



ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

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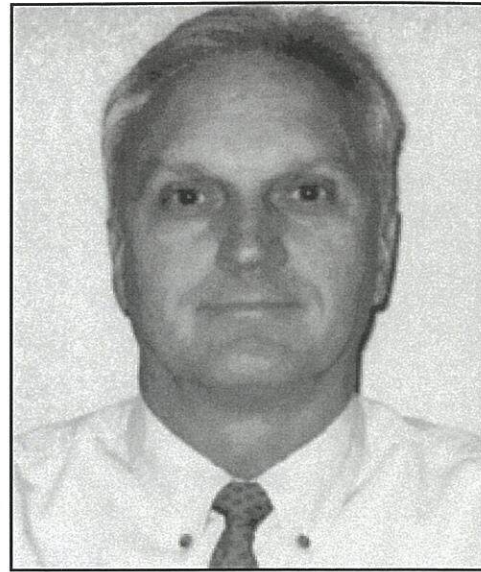
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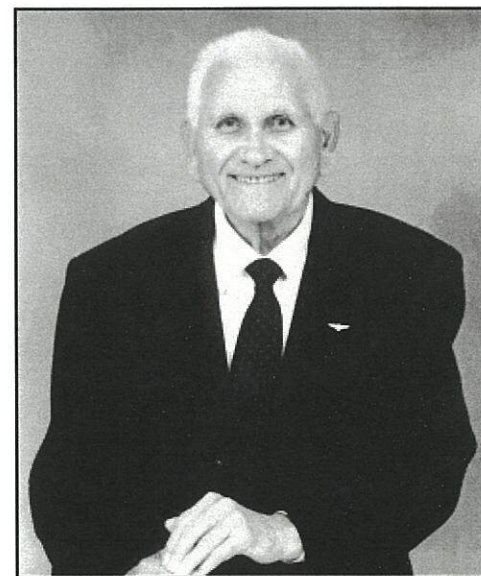
Dave Bauer - Class of 1974

Dave Bauer graduated from Garfield in 1974 after playing football and baseball for one year and basketball for three years. He was captain, leading scorer and leading rebounder in basketball for the Griffins his senior year and was named the team's Most Valuable Player. He was named all GMC, All Southwest Ohio and was a delegate to Buckeye Boys State. He led his team with 227 total points his senior year and ranks 36th on Garfield's all time leading scorers list. Bauer received a basketball scholarship to Cumberland College where he continued to play as he received his bachelors degree in Education. He began his teaching career in Hamilton in 1979, and in 1980, he accepted a teaching and coaching position with Ross Local Schools. He was a member of the coaching staff when Ross won the 1980 Boys Basketball State Championship. In 1981, Bauer began teaching and coaching in Fairfield. He was a varsity assistant football coach for 10 years as well as a basketball coach. He was the offensive and defensive football coach for the 1986 State Football Champs. He was Fairfield's head basketball coach from 1995 through 2000, coaching his 1997 and 1999 teams to the sectional championships. He ranks as the second winningest basketball coach in Fairfield behind his best friend and mentor Ron Chasteen. Bauer has been named *Butler County-Journal News* Coach of the Year two times. He instituted the Big Buddy Program in which once a week his players mentored kindergarten students. He received a Hometown Hero Award from WCPO Channel 9 for this program. He also was head coach at Edgewood High School from 2000-2002. Bauer and his wife, Mindy, live in Fairfield and have two children.



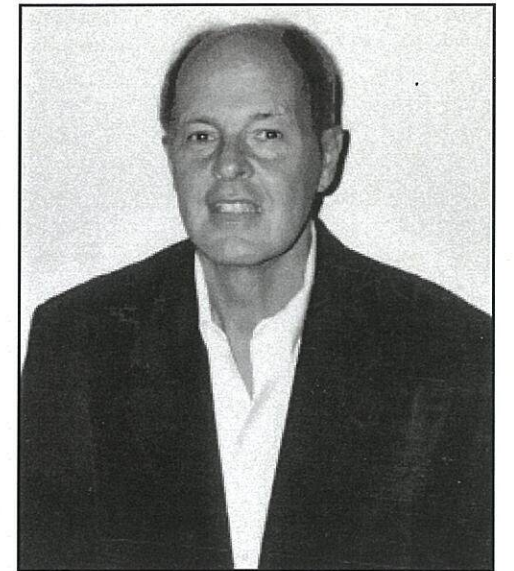
Eric Childs - Class of 1940

Eric Childs participated in track for two years while at Hamilton High and played both football and basketball for three years for the Big Blue. He was a member of the 1939 co-state champs in football under head coach and fellow Hall of Famer Ray Tilton. Bill Moeller, former sports editor of the *Journal News*, called Childs "a football and basketball star." He then attended Denison University where he played football under coaches Tommy Rogers and Pro Football Hall of Famer Sid Gillman. He also started one year in basketball under coach Sid Jenkins. During World War II, he enlisted in the US Navy and graduated as a Naval Aviator and spent four years in the Navy and US Marine Corps as a marine pilot, attaining the rank of Captain. After World War II, Childs attended Miami University and graduated with a degree in Finance in 1947. Childs lives in Plymouth, MI, and he and his wife, Mary(deceased), have three children.



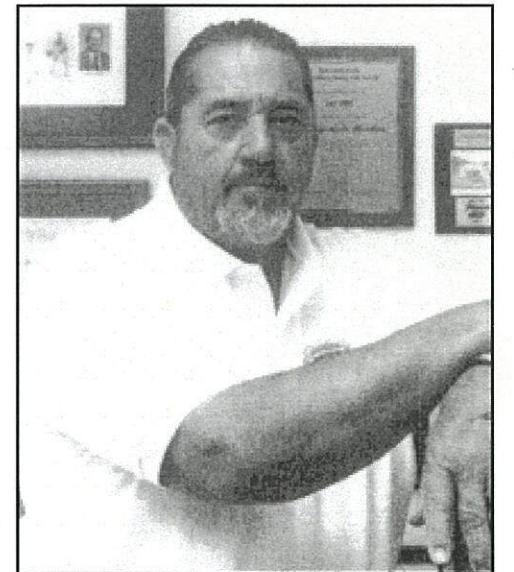
David Connell - Class of 1960

David Connell was a basketball and tennis star at Garfield after playing at Hamilton High School before it was divided into Garfield and Taft. He was named Honorable Mention All-State and Ohio All-Stars in basketball, having averaged over 15 points a game as center. He was also named to *The Toledo Time's* All-Star Team. He ranks #28 as Garfield Griffin's all time leading scorers with 371 points. He is listed as one of "Garfield's Greatest Athletes." He attended the University of Cincinnati and played basketball for one year and earned his bachelors in Business from UC and his masters degree from Xavier University. He has played in many Hamilton High School alumni games. He won the doubles tournament in Hamilton's Open Tennis Tournament in 1996, being the oldest person to win. He has played in many city tennis tournaments, including being partners with fellow Hall of Famer Sue Barber Westin and playing against fellow Hall of Famer Marty Reist. He has won many first place titles in platform tennis in Chicago, IL, and was named American Platform Tennis Association's 50+ National Champion in 1997. He overcame a life threatening illness to win the Hamilton citywide Tennis Tournament in 1999. Connell, who lives in West Chester, retired from Southwestern Ohio Steel in 1995 as a vice-president, is married to Marilyn and has three children.



Jay Fry - Class of 1947

Jay Fry graduated from Hamilton High School in 1947, playing three years of tennis for the Big Blue. He went to Cedarville College for one year before transferring to Miami University, playing football under head coaches Woody Hayes and Ara Parseghian. He was named All-MAC and was a member of Miami's 1950 Salad Bowl Champions. He coached at Miami from 1956 to 1962, then went on to coach at Yale University from 1963 to 1964. Fry then coached at Indiana University from 1965 to 1969, leading his Hoosiers to the 1967 Big Ten Champions and the Rose Bowl. He coached the Ottawa Roughriders from 1970 until 1973, winning the Grey Cup Champion. He coached the WFL's Memphis Southmen for two years before he left to coach the New York Giants in 1976 to 1978. Fry has been inducted into the Indiana Football Hall of Fame, the Miami University Hall of Fame, the Guelpha U. Canada Hall of Fame and the Butler County Sports Hall of Fame. Fry lives in Oxford, with his wife Phyllis, and has three children.



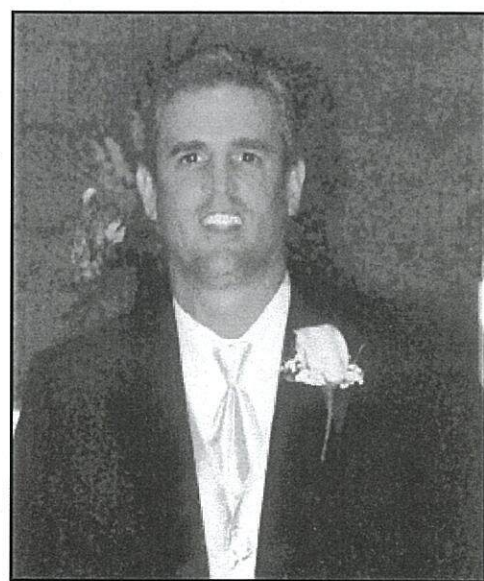
Michael Reese - Class of 1991

Michael Reese lettered three years in both football and basketball for the Big Blue. He is in the Top Ten of Hamilton High's football records with 2,369 total yards and #4 in passing with 1,835 total yards. He was named First Team GMC in 1990. His basketball accolades include being named captain of the Big Blue squad in his senior year under head coach and fellow Hall of Famer John Smith, holding the school record of 17 free throws made in one game. He was named AP Division 1 Co-player of the Year in the Southwest District his senior year. He had the most assists and was named First Team GMC in 1991. His 800 total basketball points place Reese in the Top 20 scoring in Hamilton High School history and in 6th place in the modern Hamilton High School records. He continued to play basketball at Ohio University and was a starter in his junior and senior years. He averaged 11.2 points per game in his senior year and was named co-MVP of the Stanford University California Invitational. He was also captain of the OU Bobcats both his junior and senior years. Reese lives in Pataskala, OH, with his wife, Stacy, and son.



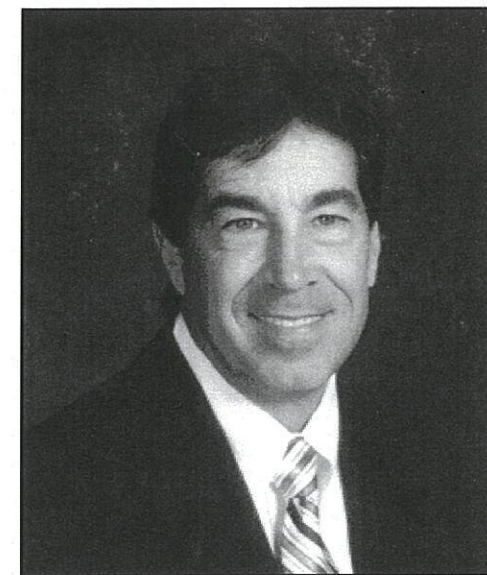
Marty Reist - Class of 1984

Marty Reist was an outstanding tennis player at Hamilton High School, holding the #1 Singles spot for all three years at Hamilton High. He was voted the Most Valuable Player all three years, losing only two GMC matches during his three year reign. He was named all GMC #1 Singles for two years. He also played soccer and basketball for the Big Blue. During his high school years, he was the Hamilton Novice Tennis Tournament winner, the Cincinnati Junior Met Single and Double Champion, the Butler County Clay Court Champion and the Ohio Valley Tennis Association #1 Single player. He won the City of Hamilton Open Mens Single Championships in 1983, 1985, 1986 and 1987. Reist was runner-up in 1982, losing to big brother Mark in the first only family championship match in the history of Hamilton tennis. He also was the City of Hamilton Open Men's Double Champion in 1988. He was recruited to play tennis at Ball State, where, as a freshman, he won the MAC title at #4 Singles and paired with Gene Orlando to win the #2 doubles crown. The same two players won another MAC championship at #2 doubles in Reist's sophomore year. He helped lead the Cardinals for four consecutive MAC championships and was named all-MAC three times. As a junior, he won the MAC championship at #2 singles. As a senior, Reist was the MAC flight champion at #1 singles and teamed with Mike Raymond to win the flight championship at #2 doubles. He completed his collegiate career with a 109-43 record in singles competition, ranking third at Ball State in career victories. He was ranked in the Top 100 of NCAA #1 singles players and ranked 18th in doubles play. He was inducted into the Ball State Athletic Hall of Fame in 1999. Reist lives in Indianapolis with his wife, Annie, and four children.



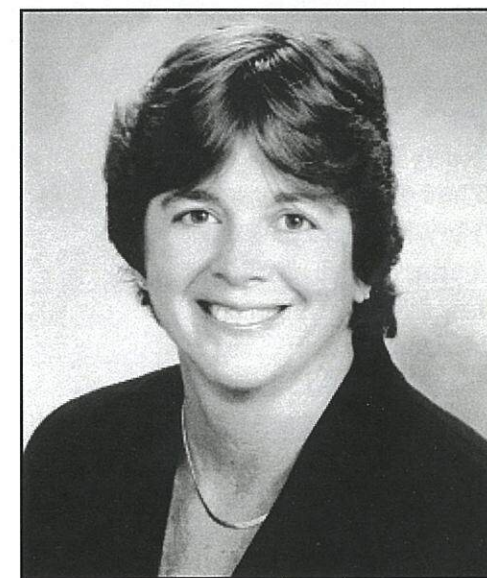
Ron Spurlock - Class of 1973

Ron Spurlock played basketball for three years at Taft under head coach and fellow Hall of Famer Marv McCollum. As a junior, the Tigers had the second best record of any team in Taft's history to that point, boasting a 19-3 season. In Spurlock's senior year, the team record was 20-3 and finished as GMC co-champs, sectional champs and district champs while ranking 4th in the state newspaper polls. During his senior year, the Tigers averaged 87 points per game and scored over 100 points six times, several times in which Spurlock scored the 100th point. He ranks #24 in the all time scoring for the Taft Tigers with 449 points and scored 32 points against Princeton in his senior year. He went on to play both basketball and baseball for Belmont University where he was captain for both teams. In baseball, he broke two school records, one of which still stands today. In basketball, he averaged double figures all four years. He received honors such as All Conference, All District, MVP, Male Athlete of the Year and was inducted into the Belmont Hall of Fame in 1995. He graduated from Belmont in 1977 and began teaching and coaching in the Hamilton City Schools. His junior high and junior varsity teams combined for a 75-5 record. Spurlock lives in Liberty Township with his wife, Elizabeth, has four children and is a principal for the Lakota School District.



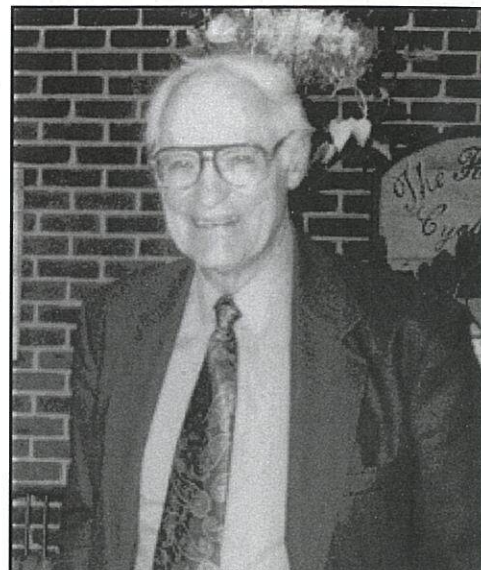
Sue Barber Westin - Class of 1979

Sue Barber Westin graduated from Taft in 1979 after playing both tennis for three years and basketball for two years. As a sophomore, she played on the girls basketball district championship team under head coach and fellow Hall of Famer Pat Sword. She also won singles and doubles titles of the Greater Hamilton-Fairfield Tennis Tournament in 1977. Along with her partners, (Karen Turman in 1976 and Sharon Palatchi in 1977), Westin won the double titles of the Taft Invitational Tennis Tournament, the GMC championship, sectional, district and regional tournaments on their way to reaching the state finals and finishing second under Coach Darlene Sharp. Westin was named high school All-American in 1976 and 1977. In her senior year, she was named MVP, named to the GMC All-Star team and received the Scholar Athlete Award, graduating in the Top 10 in her 1979 class. She continued on to the University of Cincinnati and Union College where she received her degree in 1987. She lettered and played singles and first doubles until knee surgery ended her tennis career. She is the director of Clinical and Applied Research with the Cincinnati Sports Medicine and Orthopaedic Center. She has published 70 papers in peer-reviewed medical journals and has presented 60 lectures in the United States, Canada and Europe. She won the 2004 Clinical Research Award from the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, the highest honor for clinical research in the field. Westin's current research focuses on the prevention of knee ligament ruptures in adolescent female athletes and the clinical outcome of knee operations, including transplantation of cartilage and complex ligament reconstructions. Westin lives in Ft. Myers, FL, with her husband, Rick, and two children.



William Hamm - Class of 1941

William Hamm played three years on the Hamilton High basketball team making All-State honors his senior year. He also played first base on the Big Blue baseball team for three years. He was recruited to play basketball for Coach Adolph Rupp at the University of Kentucky. In 1941, freshmen were deemed ineligible to play on the varsity squad, so Hamm played on the junior-varsity squad his first year, then became a reserve forward. In 1943, he left UK to serve in World War II. After the War, Hamm entered New Mexico State A & M and started on the basketball team for two years. He made All-Conference honors in the Border Conference in 1947. He was one of the leading scorers in the conference. He also played two years of baseball as the starting first baseman while at New Mexico State. He received his bachelors degree in 1950. Hamm taught high school chemistry and math for one year while also coaching the boys and girls basketball teams and the track team. He then joined the Central Valley Electric Corp., which was a member of the National Industrial Basketball League, one of the forefathers of the NBA. He played three years with several future NBA players. He continued his baseball career by playing semi-pro baseball for two years against teams from New Mexico, Texas and Mexico. Hamm lives in Lexington, KY, with his wife, Maria, and is the father of two children.



Rob Huffman - Class of 1983

Rob Huffman was a three year member of Hamilton High's baseball and football teams, graduating in 1983. He was the Offensive Back of the Year in his junior year and was Big Blue's quarterback his senior year, being named to the Second Team GMC. He received recruitment letters for every Big 10 school, but Northwestern. He lettered all three years in baseball in which he pitched and played outfield. Hamilton High's baseball record was 80-4 during Huffman's three years. He was named Most Valuable Player in the Butler County Tournament as a junior and was named All-GMC that same year. During Big Blue's first state championship run in 1983, Coach Dan Bowling said "Huffman is the ticket to Columbus." He tied the state record by hitting two home runs in one game. He was named the MVP for the Ohio Class AAA Champion Hamilton High team as he batted .410 and led the team with 49 runs batted in and eight home runs. As a relief pitcher, he earned saves in both the regional championship and the state title games. His awards also included being named Co-Player of the Year by the *Cincinnati Post* with his step-brother Mike Conley. Huffman was drafted by the Atlanta Braves during his senior year at HHS, but he went to the University of Michigan where he was the starting centerfielder for the Wolverines under head coach Bud Middaugh. He received his degree in Communications in 1988. Huffman lives in Vero Beach, FL with his wife, Holly, and daughter.



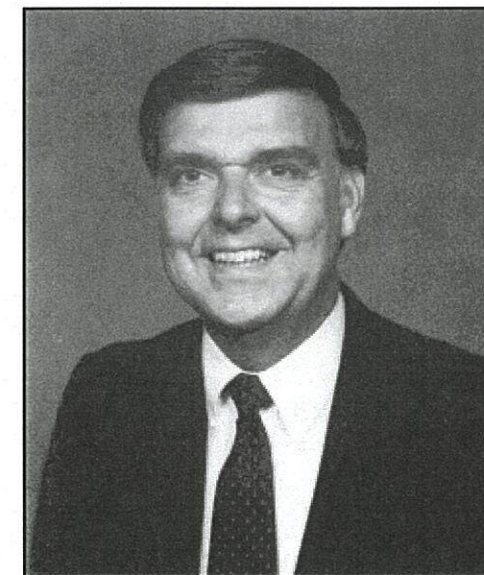
Elgene Mainous - Class of 1949

Elgene Mainous was the trainer and manager for both football and basketball at Hamilton High School before graduating in 1949. He was the trainer/manager for the 1949 Ohio State High School Basketball Champions and also was the trainer/manager for the Ohio/Kentucky All Star game in Louisville, KY, and the Ohio North/South All Star football game in Canton, OH, that same year. Mainous went on to Miami University where he again was the student trainer/manager under head football coach Woody Hayes and under head basketball coaches John Brickles and Bill Rohr. After graduating from Miami, he continued on to The Ohio State University for dental school. While attending OSU, he was the student trainer/manager for football coach Woody Hayes. Mainous joined the US Navy in 1955 and retired as a Navy Captain in 1975. He received a Navy Commendation Medal for Meritorious Service for serving in Vietnam 1968-1969. He continued to pursue graduate oral and maxillofacial surgery studies at naval hospitals in Oakland, CA, Bethesda, MD, and Portsmouth, VA, teaching and practicing until his retirement in 1975. He was the inaugural holder of the Carl E. Schow Jr. Chair of the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at the University of Texas Medical Branch. He received the Ohio State University Distinguished Alumni Award in 2002. He has written and published 42 professional articles, nine book chapters and 39 abstracts in the research areas of bone healing and has presented at the annual meeting of American Society for Bone and Mineral Research. Mainous lives in Galveston, TX, with his wife, Nancy, and has three children.



Phil Phelps - Class of 1954

Phil Phelps played basketball and baseball for three years while attending Hamilton High School. He was a member and co-captain of the 1954 State Basketball Champs under head coach and fellow Hall of Famer Warren Scholler. He shared the pivot post with fellow team mate and fellow Hall of Famer Alex "Boo" Ellis. The HHS 1954 yearbook described Phelps as "one of the main reasons why the team kept hustling the whole season. Always a scraper, Phelps never gave up and the squad followed his example." He was named to the First Team All Tournament in 1954. He is 32nd on the list of Hamilton High leading scorers with 268 total points. He was nominated for the North/South National Basketball Team in 1954. He was offered scholarships to several schools, but wanted to go to the University of Kentucky. He was a walk on for UK and played freshman basketball. He also scouted for Joe B. Hall during the 1980's. Phelps settled in Tyler, Texas, and formed his own business which designs and constructs rubber products for the oil business. He received the Texas Small Business Award in the 1980's. Phelps still lives in Tyler, TX, with his wife, Marti, and has three children.



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