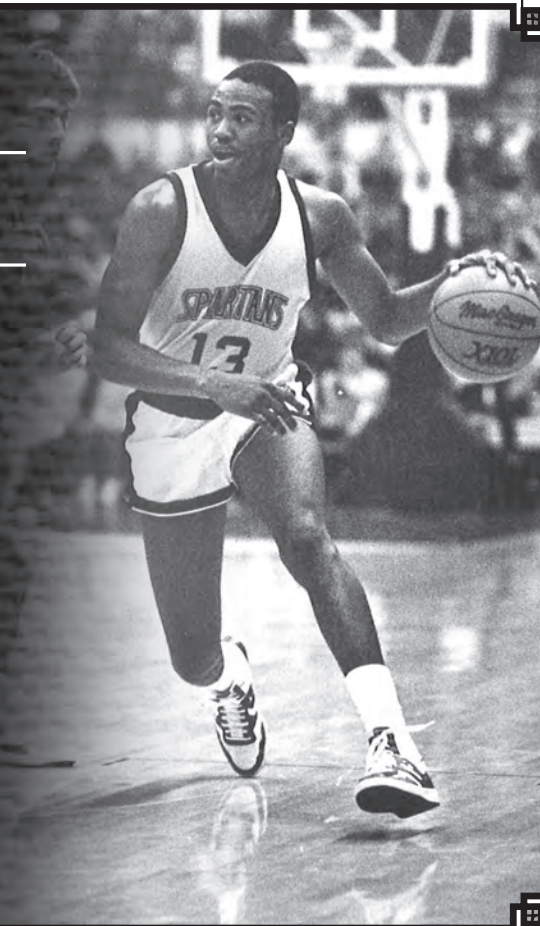
MR. DARRYL JOHNSON

On being one of the 2022 Inductees
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Your Godly character and hard work are a
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May God continue to bless you!

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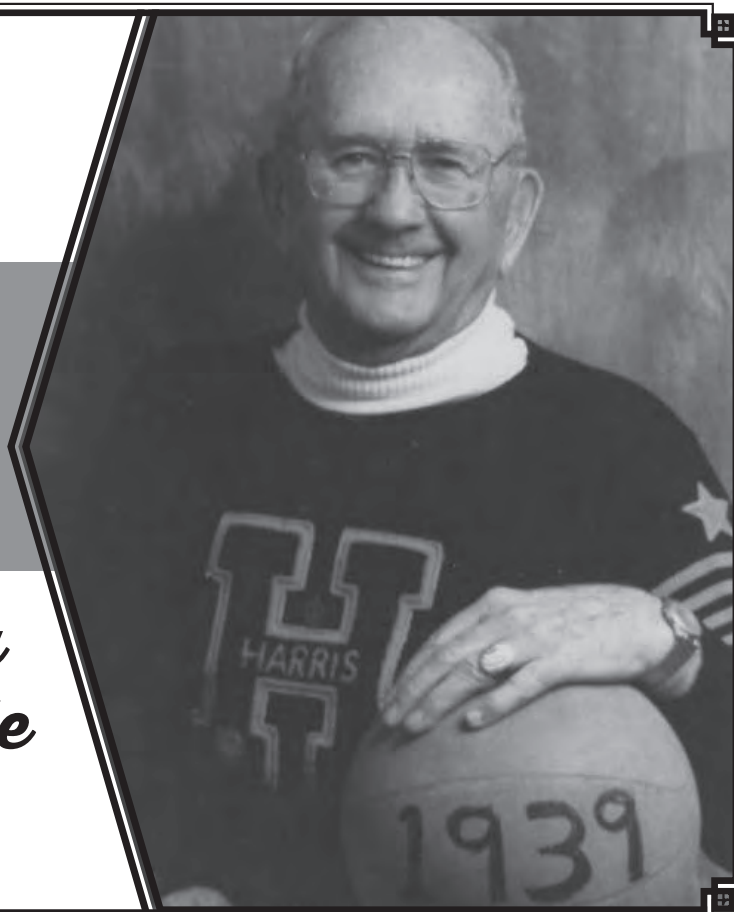


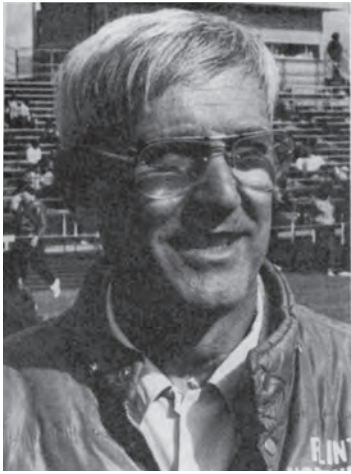
In memory of **Reynold Houle**

He was with us in 1962 and
he is with us tonight.

He saw 45
State Finals

Love Pa
The Houle
Family





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



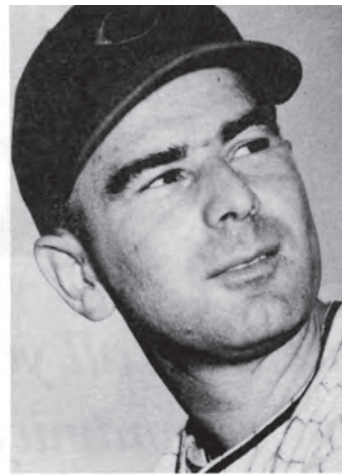
Jo Lake 1987

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

Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame 2022 Inductees



Congratulations

Darryl Johnson, Son & Brother

From your

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How are you ever gonna know if you never even try?
Do it for your country, do it for your name”
-unknown*

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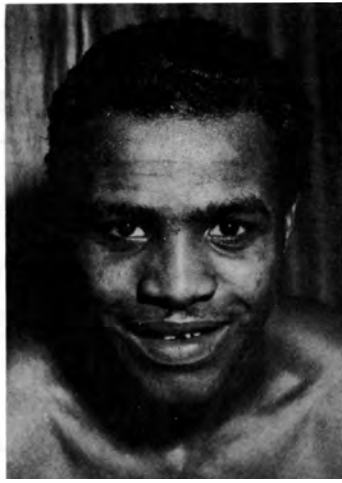
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Pete Fusi 1988

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



Bennie McCombs 1988

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



Howard Auer 1988

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



Ed Krupa 1988

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



John Matthews 1988

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



Barry Edmonds 1989

Special Service Award as
Superb Journal Photographer
Documented many events.



Bob Suci 1989

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



Gene Summers 1989

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



Ray Seidel 1989

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



Vinnie Frechette 1989

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



Mike Goggins 1989

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



Jack Morse 1989

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

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**Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame
Class of 2022**

Michigan Football Defensive Tackle | 2003-07

- >> 2006 and '07 Consensus All-American
- >> 2006 and '07 Big Ten Offensive Lineman of the Year
- >> 2006 and '07 First-Team All-Big Ten
- >> 2007 Outland Trophy and Lombardi Award Finalist
- >> 1st Overall Pick in 2008 NFL Draft





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



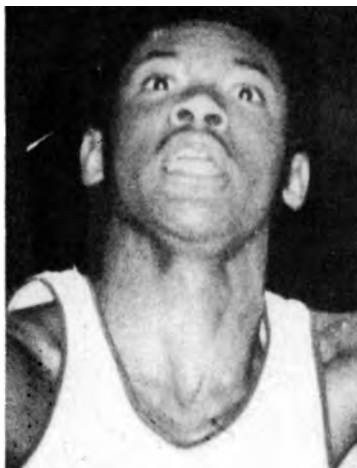
Bart Markel 1990

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.



*Best Wishes to all
2022*

*Greater Flint Area
Sports Hall of Fame
Inductees*

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FINEST ATHLETES



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Female Player of the Year



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Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame





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



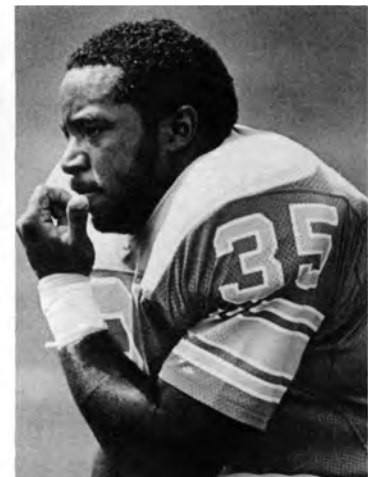
Anne McLogan Herman 1992
St.John Vianney, W.M.U.,
on U.S. Wheelchair Team in
Paralympics 7 Nat'l Marks



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



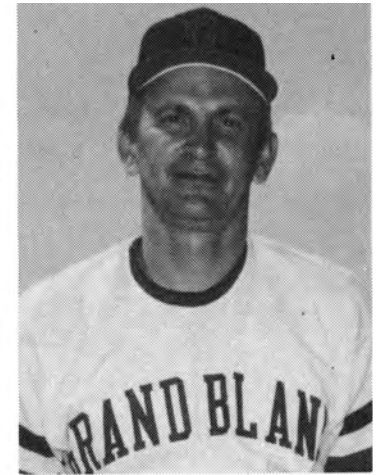
Herb Odom 1993
Northern H.S. Won
State Golden Gloves
MSU-Won NCAA Boxing Title



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



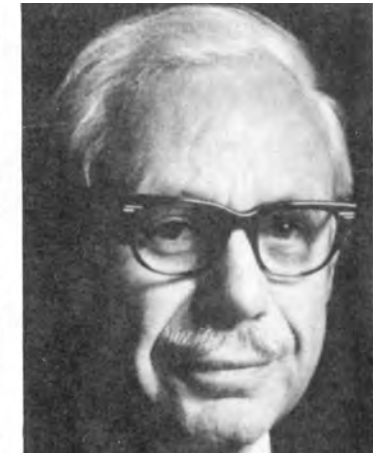
Cotton Goodell 1994
One of Flint's fastest ever Baseball
Player, Minor League Standout,
Record 31 H.R.s in 1940



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



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



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



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



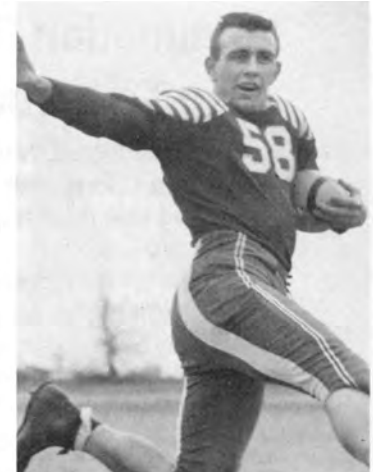
Justus Thigpen 1995
Northern basketball M.C.C. All Conf
2 yrs Weber State 1st Flint
Player NBA



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



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



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



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



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

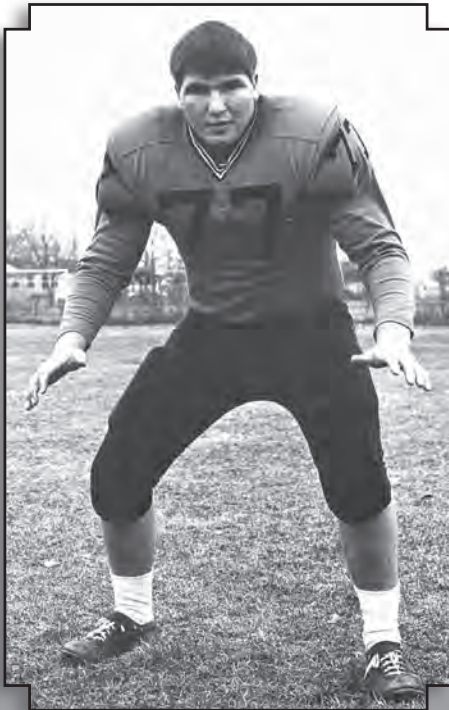


Art Johnson 1996
Northern All State Halfback
MSU Star, Avg. 7 yds per carry
CFL All Pro, Rookie of the Year



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

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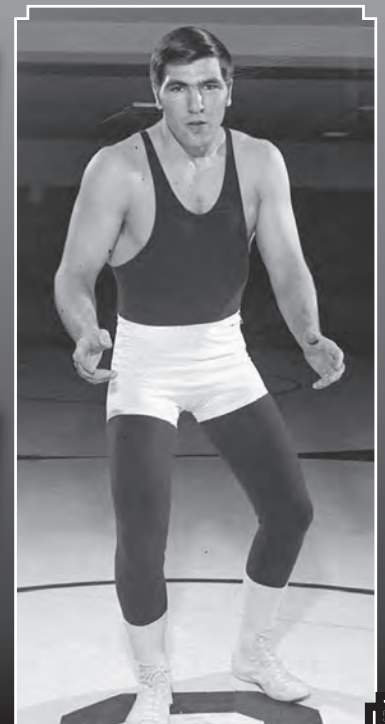
**The Greater Flint Area
Sports Hall of Fame has
welcomed a new and
worthy recipient. A true
leader and role model
whom we all admire.**

When we pass through this life we are touched by many people. Some are family members, others are friends and some are just faces along the way as we live life. If we are fortunate we will positively touch and influence a few of those same people in that span of a lifetime. If we are extremely fortunate we will be recognized for our attitude, our efforts and how we treated others along the way.

Ben L. Lewis is more than an outstanding athlete - he was and is an extraordinary individual. A good man, a better husband and even better father describe Ben perfectly. For those of us outside the family circle he has always been a genuine, faithful friend. Ben is a quiet, unassuming, American patriot who is humble, trustworthy and yet a protector of his family and their traditional values.

We remember and honor Ben Lewis today as an athlete but we honor and respect him even more as a genuine friend.

— Carl & DeVota Sage and Rick & Karen Rockman





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 ,W.M.U 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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Flint Northern Cross
Country Team 1974



Ron Myers, Al Kaline, Rick
Daly, Roger Foutch



Mark Bauman & family



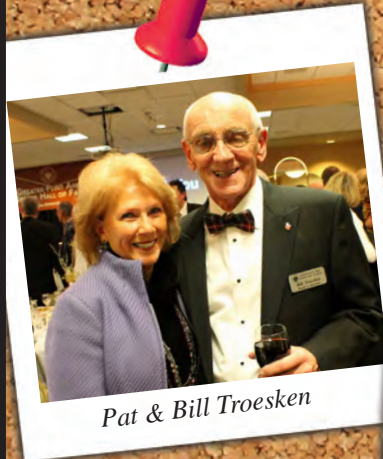
The Class of 2019 Sitting L to R William Walters, Herb Orvis,
Dianne Hackett, Geena Gall-Levoe, Ivan Williams' son
Standing L to R Ron Myers, Mark Bauman, Julie Roberts-
Decker, Steve Branch, Biff Snyder



The Plaques



A good crowd



Pat & Bill Troesken



The Class of 2019 on stage



Lake Fenton Girls Softball
Team 1995



St. Michael's Football Team 1969



2022 PRESS PARTY



Group photo



Darryl Johnson, Craig Coney,
Marty Embry



C. Rooster Daly, Steve Johnson, Tom
Healey, Tim Weeks, Jim Fuller



Rick Daly, John Skinner, Tom Healey



Jen Shew - Sovita Credit Union



Darryl Johnson



MSD Track Team Standing L to R- Freddie McFadden, Steve Gemmill, Alan Haywood,
Abram Powell, Steve Kovacs, Wilbert Reed Seated L to R - Neal McKenzie, James Bischer

PARTICIPANTS



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Marty Embry



Bill Troesken



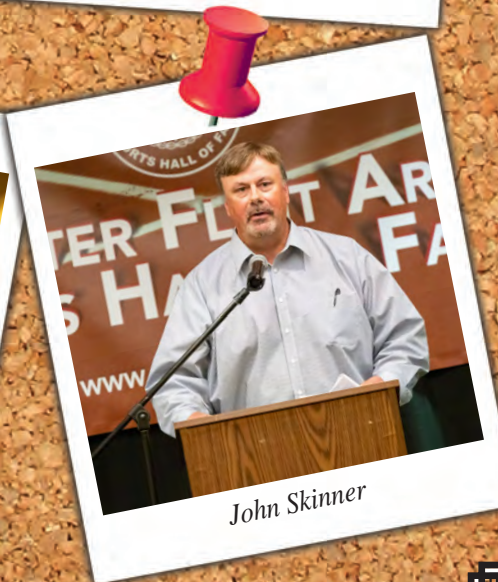
The Ladies behind the scenes- Debbie Goyette, Dianne Kudza, LeeAnn Parish, Karen Root, Pat Troesken



Jim and Pat Sullivan



Jim Tremblay, Tony Wittbrodt,
Tim Bograkos, Paul Staroba



John Skinner

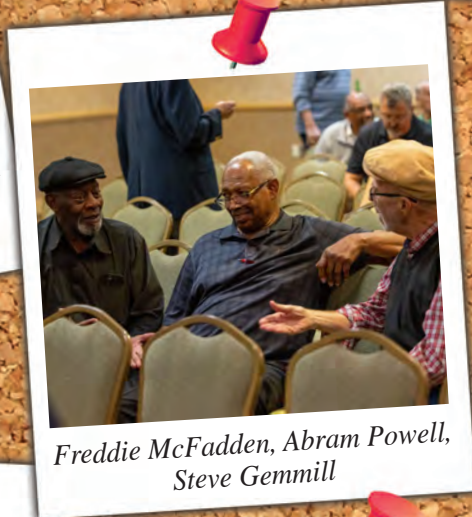
PRESS PARTY 2022 PARTICIPANTS



James Blakley, Millie Hursin



Ed Stanbury



Freddie McFadden, Abram Powell, Steve Gemmill



Ben Lewis



The Beecher Group



Tera Hamo





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



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



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



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



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



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



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



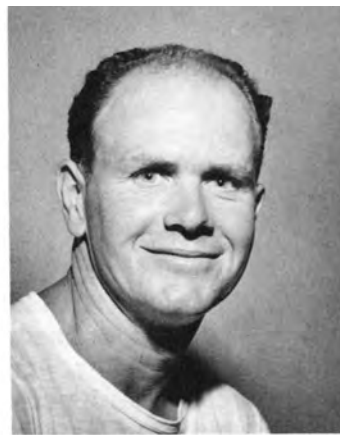
Paul Staroba 1999
St. Matthews H.S. 3 Sports All State, U of M-Led Big Ten in Punting NFL-Cleveland Browns



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



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



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



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

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Than Being Called
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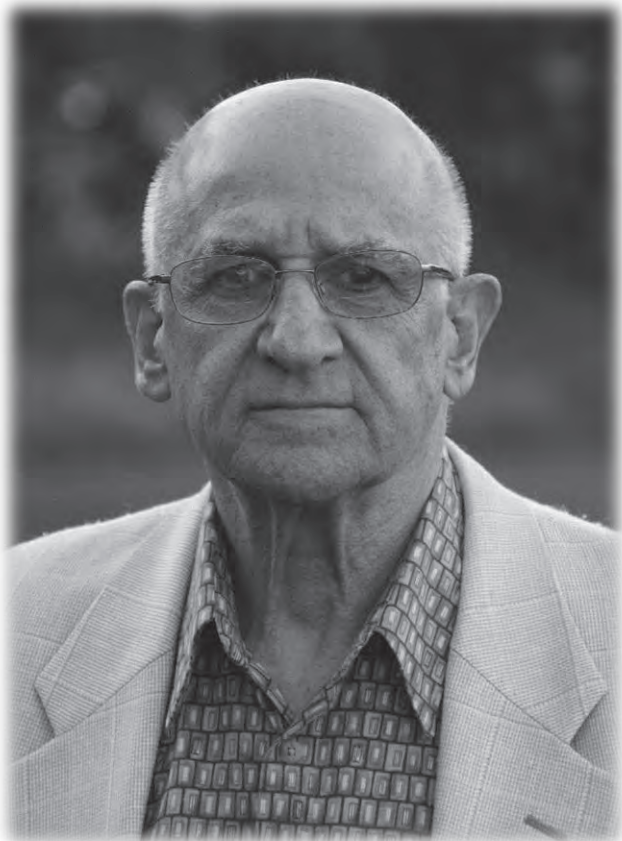
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*In loving memory of our Father,
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Jim Massar

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



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



John Lindholm 2000
GAM Player of the Year, State
Amateur Golf Champion, 6
Time Genesee All Star Classic



Reggie Barnett 2000
Central H.S. All American Notre
Dame Academic All American
MVP 1974 Orange Bowl



Pete Fornari 2000
City League Batting King,
MSU-6 Letters, coached 3
sports Mandeville Ainsworth



Jim Morrissey 2000
Powers Catholic Football Standout
MSU All Big Ten, MVP Senior Yr.
NFL Chicago Bears-won Super Bowl



Tom Alward 2000
Bendle H.S.-12 Letters, All State
Nebraska-won Nat'l Football Title,
played in NFL Tampa Bay



Tom Cole 2000
St. Michael H.S. 3 Sports
W.M.U Hall of Fame Baseball,
Flint Baseball Comm. 33 years



Willie Moore 2000
Starred on area's best Softball
Teams, City Bowling Champion,
Premier Umpire



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



Bobby Reed 2001
Southwestern Two Sport Stand-
out Pitcher & Quarterback
U of M All Big Ten Pitcher



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



Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner Jim Nash Congratulates

BEN L. LEWIS

on his induction into the 2022 Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame



WATER RESOURCES COMMISSIONER

Jim Nash





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



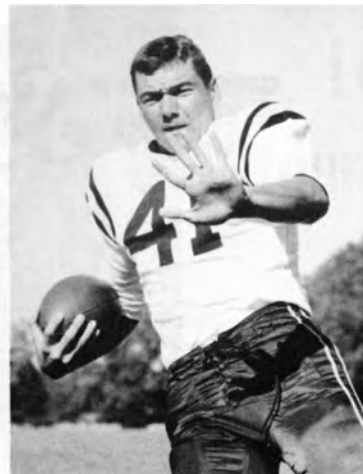
Len Hoyes 2001
Special Service Award for
Lengthy Service to Area Sports.
Past Journal Sports Ed.



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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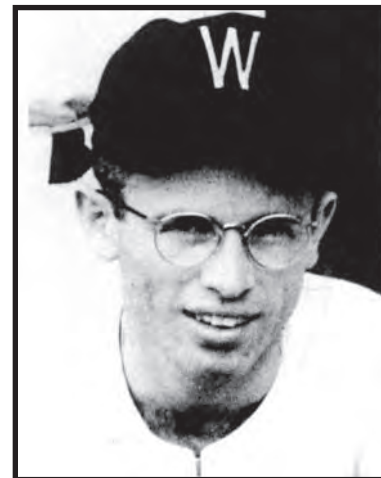
In Memory of



*Bernetta Coon
Bill Haley
Leonard Plude*

*May You Continue To
Rest In Peace*

*In Memory of
TOM COLE*

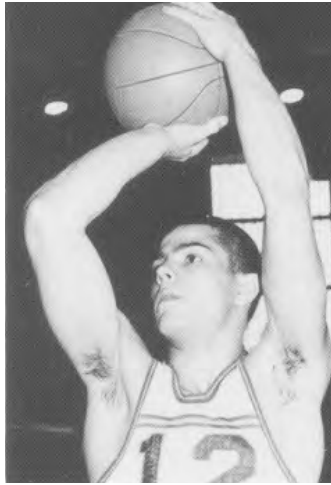


**Western Michigan University
Roommates**

Jack Baldwin Jake Brisendine



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



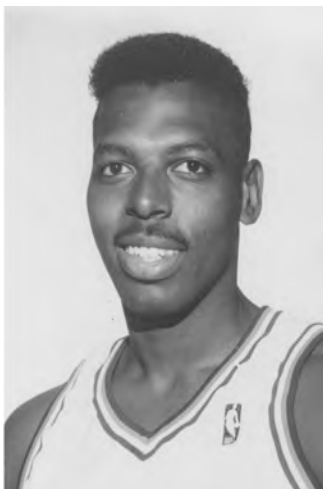
John Sperla 2002
St. Matthew & W.M.U. Star
Area Single Season Scoring
Record 2 State Class D Titles



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



Eli Copeland 2004

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



Erwin Ketzler 2004

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



Ben Roof 2004

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



Wayman Britt 2004

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



Jim Abbott 2004

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



Lonnie Young 2004

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



Greg Reynolds 2004

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



Linnell McKenney 2005

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



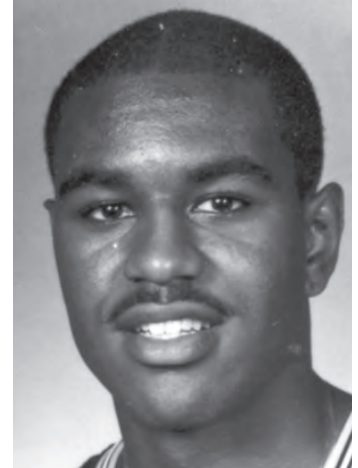
Wayne Van Slyke 2005

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



Marco Marcet 2005

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



Roy Marble 2005

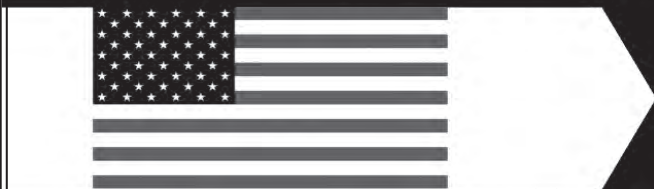
Beecher H.S. Basketball-1985 All State-State Champs, Univ of Iowa scoring title, NBA-Atlanta, Houston, Detroit, Denver

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Bill Doolittle 2005

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



Jerry Hosner 2005

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



Norm Bryant 2005

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



Jack Doering 2006

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



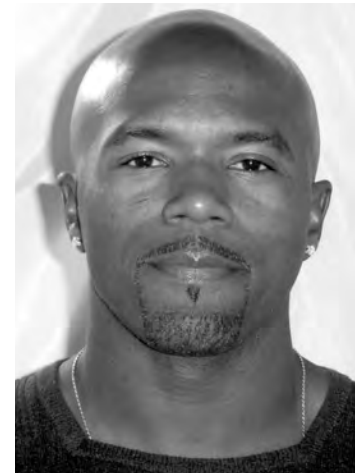
Dick Daly 2006

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



Dan Severn 2006

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



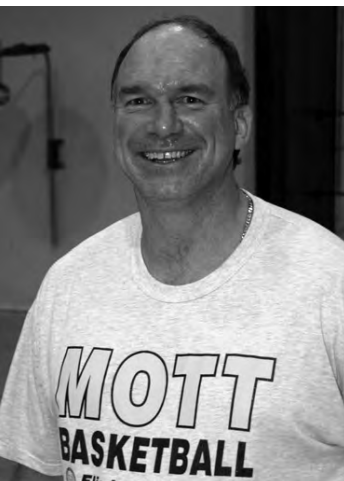
Courtney Hawkins 2006

Beecher H.S. All-State F.B., Basketball 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



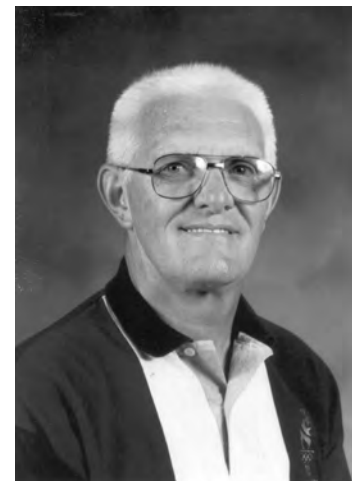
Steve Schmidt 2006

Mott Comm. Coll. Basketball Coach since 1991, eight Conf. Titles, five State & four Reg. Champs, 2003 Nat'l Champs, Nat'l Coach of the Year



Daryl Turner 2006

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



Marty Crane 2006

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

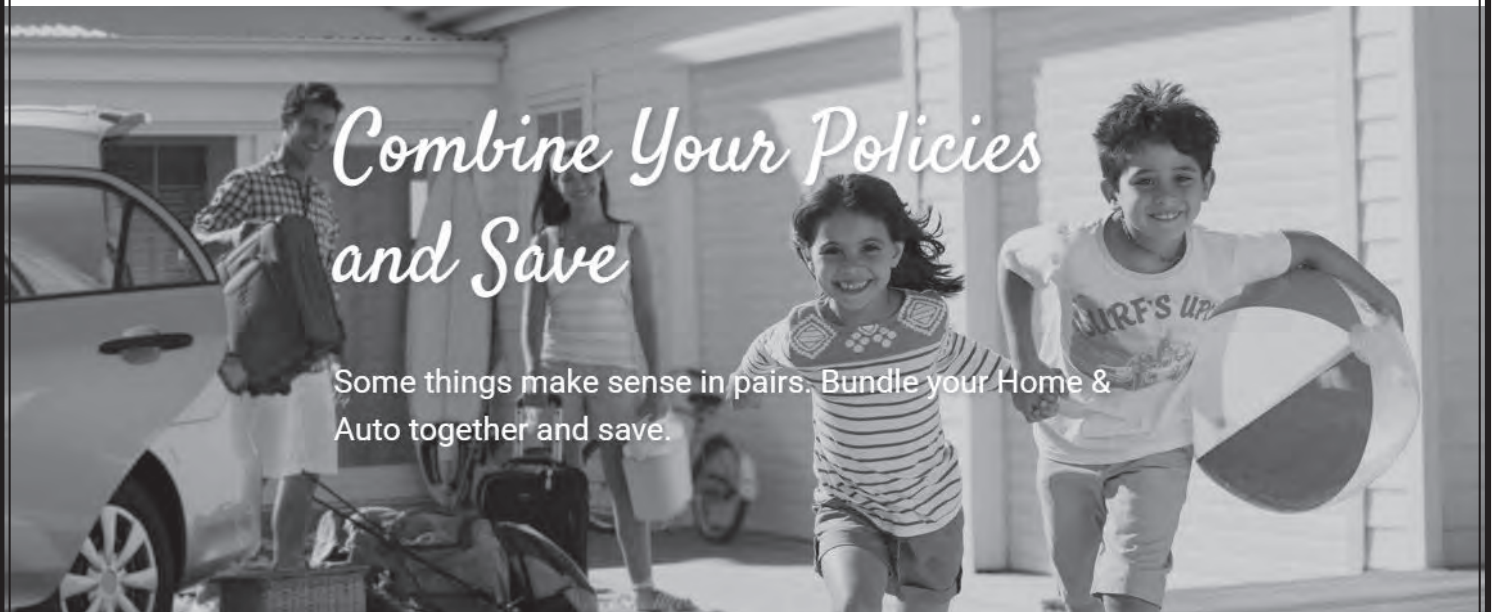
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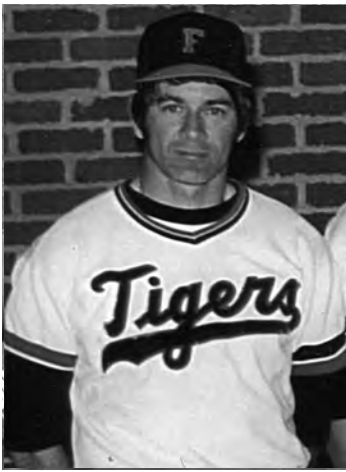


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Bill Hajek – 2007

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



Bob Chipman – 2007

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



MaliVai Washington – 2007

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



Frank Smorch – 2007

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



Todd Lyght – 2007

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



Judge Tom Yeotis – 2007

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



Mike Czarnecki – 2007

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



Vince Harrison - 2008

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



Wally Dobler - 2008

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



Letitia Hughley - 2008

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



Don Morrow - 2008

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

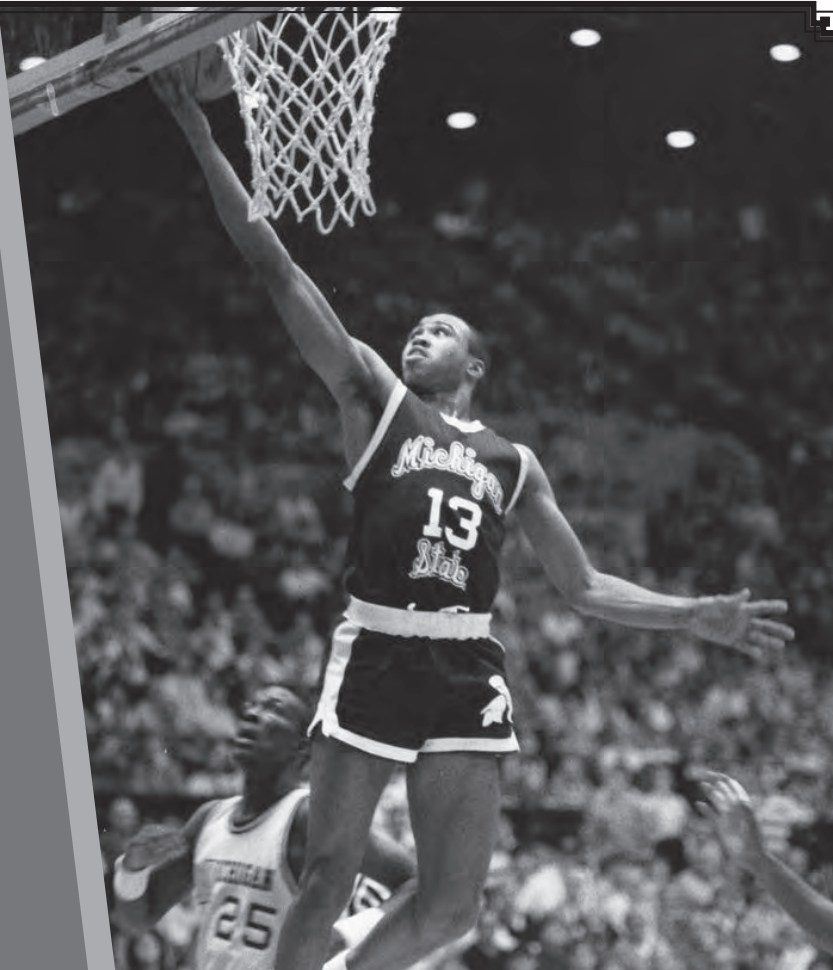
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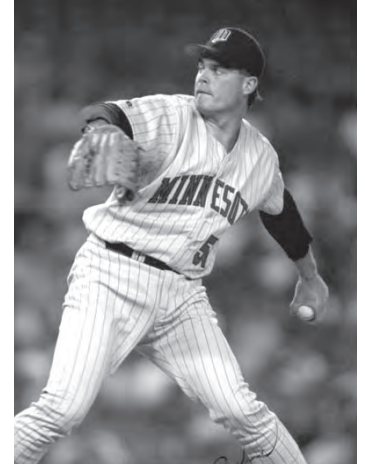
Roger Fouch - 2008
Bendle H.S. Star-All Sports.
Varsity H.S. Coach, CBL Mgr. 32 yrs.,
Stan Musial World Series Champs-
2001 and 2005.



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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

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– Rocky Graziano

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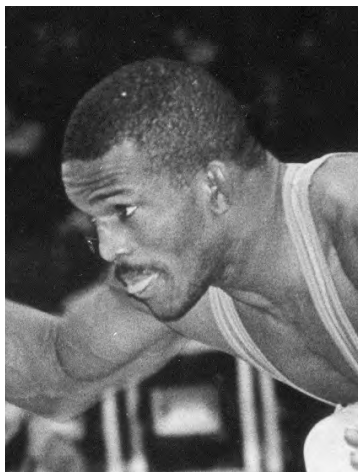
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John Fisher – 2010

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



Scott Parker – 2010

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



Margarita Calvo – 2010

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



Keith Young – 2010

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



Nick Pappadakis – 2010

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



Eric Turner – 2010

PPK Nat'l Champ - 9 yrs. old.
Flint Central Basketball - State Champs 1981
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



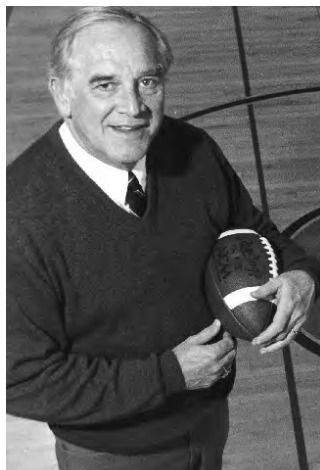
Jack Goggins – 2011

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

*“A coach
is someone
who can give
correction
without causing
resentment.”*

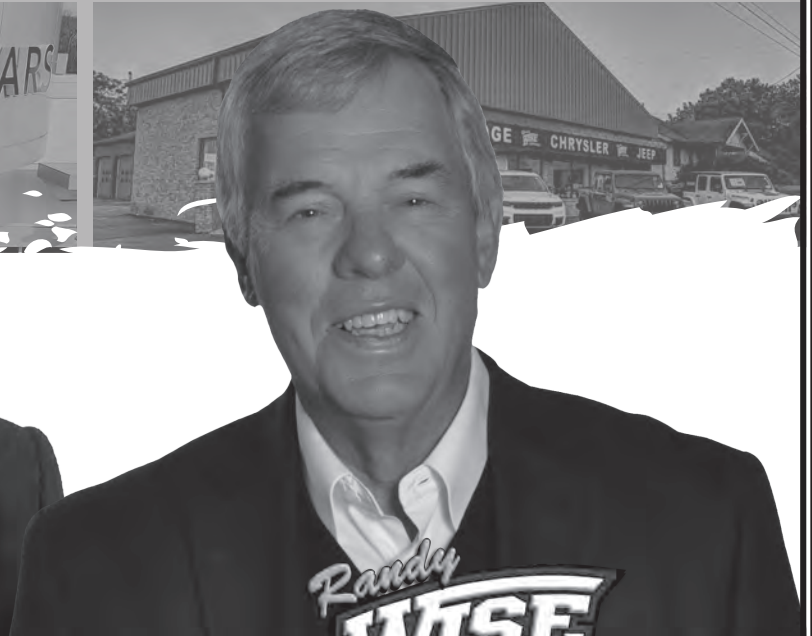
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Terence Greene - 2013

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



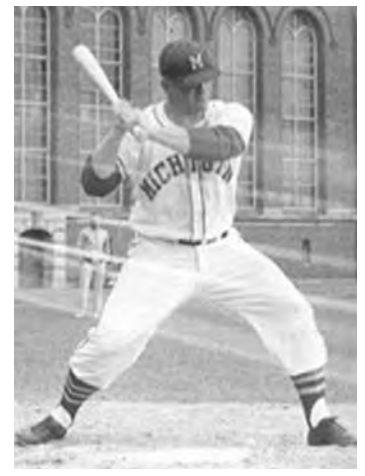
Pete Hanson - 2013

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



Bobby Reynolds - 2013

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



Al Sigman - 2013

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



Jim Fowler - 2013

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



Larry Hackett - 2013

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



Mateen Cleaves - 2013

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

“I went through baseball as a player to be named later.”

– Joe Garagiola



Jeff Hamilton - 2014

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



Steve Smith - 2014

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



Lorrie Thornton - 2014

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



Keith Richardson - 2014

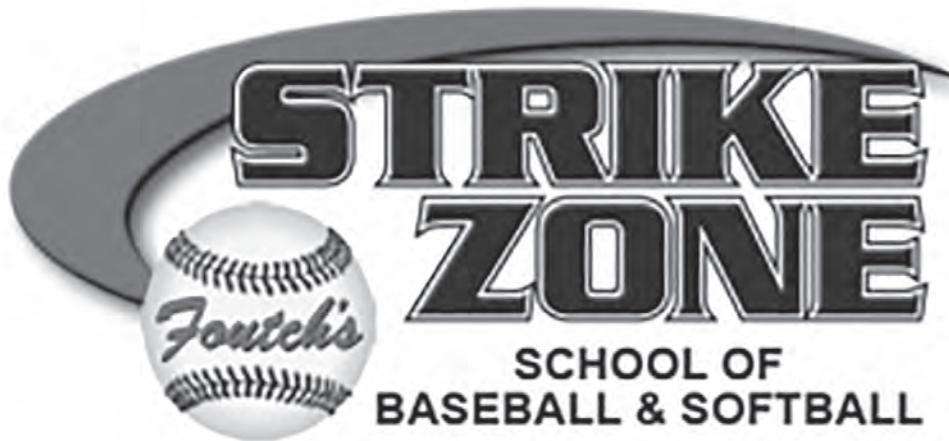
Three-sport athlete at Flint Central. Earned 12 varsity letters in basketball and track at Central Michigan.

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Bob Perani - 2014

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



Brian Carpenter - 2014

Southwestern football and track star. Played football at UM and won Super Bowl with Washington Redskins.



Morton "Bud" Stebbins - 2014

Special Service Award
Regarded as the Father of Slowpitch Softball in the Flint area.



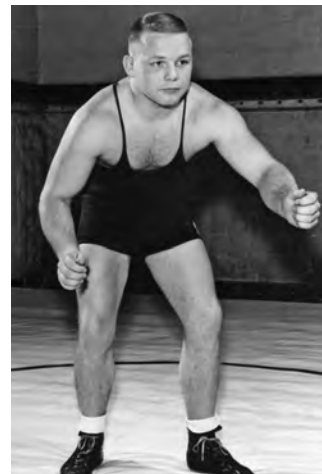
Andre Weathers - 2015

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



Mary Down - 2015

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



Duane Wohlfert - 2015

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



Stephen Braun - 2015

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



Lee Middleton - 2015

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



Glen Rice - 2015

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



Jim Fuller - 2015

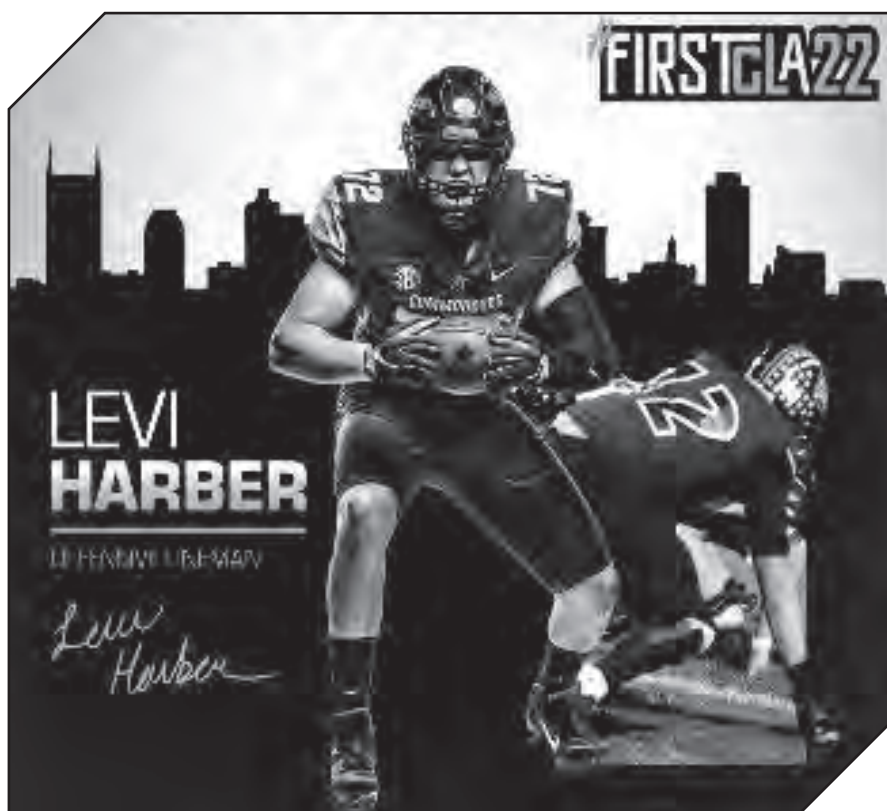
Highly successful baseball coach at Flint Central, Durand, Midland Bullock Creek and CMU. Mich. H.S. Coaches Assoc. Hall of Fame inductee 1990. A.P. Class A Coach of the Year 1975.

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- Herb Brooks



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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.



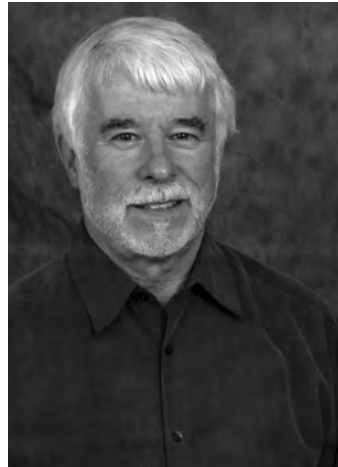
Walt Head - 2016

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.



Mike Harding - 2017

3 sport star All Conference athlete at Ainsworth in football, basketball and baseball. 3 sport star at Hillsdale College. All NAIA Shortstop, Starting point guard in basketball and QB in Football.



Larry Gall - 2017

Outstanding baseball coach at Carman-Ainsworth for 23 years. 513-177 win-loss record, winning 10 league championships, 6 district titles, 2 regional titles and one state-runner up finish. Class A coach of the year in 1979 and 1981.



Jon Runyan - 2017

3-sport star at Carman-Ainsworth High School. Two time Class A shot put champion. All Big Ten and All-American Left Tackle at the University of Michigan. 14 year NFL career.



Craig Tucker - 2017

Captain and Point Guard of 1978 Flint Northern State Championship Basketball team. All-American while at Coffeyville Jr. College and still career scoring leader. Inducted into the National Junior College Basketball Hall of Fame in April 2017.



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Mike Austin - 2017

All-Conference, All-State, and Two-Time Mr. Golf in Michigan while a student at Powers High School. All Big Ten 3 years while at Ohio State University and Academic All-American 2 years, while also voted Captain.



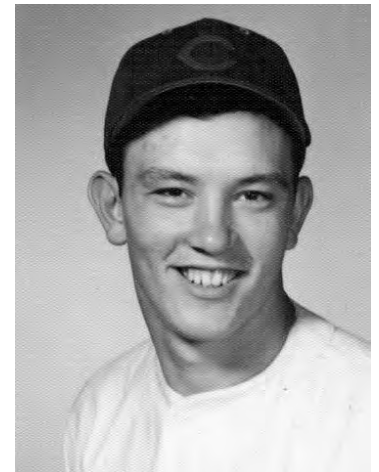
Dr. Frank J. Manley II - 2017

Basketball and Baseball standout while at Flint Northern High School. Two sport star at Eastern Michigan, serving as captain in basketball and led the nation in Home Runs in baseball in 1958.



Bob Holec - 2017

Distinguished Service Award winner for his stalwart efforts on behalf of the Greater Flint Area Baseball/Softball Association. Served as president of the association 5 of his 12 years of service. Summer leagues for both sports would not exist today without his efforts.



Bob Crane - 2017

Veterans' Committee Selection was a Flint Central Standout in Baseball. Kiki Cuyler award winner while leading his team to State of Michigan American Legion Championship. Professional contract with the Los Angeles Angels of the Pacific Coast League.



Renee Turner-Bailey 2018

Led Flint Central Girls track team to 1977 State Track Championship. Four time letter winner and two time captain on U-M women's track team. Member of Big Ten Championship 880 relay team and record setting sprint medley relay team.



Kenn Domerese - 2018

Flint Carman-Ainsworth track and XCC coach for over 40 years winning four state track championships. Three time Michigan track coach of the year and one time National Federation coach of the year.



Tim Thomas - 2018

Davison High School Hockey star went to University of Vermont where he became a two-time All-American. Silver medalist in 2010 Olympic games as goalie for the US. 4 time NHL all-star and 2011 Stanley Cup winner and Conn Smythe trophy winner as the NHL's MVP!



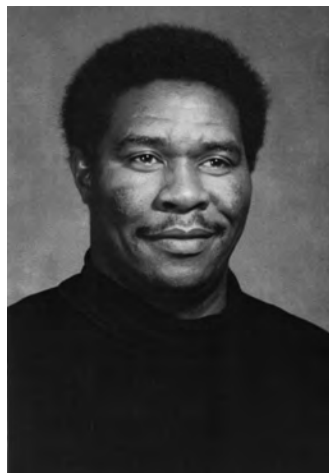
Lisa Negri-Davis - 2018

Flint area's first Miss Basketball Winner, leading the Powers Girls to the 1991 State Title. She went on to OSU and twice led the Buckeyes in blocks and rebounds. Played in the 1993 NCAA Final Four finals vs Texas Tech.



Joel Ragland - 2018

Helped Flint Northern win the 1972 State Basketball Title. A final cut of the 1977 Los Angeles Lakers in 1977, he returned to Flint and led the Sam Ragnone Attorney Teams to three straight AAU National Championships.



Moses Lacy - 2018

Legendary coach at Flint Beecher, he led the Buccaneers to two state championships. During his 16 year head coaching career, he led the Bucs to 11 Big Nine Titles, 11 District Championships, 10 regional titles and 7 quarterfinal appearances.



Darin Dreasky - 2018

All-State selection in 3 sports while at Carman-Ainsworth, he led the U.S. Junior Nationals Baseball team to the gold medal in 1988. Freshman All-American at CMU in 1989 and first team All MAC in 1990. He was drafted by the Chicago White Sox.

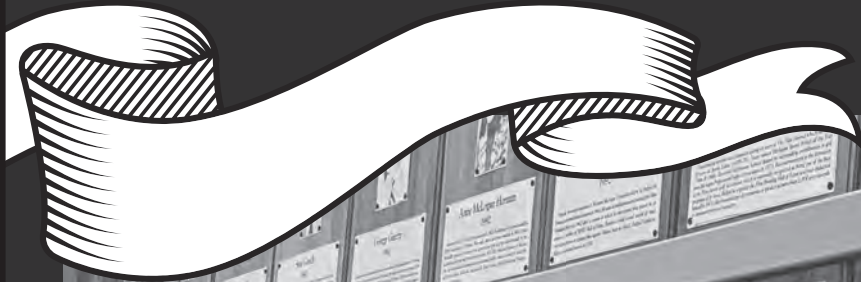


Earl Jordan - 2018

This Distinguished Service Award winner was inducted for his decades of work serving Flint area youth running summer basketball leagues and providing free Basketball Clinics for children ages 8-17.

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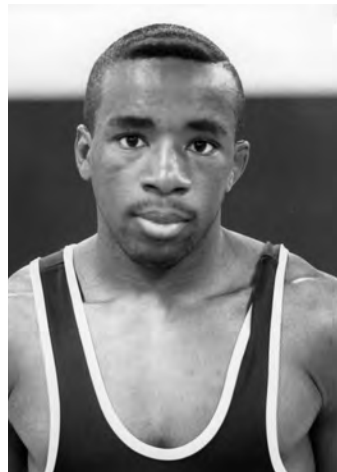
Mark Bauman - 2019

By completing his 50th consecutive Boston Marathon, he became only the second runner in the 123-year history of the race to accomplish this feat. His 1975 time of 230.32 was good for 120th place overall. He also has 30+ year streaks for running in the 10-mile Crim race, the Detroit Free Press Marathon and the Volkslauf race in Frankenmuth.



Julie Roberts-Decker - 2019

An all-stater in track and basketball while at Fenton High School, she went on to set basketball season records at Central Michigan in rebounds and steals. She also was voted Mid-American Conference Volleyball Player of the year in 1980. She was inducted into CMU's Hall of Fame in 1991



William Waters - 2019

A state finalist in 1982, William became a State Champion wrestler in 1983 going 54-0 for Flint Northern High School. A four-year letter winner at the University of Michigan, he finished second in the Big Ten Championships in 1985 and third in 1986 in the 118-pound division.



Herb Orvis - 2019

Former Flint Beecher Star athlete went on to become an All-American at the University of Colorado in Football. A first-round draft choice of the Detroit Lions, he went on to a successful 10-year NFL career with the Lions and Baltimore Colts. He was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2016.



Dianne Hackett - 2019

This 1966 world champion Artistic Roller-Skating Champion, Dianne was a top-three finisher for seven straight years in the National Championship meets. She won national titles in Junior Girls Singles in 1959, Novice Ladies in 1961 and Intermediate Pairs in 1962.



Ivan Williams - 2019

Head Coach in football, basketball, baseball and track for six years at Hoover High School and then continued as a multi-sport coach at Fenton High School for 15 years winning championships and molding all-state athletes in each sport. Finally, he served at Fenton AD for 21 years, introducing 7 new sports during this time.



Geena Gall - 2019

Record setting track athlete while at Grand Blanc High School and the University of Michigan, she went on to a semi-final berth in 2012 summer Olympics in London. Specializing in the 800-meter run, she won state titles in 2004 and 2005. She also won the 2005 Nike Outdoor Nationals. At U of M, Geena set Big Ten Conference Meet records in the 800 indoor and outdoor events and was a silver medalist at the 2012 U.S. Olympic Trials.



Ron Myers - 2019

This Distinguished Service Award Inductee played on the 1974 Powers High School state championship baseball team. He has worked in the front office for four professional sports teams, including 29 years with the Detroit Tigers' Florida Operations. In that capacity Ron has sent memorabilia, travel packages, and celebrity speakers for fundraisers that have raised thousands of dollars for the Greater Flint Area Sports programs

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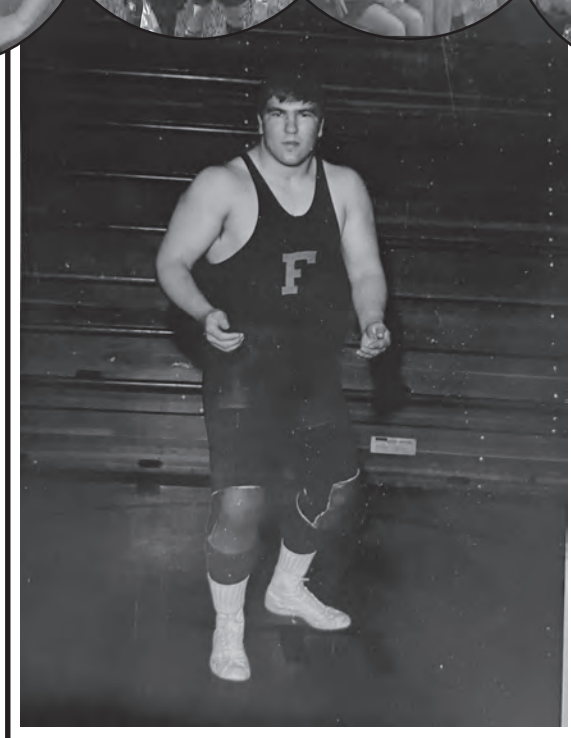


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Brenda

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Enzo and Gianna

Ben & Julie ~
Nina and Benjamin



To grandpa from the grandkids ~

We are so proud of you and lucky
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I admire my grandpa for his
strength and perseverance.
Love, Enzo (13)

My grandpa is kind, helpful and
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Love, Gianna (9)

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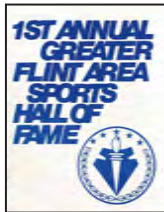
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A Look Back...



2022

Covers of the GFASHOF Souvenir Book 1980-2022



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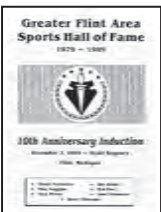
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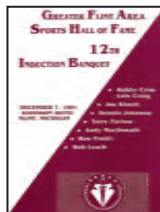
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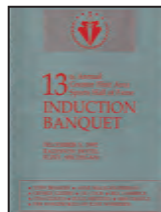
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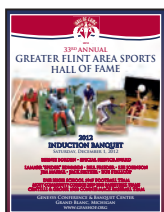
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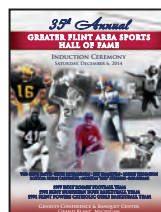
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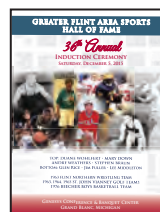
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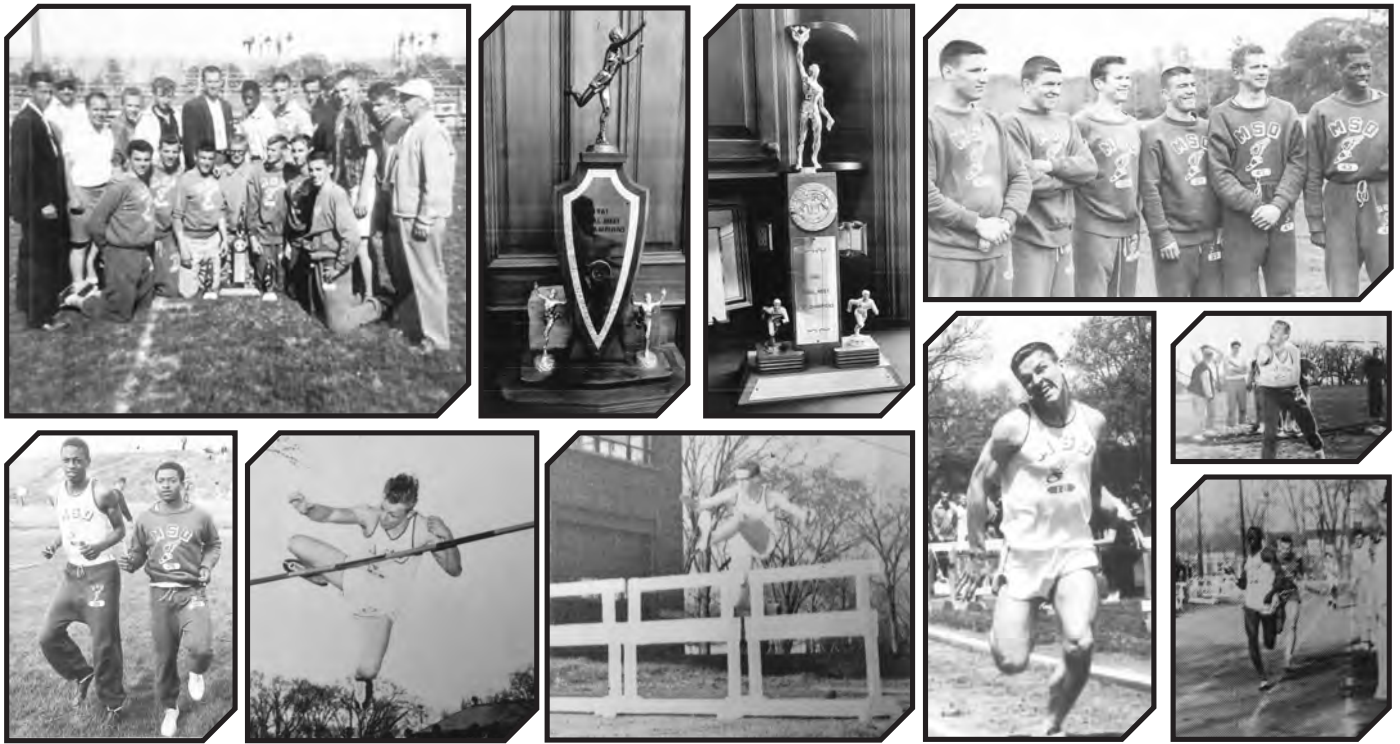


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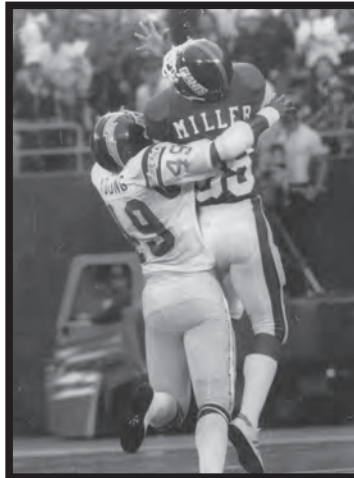
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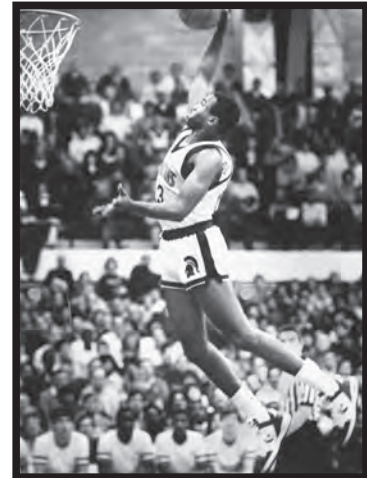
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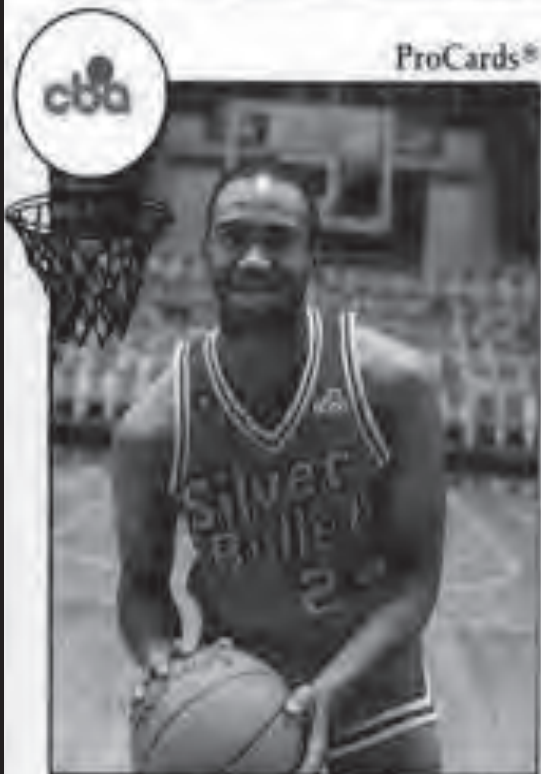
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LISTED BELOW IS THE YEAR OF INDUCTION, THE TEAM NAME AND THE YEAR OF EACH TEAM'S ACCOMPLISHMENT:

1992	Flint Northern Football 1939 and 1940 M&S Orange Softball 1947	2007	Flint Northwestern Girls Basketball 1983 and 1984 Buick Colts Baseball 1961
1993	Flint Northern Football 1950 Fisher American Legion Baseball 1941	2008	Otisville Track 1951 Flint Southwestern Baseball 1978 Joe Louis Punchers Softball 1947
1994	Flint Central Football 1924 Flint Central Football 1947 East Side Merchant's Baseball 1943 and 1944	2009	Dye High School Football 1952 and 1953 Flint Northwestern Boys Basketball 1984 and 1985 Chevrolet Local 659 Baseball 1967 UAW Region 1-C Baseball 1968
1995	Flint Northern Basketball 1936 Flint Northern Football 1942 White Seal Dairy Basketball 1946 and 1947	2010	Beecher Boys Track 1976,1977,1978 Flint Powers Baseball 1980 Sam Ragnone Attorney AAU Basketball 1990,1991,1992
1996	IMA Girls Softball 1946 Flint St. Matthew's Basketball 1967 and 1968 Buick Recreation Baseball 1936	2011	Flint Junior College Basketball 1950 Flint Northern Football 1960 Halo Foutch Baseball 2001 and 2002
1997	Flint MSD Track 1945 and 1946 Flint Sausage Baseball 1930 and 1931 Julie's Pawn Shop Men's Basketball 1972	2012	Dye High School Football 1947 Mott College Mens Basketball 2007 and 2008 Centilli & Grossi Connie Mack Baseball 1982
1998	Flint Northern Basketball 1939 and 1940 Flint Northern Baseball 1953 James Lumber Basketball 1951	2013	Flint Junior College Cross Country 1961 Mt. Morris Girls Softball 1984 and 1985 Borden's Drugs Fastpitch Softball 1980 and 1981
1999	Flint St. Mary's Basketball 1939 Flint Northern Boys Basketball 1971 and 1972 Bishop Construction Baseball 1975	2014	Flint Holy Rosary Football 1977 Flint Northern Boys Basketball 1978 Flint Powers Catholic Girls Basketball 1991
2000	Flint St. Michael's Football 1941 Flint Southwestern Football 1976 Yellow Dogs Softball 1940	2015	Flint Beecher Boys Basketball 1976 Flint Northern Wrestling 1963 St. John Vianney Golf 1963, 1964, 1965
2001	Flint Northern Football 1956 Flint Holy Redeemer Basketball 1970 Pfeiffer's Beer Basketball 1958	2016	Burton Bentley Baseball 1975 Grand Blanc Boys Cross Country 1977 Flint Northern Girls Basketball 1994 and 1995
2002	Flint Northern Girls Basketball 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981 Red Arrow American Legion Baseball 1943	2017	Goodrich Boys Golf 1977 Flint Beecher Girls Basketball 1980 Burton Atherton Volleyball 1983
2003	Flint Beecher Football 1949 Flint Holy Rosary Girls Basketball 1974 and 1975 Weller's Service Softball 1946	2018	St. Agnes Baseball 1963-66 Flint Beecher Boys Basketball 1985 Burton Bendle Girls Basketball 1991
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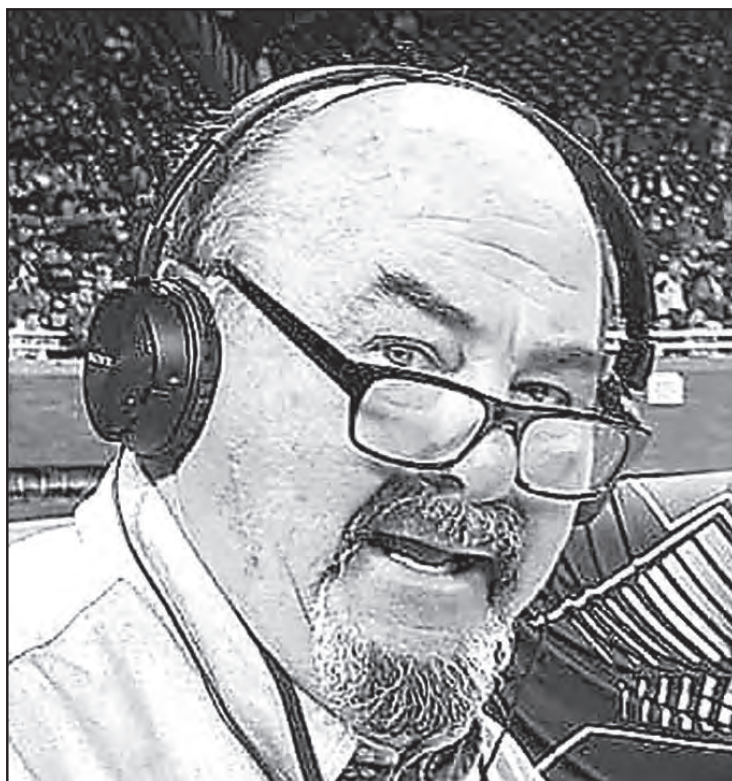
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Abbott, Jim	2004	Copeland, Eli	2004	Greene, Terence	2013
Abraham, Ed "Blackie"	2001	Craig, Lois	1991	Guerre, George	1992
Aldred, Scott	2009	Crane, Bob	2017	Guzak, Chub	1995
Alward, Tom	2000	Crane, Marty	2006	Hackett, Dianne	2019
Auer, Howard	1988	Crang, Jim	1995	Hackett, Larry	2013
Austin, Mike	2017	Craven, Ollie	1986	Hajec, Bill	2007
Badar, Norb	1986	Crim, Bobby	1991	Hall, Roy	2009
Baldwin, Jack	2001	Crossman, M. B.	1997	Halligan, T.J.	1983
Banks, Carl	2002	Czarnecki, Mike	2007	Hamilton, Bill	1983
Barclay, Bill	1986	Daly, Dick	2006	Hamilton, Jeff	2014
Barclay, Jim	1982	Daniels, Jack	2003	Hammond, Peg	1984
Barnett, Reggie	2000	Decker, Leroy	2001	Hanson, Pete	2013
Bates, Floyd	1982	Dobler, Wally	2008	Harding, Mike	2017
Bauman, Mark	2019	Doering, Jack	2006	Harrison, Vince	2008
Bell, Charlie	2016	Domerese, Kenn	2018	Harvey, Bob	1990
Bentley, Francis	2003	Donoghue, Leo	1999	Hawkins, Courtney	2006
Bernard, Roger	1981	Doolittle, Bill	2005	Head, Walt	2016
Bernstein, Bob	2002	Dowdy, Joe	1999	Hebler Baudat, Kelly	2009
Bero, John	1993	Down, Mary	2015	Histed, Cheryl	2011
Biedenbach, John	2009	Doyle, Jim	1983	Hoey, George	2003
Blamer, Bill	1996	Dreasky, Darin	2018	Holec, Bob	2017
Blom, Doug	1981	Duckett, Ellis	1986	Hollingsworth, Dave	2022
Bolden, Leroy	1985	Edmonds, Barry	1988	Hoskins, Dave	1983
Borden, Bernie	2012	Edwards, Lamarr "Spider"	2012	Hosner, Jerry	2005
Boros, Steve	1985	Edwards, Tonya	2008	Houston, Guy	1980
Branch, Dr. Hira E.	1994	Ethier, Harvey	1996	Hoyes, Len	2001
Brandt, Bill	2006	Embry, Marty	2022	Hughes, Howard "Gus"	1984
Branoff, Tony	1992	Failing, Ken	1985	Hughley, Letitia	2008
Braun, Stephen	2015	Fisher, John	2010	Jakowczyk, Wally	1994
Brazil, Lloyd	1980	Fleischmann, Bob	1988	Jarrard, Don	1996
Briggs, Fred	2011	Fornari, Pete	2000	Johnson, Al	1990
Britt, Wayman	2004	Foutch, Roger	2008	Johnson, Art	1996
Broome, Stan	1985	Fowler, Jim	2013	Johnson, Darryl	2022
Brotebeck, "Bud"	2001	Frieder, Bill	2012	Johnson, Dennis	1991
Bryant, Norm	2005	Frechette, Vinnie	1989	Johnson, Jimmy	1984
Burton, Leon	1987	Fuller, Jim	2015	Johnson, Lee	2012
Byrd, Joe	1998	Furlow, Terry	1991	Jordan, Earl	2018
Bysco, Steve	1980	Fusi, Pete	1988	Kaczynski, Harold	1998
Calvo, Margarita	2010	Gall, Larry	2017	Ketzler, Erwin	2004
Carpenter, Brian	2014	Gall-Levoe, Geena	2019	Kinzel, Joe	1991
Carroll, Tonya (Lowe)	2016	Gallagher, Frank	2000	Kirkland, Grover	1995
Chandnois, Lynn	1980	Gant, Lamar	1997	Klein, Mary	2003
Chipman, Bob	2007	Gay, Varnard	1999	Krause, Paul	1980
Christiansen, Dar	1999	Gilroy, Howard	1984	Krupa, Ed	1988
Cleaves, Mateen	2013	Goggins, Jack	2011	Kukulka, Dorothy	1995
Cmejrek, Carl	1996	Goggins, Mike	1989	Kurys, Sophie	1986
Cole, Tom	2000	Gooch, Stan	1992	Lacy, Moses	2018
Coleman, Don	1980	Goodell, Cotton	1994	Lake, Jo	1987
Collard, Ray	1998	Gorman, Mike	1990	LaSalle, Clete	1997
Compton, Bernie	1997	Grayer, Jeff	2003	LaVoie, Nap	1985
Cook, J. B.	1992				
Coon, Lloyd	2003				

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Lawson, Fred	1984	Pappadakis, Nick	2010	Snitko, Paul	2008
Lazar, David	2011	Parker, Scott	2010	Sperla, John	2002
Leach, Bob	1991	Patton, Ricky	1999	Springsteen, Jay	2001
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Marty Embry

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"Then when I opened a restaurant, I wanted to keep that same mentality with fresh food. I have an infusion method to the way I cook. I may have a southern thing, but it may be infused with something from Italy. I may fix a Japanese meal and it may cross over from Italian. I mix and match things. It gives me a really unique kind of dish."

Embry moved to North Carolina, where he works as a personal chef. He planned to open a restaurant, but the humidity in the southeast triggers his migraine headaches. He plans to move to Arizona or Texas to open a restaurant in the future.

Gwen Wentland-Mikinski

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"Initially when I left Michigan and went to Kansas State, my game plan was I was going to graduate in four years and go get a job somewhere. I kind of never grew up. I got a fifth year because I had a redshirt year, got out of college, went straight into helping with the Kansas State program, then signed with Nike and was with them for 14 years. So, I was able to extend my career beyond what I ever imagined."

Wentland-Mikinski placed in the top eight at 13 U.S. national or Olympic Trials meets. She was the national indoor champion in 1995 and 2005 and made the World Championships twice, but came up short of qualifying for the Olympics.

"I went to five Olympic Trials," she said. "That's a lot, because you've got to remember there are four years between those. I went in ranked the No. 1 jumper in the country and came out not on the team. I was fourth at one of the Trials. My luck didn't swing that way."

"To make a World Championship team, which I made two of those, is the same as an Olympic team; it's just on the off year. It eluded me up until in the 2012 Olympic Games I became an assistant coach. So, really for me, that was a nice way to get there through a different path."

She coached an Olympic team that included another Grand Blanc graduate, Geena Gall, who qualified in the 800-meter run in 2012.

"We met at the opening ceremonies, which was super cool to have another Grand Blanc person on the Olympic team," Wentland-Mikinski said. "It was a great experience."

"One thing I'll say being on staff versus being an athlete, you're really enmeshed in the process more. You get to see it and experience it and feel it more. When you're an athlete, you're really concerned, and rightfully so, with your performance and preparation. So, that was the divine plan. It worked out to be able to experience it, just from a different perspective."

Wentland-Mikinski remains involved in the sport as a coach. She has been on the coaching staff of other U.S. teams, has her own private coaching business, and coaches sprinters and high jumpers at Salpointe Catholic in Tucson, Ariz.

One of her high school athletes was her daughter, Paris, who won the Arizona state Division 3 championship in the high jump and placed second in the long jump.

"It really keeps you young," Wentland-Mikinski said. "When I'm coaching athletes, I'm still actively involved in demonstrating and helping them with their drills and stuff like that. It's always nice to have a touch point with something you were successful at."

MI School for the Deaf 1961, 1962, 1963 Track Teams

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Powell placed fourth in the 400, which finally proved he was human.

"In high school, I was beating everybody," he said. "In the Olympics, they showed me what fast was."

"I miss my athletic days," he added. "Today's generation, I try to encourage them — especially all the deaf kids — to go run, go run, it's fun. I'm really trying to encourage them because I'd like to see another deaf person step up like that."



Jake Long

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"He came from a very humble upbringing," said Weingartz, who traveled with Long to New York. "His dad worked at GM. His mom worked at a local sandwich shop downtown. He's just a blue-collar guy that went in every day and worked his butt off."

With that perspective, Long made sure he came to camp as just another first-year player.

"We had a good group of older guys," he said. "One of the things I wanted to do, and why they respected me, was I came in and I was a rookie. I shut my mouth. I listened to them. I held bags. I ran the scout team. I did what a rookie is supposed to do."

Long felt some of the pressure that went with being the top overall pick, but he quickly lived up to his billing. He allowed only 2.5 sacks as a rookie and was rated the second-best offensive tackle in the NFL his second season. Long was named to the Pro Bowl his first four seasons.

After five seasons in Miami, he signed as a free agent with the St. Louis Rams in 2013. He played two seasons with the Rams, one with the Atlanta Falcons and one with the Minnesota Vikings, appearing in 104 NFL games.

He was on a Hall of Fame trajectory during his years with the Dolphins, but the sport he loved took a toll on his body.

He had 24 surgeries during his college and pro careers. It was only following his rookie campaign that he didn't have to go under the knife at the end of a season.

A ruptured Achilles tendon during his season in Minnesota led to his retirement at the age of 31.

"It did weigh on me," Long said. "It doesn't anymore. I gave it everything I had. I don't regret anything I did. I never cut corners. I never slacked or never took a day off. I gave every inch of my body to that game and whatever team and coaches I played for. I'm proud of what I did. Yeah, I wish it would've went different, but I don't regret anything."

These days, Long and his wife, Jacqueline, live in Nashville with their two daughters. They started a real estate development company that allows them to be their own version of Chip and Joanna Gaines of "Fixer Upper" fame.

"We buy old homes and renovate them," Long said. "She designs and I do sub-contract and day-to-day stuff. We rent out and flip them. We've been doing that for four years and are enjoying that."

Flint St. Matthew 1962 Boys Basketball Team

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"Two of the keys that year were Roger Houle and Bobby Lane," noted Metcalfe.

"The four of us were tight, we could do a lot. But we had to have a fifth man out there who could contribute. They gave us all they had, basically rebounding and out-letting passes."

Other contributors were Tony Wittbrodt, Jim Leatherman, Larry Heath, Tom Chittle, Dave Kiefer and Jim Sarginson.

All of them learned more than basketball basics from their coach.

"Jack Pratt had a way of making you a better player by making you believe in yourself," said Metcalfe. "That's where we got most of our strength. We got to the point where we could depend on each other, we believed in each other and we believed we could win."

Any one of the Big Four could win a game.

"They were all intertwined," said Houle. "All four of them would take over certain games. It wasn't the same one all the time."

"John didn't have a big game in the final. But Don Trevarrow did and made all-tourney. You never knew who it was going to be."

To toughen his players, Pratt had them scrimmage bigger schools like Flint Northern and Flint Junior College.

"We got our butts beat at times," said Biedenbach. "But we didn't back down from anybody. I think that was an important lesson to learn."

The FAPC was their biggest challenge.

"Beating St. Mike's and St. Paul's, those were the games that got us ready for the state tournament," said Houle.

Getting past Sacred Heart in the district opener was the biggest hurdle.

St. Matthew trailed 50-43 after three quarters but opened the fourth with a 9-0 run to take a 52-50 lead. Peterson sparked the rally with eight of his game-high 19 points in the period.

The game see-sawed from there, with Sacred Heart gaining a 59-58 edge on a free throw with 36 seconds left.

Biedenbach, who had won two games that season with baskets in the final seconds, did it again — but rather awkwardly.

On a fast break down the court, he stumbled over the foul line and tossed up a prayer.

"John tripped, leaned in, shoveled it up with both hands, and the shot went in," Houle recalled.

"That sounds about right," said Biedenbach, laughing. "Just one of those crazy shots. We used to try all kinds of goofy stuff in practice like that. You never knew when you might use it."

Sacred Heart still got three shots in the final 20 seconds, but missed. The Matts fought for the final rebound, Houle tied it up to force a jump ball and then won the tip to end the game.

His season over, Sacred Heart coach Ed Abraham joined with St. Agnes coach Lee Middleton to scout a regional in Grand Rapids for the Matts. St. Mary coach Matt Heinen gave Pratt information on Britton, a potential opponent in the semifinals.

"We've gotten help from all the league coaches — that's the kind of league we have," Pratt told The Flint Journal. "If we win, it will be a league victory."

Highlights from the rest of the tournament trail:

— In the regional semifinal against Kinde North Huron, Biedenbach hit the floor in the second quarter and suffered a gash on his chin that required six stitches — in a game St. Matthew led 45-21 at halftime. Trevarrow led all scorers with 22.

— Two days later in the regional final against New Lothrop, the Matts zipped to a 17-0 lead in the first 5:30 on eight points by Biedenbach and nine by Metcalfe. The stitched-up Biedenbach finished with 20 points.

— In the quarterfinal, where St. Matthew had been stopped twice in the previous three years, Potterville led by five points in the first quarter. But the Matts took control with a 16-0 run in the second period and led by 29 in the second half. Peterson led all scorers with 19 points.

— In the semifinal at East Lansing High, St. Matthew went up against Lawrence and 6-5 center Rich Marconi. The Matts pulled away to a 12-point lead in the third quarter and led by 18 with 5:10 left in the game. Peterson led a balanced offense with 14 points.

"Abraham scouted them and showed us exactly what Lawrence was going to do," said Houle.

— In the championship game before a sellout crowd of 12,360 at Jenison Field House, St. Matthew took the lead for good at 10-9 against Brimley. The Matts led by 13 at halftime and again by 13 with 6:28 left in the game. Trevarrow was the game-high scorer with 22 points, eight over his season average.

In the postgame celebration, a photo in the Lansing State Journal shows Biedenbach standing on the hands of his teammates, trying to pull the net off the rim. He's calling for a pair of scissors, which were never delivered.

Good thing. There were still two more games to be played.

Trevarrow's big game earned him a second-team spot on the all-tournament team.

Earlier in the tournament, Metcalfe was named captain of the Class D All-State team by the Detroit Free Press. Biedenbach was second-team All-State.

Both were first-team All-FAPC picks. Trevarrow and Peterson were second-team in the league.

The championship ended a 15-year drought of state hoops titles by Flint-area teams, the last being Northern's Class A crown in 1947.

Pratt told The Flint Journal he thought Sacred Heart could have won the 1962 title if they had beaten his team in the district.

"We felt it was a Flint victory," Pratt said. "That's what makes it so sweet."



Dave Hollingsworth

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The Lady Bucs suffered two heartbreaking losses before winning their first state title. The 1978 team lost the championship game to Mt. Clemens L'Anse Creuse 59-56 in double-overtime. A year later, Beecher fell in the semifinals to Grand Rapids West Catholic 52-51, again in double-overtime.

Hollingsworth helped ease the pain.

"He knew we were heartbroken and we cried, but he supported us," said Wiley. "Don't cry. Hold your head up. You have nothing to be ashamed of. You played well.

"We'd just go over there and shake their hands. We were good sports. We represented our family, our school and our community."

More determined than ever in 1980, Beecher beat Livonia Ladywood 44-35 for the title. A full-court press, a Beecher trademark throughout its basketball program, gave the Lady Bucs control, and a four-corners offense put the game away.

"Dave's kids could stall a game as good as anybody," said Sunday.

In 1987, the Lady Bucs beat Frankenmuth 49-34 for their second state championship. They reached the final again in 1988, but lost to Grand Rapids South Christian 53-49.

Hollingsworth sent at least a dozen players on to college, including Wiley to Michigan, Sparks to Southern University, Marie Williams to Michigan State and three others to his alma mater, Fayetteville State University in North Carolina — where he might have played.

"Great coach, great man," said Wiley. "I wish he was here. This is very well-deserved."

Tom Skinner

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"Tom wrote a book about it, 'Sneaking Into the Front Row.' It never got published, but he sent it to Dan Akroyd."

"Akroyd wrote back that it would make a good TV movie," said John Skinner. "I still have the letter."

But Skinner was all business with the Montrose broadcast journalism program. Under his tutelage, the school won "Program of the Year" five straight years (2014-18) from the MHSAA's School Broadcast Program Excellence Awards. Several of his students earned state and national individual awards and moved on to careers in the field.

Last April, Montrose unveiled the Thomas E. Skinner Broadcast Center, a newly created video and audio editing lab, podcasting lab, studio and control room/soundproof room.

Just days after his death, the Detroit Sports Media Association established the Thomas E. Skinner Memorial Broadcasting Scholarship, with the first award going to 2021 Montrose grad Eric Patterson.

This past summer Skinner was remembered at a Great Lakes Loons game at Dow Diamond, where he had been the PA announcer at the annual All-Star game featuring players from the Flint and Saginaw-Bay City areas.

In August he was inducted into the Montrose Sports and Community Hall of Fame.

"There's nobody like him," said Daly. "We are blessed to have had him around Flint, for what he did with the sports scene, especially the high school sports scene."

Powers Girls Golf Teams of 1993 and 1994

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"I always thought we were going to win," said Hamo. "That was my goal every time we played. I thought we had no problem.

"And then the next year I expected it because we all came back."

The Chargers did win easily in 1994 — in the regional. Hamo was medalist with 80, Stocker, Jenny Goss and Austin also finished in the top seven, and Powers shot 354 to beat Lansing by 46 strokes at Deer Run Golf Course in Lowell. It was Powers' first regional title in girls golf.

But the state meet was a battle.

The Chargers trailed Jackson Lumen Christi by four strokes after the first round at Forest Akers East. But they came back on the West course the next day to scratch out a one-stroke victory, 349-365-714 to Lumen Christi's 345-370-715.

Senior Jenny Goss shot 87 for Powers' low score of the second round, including a crucial par putt on her final hole. With each of the Chargers paired with a Lumen Christi golfer, Goss beat her opponent by 11 strokes.

Goss, niece of golf pro and 2012 Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame inductee Jack Seltzer, hadn't made the lineup the previous year and came back motivated for the 1994 season.

"My head was not really in the game junior year," said Goss, now Jenny Ream. "When I didn't play (at state), I told coach on the way home I would be playing next year. Sometimes that's what it takes to get you to re-focus."

Hamo again led Powers for the tournament, finishing third with 82-90-172. Goss tied for sixth with 91-87-178 and Stocker placed ninth with 88-92-180. All three were All-State. Esia shot 90-96-186 and Mesack 89-102-191.

"It's so funny hearing those scores," Hamo observed. "We shot that, and won? Nowadays you have to shoot par.

"But you look back at the equipment, compared to today, and those were good scores back then."

For Snow, it was his third state championship, having won the 1989 Class A title. Powers also placed fourth in 1995 and second in 1996 under him. Snow passed away in 2015.

"He was a wonderful, kind and gentle coach," said Stocker, who went on to an illustrious career as a player and high school coach herself. "I'd like to think that in my coaching career I was a lot like Mr. Snow. My intention was always to be reassuring and give girls good thoughts for the day. He would do that."

Stocker is making her second entry into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame, having been inducted in 2014 with the 1991 Powers girls basketball state champion team. She was also inducted into the Michigan Women's Golf Association Hall of Fame this summer.



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