

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

*Hamilton
Big Blue*

*Garfield
Griffins*

*Taft
Tigers*

6:00 pm
Sunday, February 4, 2001

Hamiltonian Hotel



ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Class of 1997

Jim "Boxcar" Bailey
Kevin Grevey
Judy Kraft
Paul Sarringhaus
Greg Stokes

Frank Clair
Jim Grimm
Marvin McCollum
Warren Scholler
Chuck Thackara
Bill Wilks

Alex "Boo" Ellis
Derek Howard
Joe Nuxhall
Jack Smith
Mike Townsend

Class of 1998

Shauna Bowman
Bill McCormick
Floyd "Breezy" Reid
Pat Sword

Bill Evans
Rudy Oaklets
Leonard (Jim) Smith
Charles "Skip" Taylor

Bernie Griesinger
Carl Ott
David Stalls
David "Chuggy" Waller

Class of 1999

Mel "Moody" Baker
Jack Gordon
Mark Lewis
Bill "Coach" Sharp

Taylor "Tay" Baker
Jerry Johnson
Ervin J. Nutter
Arthur "Ray" Tilton
David Weaver

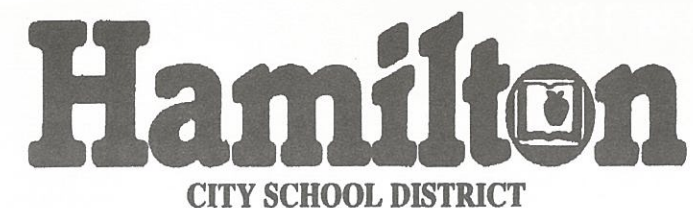
Elize Spears Combs
Andy Kolesar
Bernie Reid
Willie Townsend

Class of 2000

Lou Florio
Demus Jones
Terry Merz
Harry Phillips, Sr.

Jim Hall
Don Knodel
Barbara Norman Fitton
Virgil M. Schwarm
Bob Wainscott

Ragan Henry
Kent McCormick
Joe Okruhlica
Jim Sutton



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INTRODUCTION OF HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

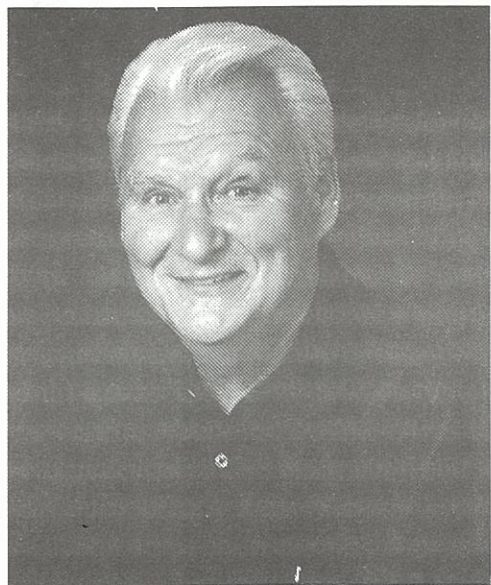
Karen Baker- Class of 1984

Karen joins her dad, Mel "Moody" Baker, as the first father-daughter combination to join the Hamilton City School District Athletic Hall of Fame. Baker played three sports - volleyball, basketball and softball - for all three years. She was selected both as the Best Offensive Volleyball Player and team captain for two years. She was named MVP her senior year and was also selected to the GMC's First Team. She helped lead the girls basketball team to two GMC titles on their way to the district finals. In her senior year, she led the team in assists, steals, free throw percentage and received the Coaches Award. This two year captain for basketball set the Hamilton High career record for assists. She was chosen as Hamilton High's Female Athlete of the Year in 1984. She was a senior member on the softball team that won the GMC title and reached the regional tournament. Receiving GMC Honors all three years in softball, Baker also received the Best Defensive Player Award for two years. She received the Coaches Award in softball as well. She received a scholarship to Miami University to play fast-pitch softball. She has played women's slow pitch softball on the nationally ranked Poor Michaels/Aarons teams from 1983 until present where she has won numerous All-Tournament honors. The team won national championships in 1984 and 1987 and has won several city and state championships also. She was selected as the First Team All American Honors in a National Slow Pitch Tournament in Florida in 1994. Baker was inducted into the Butler County Softball Hall of Fame in 1992.



Ron Couch - Class of 1954

A 1954 graduate of Hamilton High School, Ron Couch ran track for one year and dominated the football gridiron for three years. He received the Outstanding Lineman Award in 1953 and was named first team All-Ohio as an offensive tackle. He was co-captain of the Ohio South All-Star team. He continued to play football at the University of Cincinnati under coaches Sid Gillman and George Blackburn. Couch started 28 out of 30 games for the Bearcats playing both offensive guard and nose guard on defense. The senior co-captain was named All-Ohio and All-Missouri Valley Conference while at UC. He played one year for the Cincinnati Mohawks, a semi-pro football team. Couch spent one year as an assistant football coach at Taft Senior High School and then spent four years at Middletown High School where he was a teacher and assistant coach for football and track. He was also the head wrestling coach. He came back to Hamilton to teach and be a counselor at Garfield Senior High School. He was also an assistant principal at Harding and Garfield junior high schools. He concluded his educational career as an assistant principal at Hamilton High School. He retired in 1990. Couch was inducted into the Butler County Sports Hall of Fame in 1997.



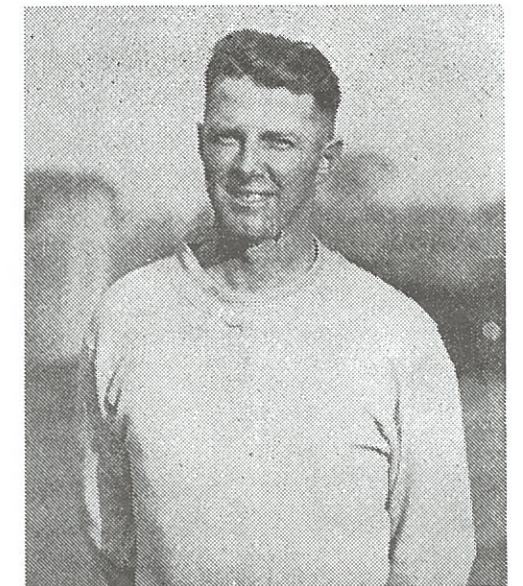
Dick Dallmer - Class of 1942

Dick Dallmer graduated from Hamilton High School in 1942. He attended the University of Cincinnati and was a four year starter on the basketball team. He was UC's first player ever to be named to a All-American basketball team. Dallmer was named Most Valuable Player for UC three times - Oscar Robertson being the only other player to hold this distinction. UC won four Mid-American Conference titles while he played. He was the co-captain of UC's first team to gain national recognition with a 32-5 record during the 1948-49 season. UC won its last 13 games that season to finish 10th in the nation. Dallmer was captain of the Bearcats during the 1949-50 season in which the team was undefeated in the Mid-American Conference. He captained the All-Ohio team in 1950. He established a new UC scoring record of 1,098 points. After receiving a Master of Education degree in 1950, Dallmer was a teacher, coach, principal and superintendent in the Lockland and Norwood school districts. Dallmer was also deputy superintendent of the Hamilton County Mental Retardation and Developmental Disability Program. He is a member of UC's Athletic Hall of Fame. Dallmer was inducted into the Butler County Sports Hall of Fame in 1985.



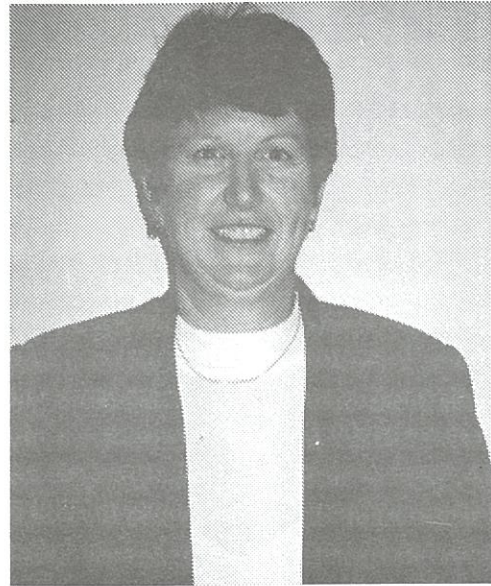
Dana King - Coach

Dana King had the distinction of having coached at the high school, college and professional levels and enjoyed success with all three. He coached the Hamilton High football team in 1917, 1919-1929, 1942-1946. His 1929 Big Blue team went undefeated with a 10-0 record. The Big Blue team that year scored 349 points and allowed only 26. King also coached basketball, track and baseball at Hamilton High in the years following World War I. He went on to be head coach at the University of Cincinnati from 1931 through 1934, posting a 25-10-1 record and winning a Buckeye Conference football championship. He also served as UC's Athletic Director from 1932 until 1936. King was then head coach and General Manager of the original Cincinnati Bengals for several years. The league disbanded at the beginning of World War II, and he returned to coach the Big Blue from 1942 until his retirement in 1946. King's over-all football record at Hamilton High was 105-26-8 for a 75% winning average. King started the great athletic tradition of success for the Hamilton Big Blue teams. He was inducted into the Butler County Sports Hall of Fame in 1984.



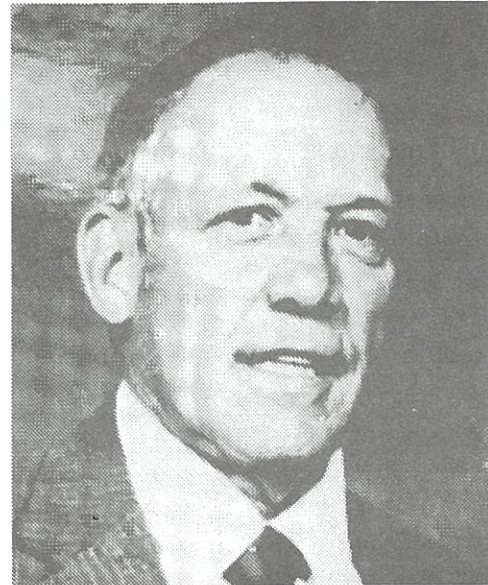
Marcy Maurer - Class of 1974

Marcy was a four sport star at Taft High School, playing tennis for one year, volleyball for two and basketball and softball for three years. She was the Lady Tigers' Most Valuable Player in basketball both junior and senior years. As co-captain in her senior year, Maurer was the leading scorer with a 16.9 point average and capped off her high school career with three straight GMC championships which included 23 straight victories. She holds the girls' individual season record in rebounds with 121 boards. She was named MVP in tennis her senior year when she played second singles. The team record was 7-1, placing them second in the GMC. Maurer was named Best All-Around Girl Athlete in 1974. She graduated from The Ohio State University in 1978 where she played four years of college softball. She was the team captain and was named scholar-athlete for two years. Maurer received her Masters Degree in Physical Education from Miami University in 1979 where she was a graduate teaching assistant and softball coach. She was head women's basketball and assistant fast-pitch softball coach at Earlham College for one year. Maurer taught and was head basketball and softball coach at Mount Union College for four years. For five years, she was an assistant professor and once again head basketball and softball coach at St. Andrews Presbyterian College in Laurinburg, NC. Maurer received her Doctorate Degree in Physical Education from Middle Tennessee State University in 1990. Maurer has been an associate professor at Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, TN since 1994 and has had many physical education articles published in national journal and magazines.



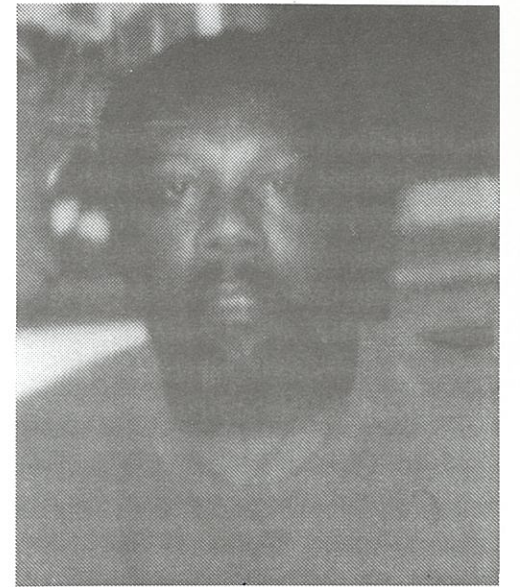
Don Nuxhall - Class of 1952

Don Nuxhall graduated from Hamilton High School as a three sport standout in football, basketball and baseball. He was Hamilton's extra point kicker all three years. He also punted and kicked-off in which the ball usually carried into the opponent's end zone. Both his junior and senior years, the Big Blue football team recorded identical 9-1 records on their way to becoming second in the state. As captain of the football team in his senior year, Nuxhall was named to the North-South All Star game in 1951. His accolades as a basketball player go back to when he was a student at Taylor Elementary School. Nuxhall set an individual scoring record with 45 points against Polk during the city-wide grade school basketball play-offs. As a ninth grader at Wilson Junior High, his basketball average was 15.7 points a game and helped lead his team to a league championship. As a sophomore center for the Big Blue, Hamilton led Purcell 46-45 with 45 seconds to go. Nuxhall sank two free throws in front of more than 4,000 spectators to guarantee his team the district title. He was selected to the Ohio-Kentucky All Star team his senior year when the Big Blue was ranked #1 in the state. He was a star pitcher for Wilson's baseball team for three years and ended his junior high career with a batting average of .400. His pitching record as a ninth grader was 4-2, with 89 strikeouts and allowing 17 walks and 22 hits. His ERA was 1.67 per game. He was a pitcher for Big Blue for three years under coach Byron Hollinger. Nuxhall attended Indiana University on a football scholarship, but then transferred to Miami University with a basketball scholarship. He signed a baseball contract with the Milwaukee Braves before he entered the U. S. Army. In 1957, after the service, he played in Milwaukee's farm system with the Lawton Braves of Oklahoma. Nuxhall was inducted into the Butler County Sports Hall of Fame in 1996.



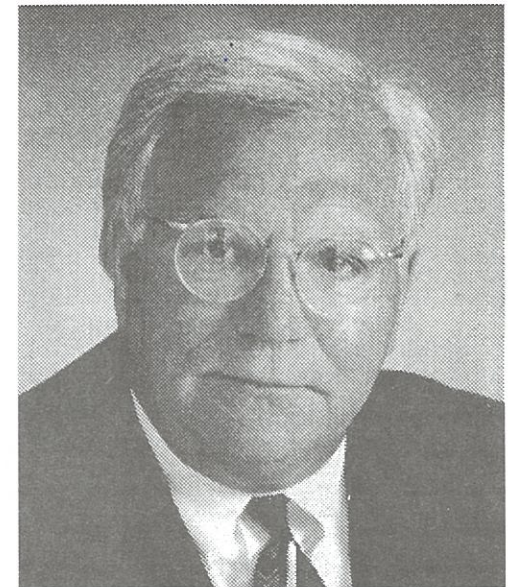
Jim Patterson - Class of 1962

Jim Patterson was a member of Taft High School's undefeated 1962 State Basketball Championship team. Under Coach Marv McCollum, the Tigers had a 27-0 season that year. Patterson averaged 18.6 points per game his senior year and led the team in rebounds with 446 boards. His highest score that year was 32 points against Garfield. He was named UPI First Team All-State and Third Team AP All-Ohio that year. He was unanimously selected to the All-Tournament team. He went on to play at Miami University under coach Dick Shrider. Patterson was the leading scorer and rebounder for the 1966 MU team. He was named All-MAC in 1966 and the Most Valuable Player in the Arkansas and New York tournaments. He played professional basketball for the Detroit Pistons during the 1966-67 season. He also played in the Midwest Semi-Pro League for the Pontiac Tomahawks for 11 years. Patterson played in the 40 and older leagues until he was 47.



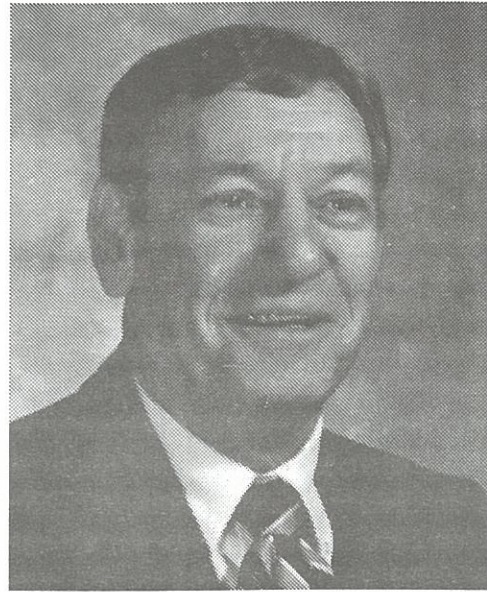
Leonard Rush - Class of 1965

Leonard Rush was a three sport athlete at Garfield High School where he played football, ran track and wrestled all three years. He was named to the All-Greater Ohio League, All-Southeast and All-Ohio football teams. He continued on to the University of Kentucky where he was a two-year letterman. He was named All-Southeastern Conference his sophomore year in 1966 and Most Improved Offensive Lineman in 1968. Rush was a teacher for 31 years and coached football for 27 years at Ross, Garfield, South Dearborn and Lima high schools. While at Ross High School, his team won the Paper Valley League Championship in 1972 when he was named the league's Coach of the Year. In 1975, his Ross team won the Wayne Trace League Championship and Rush was named *Journal News* Coach of the Year and league Coach of the Year. After leaving Ross, Rush coached at Garfield for three years and South Dearborn for one year. He started coaching at Lima in 1984, and under his leadership, his teams have qualified for the state playoffs six times. He was named head coach of the state's South All-Stars in 1988 and the Northwest Ohio District Coach of the Year. His 1989 team boasted a regional championship and made it to the state semifinals. His 1996 football team won the GMC with a 7-0 record on their way to winning the Division I State Championship. They were ranked 4th in the East region by the *Sporting News* and 12th in the nation by *USA Today*. Rush was named head coach of Ohio's West All-Stars that year, along with being named GMC's Coach of the Year and the Northwest Ohio District Coach of the Year. *Nike* also named him as Ohio Coach of the Year in 1996. Rush retired as Lima's winningest football coach.



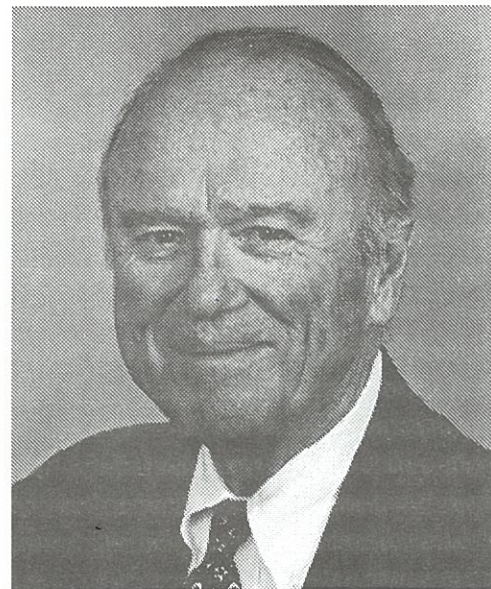
Alson Scrivner - Class of 1944

Al Scrivner ran track for two years while at Hamilton High and played football for the Big Blue where he was a two way starter. After playing three football games his senior year at Hamilton High, he was drafted to serve his country in World War II. He served as a combat engineer at Omaha Beach on D-Day. After the war, he played football at Miami University under coach Sid Gilman for one year. He then went to Cedarville College under coach Mendel Beattie to play and also to serve as line coach for the football team where he was named All-Ohio tackle. He also coached the freshmen basketball team while at Cedarville. Scrivner taught at Piqua High School for three years and was head football and golf coach and assistant basketball coach, along with being the city's Recreation Director. He then went to Logan High School for four years where again he coached football, basketball and track. He continued on to Lima High School in 1958 where he was assistant basketball and track coach. As the head football coach for Lima, he was named Coach of the Year eight times and won the Greater Ohio League Championship seven times. He coached the Ohio-South Football All-Stars in 1967. He is a past member of the National Football Rules Committee, a member of the National Football Coaches Hall of Fame, and past president of the Ohio Football Coaches Association.



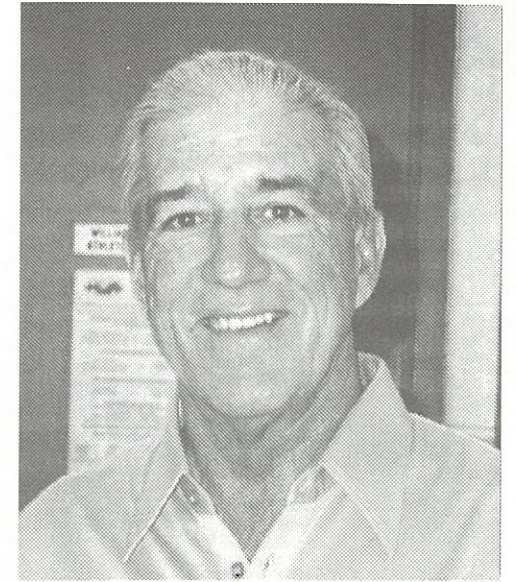
Bill Shank - Class of 1941

Bill Shank graduated from Hamilton High School in 1941, after playing basketball for three years. He played basketball for two years at Miami University under coach W.J. "Blue" Foster before volunteering for the Air Force in 1942. He saw combat service as a bomber pilot in Europe during World War II. He returned to Miami after the war, but could not play basketball due to a war injury. He graduated from Miami in 1947 where he was senior class president. He graduated from Yale Law School in 1950. Shank moved to Chicago and was Secretary and General Counsel for the Chemetron Corporation for 20 years. He was also Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary for the Walgreen Corporation for 11 years. He has served as President of the Legal Club of Chicago, the Yale Law School Association of Illinois and a Director of the Midwest Securities Trust Company. Shank is currently in private practice in Chicago.



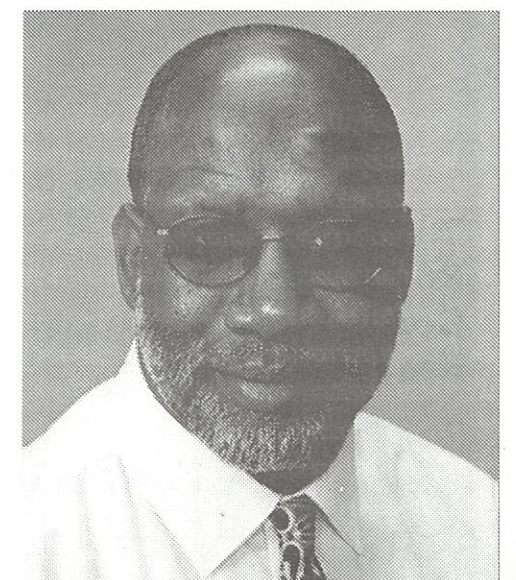
Ralph Smith - Class of 1954

Ralph Smith graduated from Hamilton High School in 1954. While at Big Blue, he was a member of the golf team for two years. As coach of the Landmark Little League teams in the 1970s, his teams won 104 consecutive games. They also won four straight Hamilton-Fairfield city championships. He has coached with Midland summer 18-year-old teams since 1977 and have won eight World Series and three runner-ups. He was head baseball coach at Middletown High School for two years and coached basketball at Fairfield from 1994-1999. He was named varsity baseball coach at Fairfield in 1996. He was named American Amateur Baseball Conference Coach of the Year in 1991. He has coached about 20 players who are now playing in the major leagues and many more that were drafted. He has been inducted into the Butler County fast-pitch Hall of Fame and the State fast-pitch Hall of Fame. Smith was also inducted into the Butler County Sports Hall of Fame in 1999.



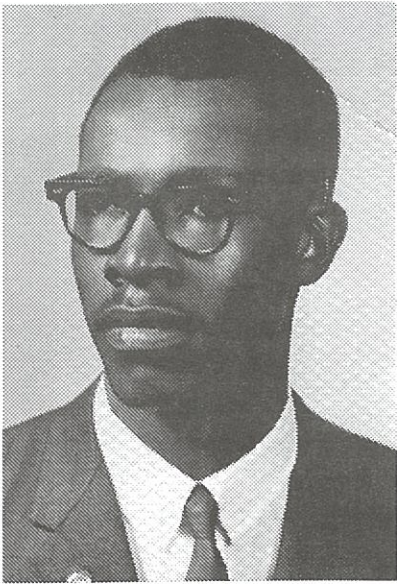
Clint Spearman, Jr. - Class of 1969

Clint Spearman played football and basketball for three years while at Garfield High School. He also played one year of tennis. He was named All-State in football when the Griffins went undefeated in 1967 under Coach Lou Florio. He was also named Best Defensive Lineman his senior year. Again, Spearman was named All-State in basketball when Garfield won the GMC his junior and senior years. They were runners-up in the State Championship in 1968. After graduation, he continued on to the University of Michigan and played football for four years under Coach Bo Schembechler. The Wolverines were the Big Ten Champions for three years. He played in the 1972 Rose Bowl and was named First Team All-Big Ten. He played in the NFL one year for the Los Angeles Rams and played in the World Football League one year for the Memphis Southmen. He was an assistant coach at Garfield from 1974-77. He was named head coach of the Napoli Oaks in Naples, Italy for two years as part of the Italian Pro Football League. His 1987 team was undefeated with a 12-0 record and won the league championship.



Payton Townsend, Jr. - Class of 1968

Payton Townsend is the third family member to be inducted in the Hamilton City School District Athletic Hall of Fame - joining brothers Mike and Willie as great athletes to come out of Garfield Senior High School. Payton was the starting center for the Griffin basketball team for three years. During his sophomore year, Garfield won the Greater Miami Conference championship and went on to win the sectionals. He led his team to the state basketball tournament finals his senior year when he was named to the All-Conference and All-State teams. He continued his basketball prowess at the Southwestern Louisiana University and graduated in 1972. He was named to the All-Conference teams all four years while at SLU. He was a member of SLU's Gulf State Conference Championship team in 1971 and still holds the field goal record with a .626 shooting percentage. He received his Masters Degree in Mathematics in 1973. Townsend was inducted into the Butler County Sports Hall of Fame in 1998.



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