



ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

*Hamilton
Big Blue*

*Garfield
Griffins*

*Taft
Tigers*

6:00 pm
Saturday, February 5, 2011

Courtyard by Marriott

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

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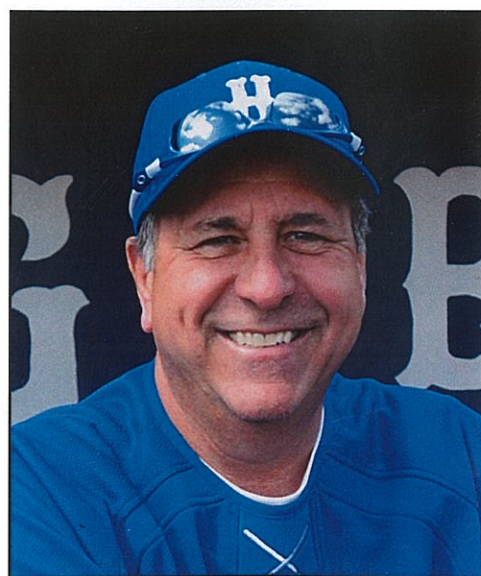
Matthew Blauvelt - Class of 1986

Matthew Blauvelt graduated from Hamilton High School in 1986 after playing soccer for three years under Coach Aaron Schechtman. The soccer team record during Blauvelt's three years was 37-12-4, including finishing the 1985 season with a 15-3-2 record. It was the best season in the history of Hamilton High School Boy's soccer at that time and they also won the Greater Miami Conference (GMC) with a 6-1-1 record. His senior honors included being named to the Coaches All-District Second Team, All-GMC Second Team, and Hamilton's Best Defensive Player. A goalkeeper for the Big Blue championship team, Blauvelt also played in the East-West All-Star Game. He continued his soccer success at the University of Southern Indiana where he graduated in 1991. He was named to the All State First Team in 1990 when he was ranked fifth in the nation among NCAA Division II goalkeepers, allowing just 0.72 goals per game. He still holds the following individual records at the University of Southern Indiana: most shutouts in a season with 10 (including six in a row); most saves in a game with 15; and most shutouts in a career with 28. USI was the Great Lakes Valley Conference (GLVC) tournament champions for three years and was ranked 19th in the nation in 1990 with a 15-5-2 record as Blauvelt was named the top goalkeeper in the GLVC. He has coached soccer at the youth and high school levels in Evansville, Indiana and also coached Wilson Junior High School soccer in 1991.



Dan Bowling - Class of 1969 and Coach

Dan Bowling graduated from Hamilton Garfield High School in 1969 after being a three year letterman for the Griffins baseball team. He was named All-Ohio as a pitcher in his senior year for Garfield. He began his teaching career in the Hamilton City Schools in 1973. He became Hamilton High School's baseball coach in 1983 and led the team to a perfect 10-0 record in the GMC, on its way to a regular season baseball record of 30-2. The 1983 team was Bowling's first of two state championship teams. They finished the season ranked the #2 team in the nation. Bowling's 1997 team also won the state championship and was ranked #2 in the nation by *USA Today*. He was named Ohio Division I State Coach of the Year in 1983 and 1997. During his 28 years as head coach of the Big Blue, he has led his teams to 15 GMC championships, six district titles and four regional titles, along with four Final Four appearances. He was named GMC Coach of the Year 13 times. He is in Ohio's Top 10 all time winningest coaches, boasting a .760 winning percentage with a 655-207 record. He has coached 16 players who were drafted professionally and three players who played professionally and are also fellow Hall of Famers (Mark Lewis, Ricky Stone and Aaron Cook). Three Hamilton players were named Ohio State Players of the Year under Bowling's coaching. He was inducted into the Butler County Sports Hall of Fame in 1998 and the Ohio Baseball Hall of Fame in 2002. He will also be inducted into the 2011 Buddy LaRosa High School Athletic Hall of Fame this summer.



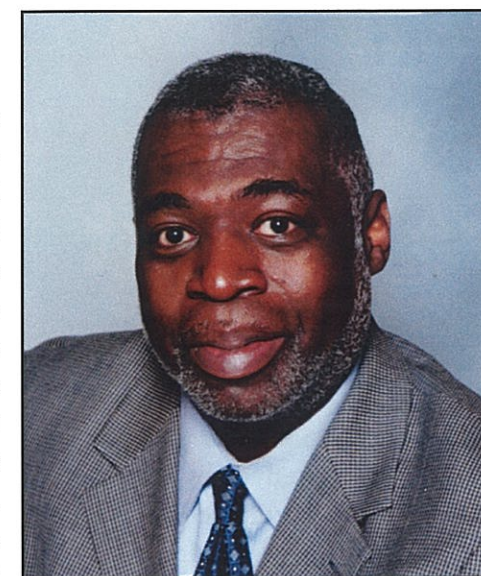
Pat Burtis- Class of 1976

Pat Burtis graduated from Hamilton Taft High School in 1976 after playing basketball for three years. He also ran track. He was named Honorable Mention GMC in basketball his junior year under head coach and fellow Hall of Famer Marv McCollum. Burtis was named First Team GMC his senior year, along with being named First Team Southwest Ohio and Honorable Mention All State. He had the best field goal percentage for a guard his senior year with 54%. As leading scorer his senior year, he was also named Most Valuable Player for the Tigers. He ranks #18 on the Taft list for career totals with 525 points. He qualified for District in the high and low hurdles in track his senior year. He went to Poland the summer after he graduated from Taft with a basketball team from Butler County that was coached by Don Gillespie, scoring 40 points in one game there. Burtis went on to play basketball for four years at Marshall University and graduated in 1981.



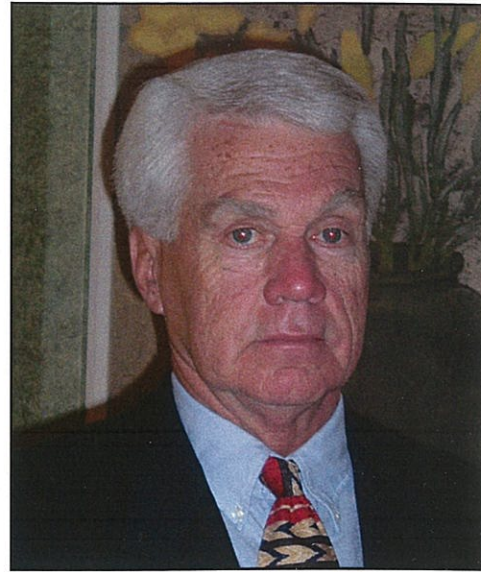
Malcolm Dixon - Class of 1972

Malcolm Dixon graduated 1972 from Hamilton Taft High School where he played basketball under head coach and fellow Hall of Famer Marv McCollum and football under head coaches and fellow Hall of Famers Fred Garretson and Demus Jones. During his senior year, Dixon rushed for 273 yards against Monroe, snapping a 23 game win streak for the Hornets. The Tigers won, 22-12. He holds Taft's record for most yards rushing in a season and has the best career rushing average of 6.6 yards a carry. He was named First Team All Golden Triangle, First Team GMC and Ponderosa's Most Valuable Player. He was also the team's Most Valuable Player and the Most Valuable Running Back. WMOH radio also named him Most Valuable Player. Dixon is in the Top 10 list for Taft in football scoring. Dixon was a member of Taft's basketball team which boasted a 20-4 season record his junior year. His senior year, Taft finished the season with a 19-3 record, giving the Tigers its first outright GMC championship. Dixon went on to play basketball at Cedarville College where he played in the NAIA championship in Kansas City, Missouri.



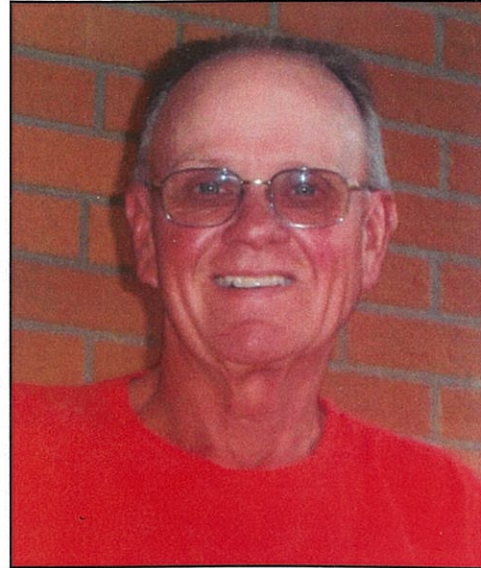
Mark Hopkins- Class of 1960

Mark Hopkins graduated from Hamilton Taft High School in 1960 after attending the former Hamilton High School the year before. He was a member of Hamilton High's last football team, Baby Blue basketball team and baseball team before the new Garfield and Taft high schools opened. As a member of the new Taft Tigers football team, he played both offense and defense for his head football coach and fellow Hall of Famer Marv McCollum. He played guard in basketball and his coach was Darrell Hedric. He also played baseball for Coach McCollum and ran track for head coach and fellow Hall of Famer Jim Blount. He is Taft's first Four Sport Letterman and was named the Best Athlete in Butler County in 1960. He was a member of the 1961 All State Fast Pitch softball team and played for the Aurora Sealmasters national champions in 1962. He continued his baseball prowess at the University of Cincinnati and then transferred to Eastern Kentucky University where he ran track. He has been a physical education teacher for 32 years. From 1985 to present, Hopkins has coached for the Midland baseball program, coaching five years at the 16 year old level; six years at the 17 year old level, and 12 years at the 18 year old level.



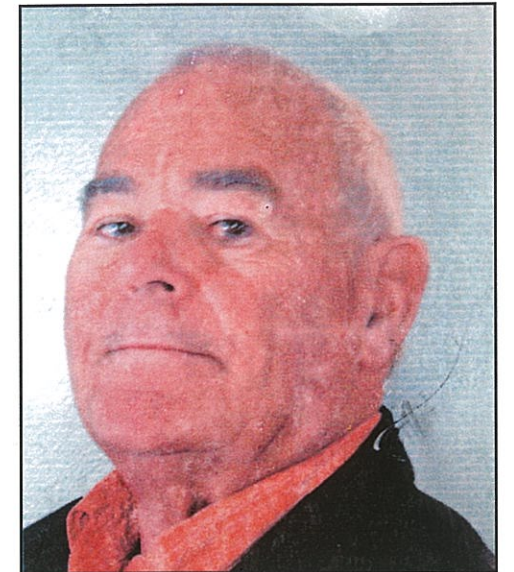
Ron McWhorter - Class of 1963

Ron McWhorter graduated from Hamilton Garfield High School in 1963 after playing basketball for three years under coaches Rollie Barton and fellow Hall of Famer Jack Young. He was a two year starter at guard and led the Griffins in free throw percentages all three years. In the first tournament game in 1962, Garfield beat Franklin by a score of 61 to 59, after McWhorter made a jump shot with five seconds left in the game. Named captain his senior year, McWhorter was also named First Team Greater Ohio League and led the league in scoring with an average of 22.5 points per game. He was also named honorable mention in the Associated Press All-Ohio Class AA in 1963. He tied Garfield's single game scoring record with 29 points against Lima. He is 18th on Garfield's all time scoring list with 517 career points. He retired from the Hamilton City School District in 2006 with 30 years of teaching.



Francis Parrish - Class of 1956

Francis Parrish graduated from Hamilton High School in 1956 after playing football under coaches Hal Paul and fellow Hall of Famer Chuck Thackara. He was also a member of the track team and the Fliptwisters under the direction of coach and fellow Hall of Famer Jim Grimm. From 1953 to 1956, Parrish set numerous records as a member of the YMCA swim team. He was the YMCA Man of the Year in 1961, 1963 and 1969. He played baseball, softball, handball, tennis, golf and also played semi-pro football. He began coaching Hamilton's youth from 1956 to 1990. He coached at Hamilton's Central and West YMCA's and Fairfield's YMCA. He coached swimming at Garfield, Fairfield and Taft high schools. He organized the Butler County Swim League in 1965, coaching the Hamilton Elks swim team for many years. He also served as President of the Butler County Swim League until 2008 and the league was renamed for him in the mid 2000's. Over 45,000 children have participated in the summer swim league since its inception. Parrish has officiated for local high schools as well as for the GMC, GCL, OHSAA sectionals, district and state meets. He also officiates for college meets and for the YMCA's local, regional, zone and national meets.



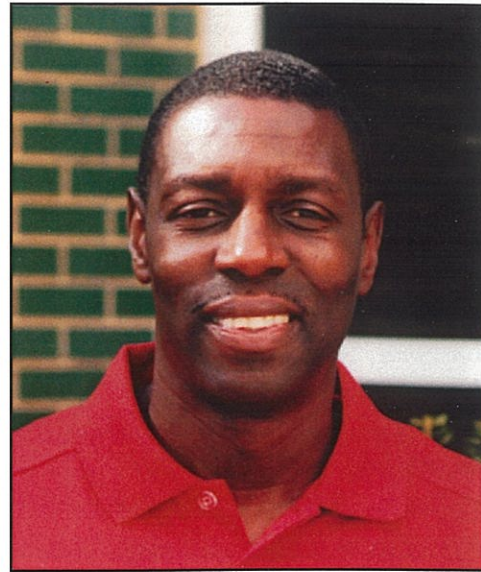
Chad Pennington - Class of 1997

Chad Pennington graduated from Hamilton High School in 1997 after playing baseball for three years under head coach and fellow Hall of Famer Dan Bowling. As a junior, he was named to the GMC's Second Team. His regular season pitching record as a senior in 1997 was 5-1, with a 2.45 ERA and striking out 47 in 40 innings. He was named to the GMC's First Team. Pennington pitched the Big Blue to a 3-1 victory in the state semi-finals against Hudson, striking out eight batters in the game and picking off two runners at first base. The 1997 state championship team finished with a 30-2 record and finished ranked #2 in the nation by *USA Today*. Pennington's teammates included fellow Hall of Famers Aaron Cook and Curtus Moak. As a member of the Midland baseball team, they won the 1997 Connie Mack World Series. He went on to Arizona State University, playing in the College World Series in 1998. He transferred to the University of Cincinnati where he graduated in 2002. Pennington also played for two years with the River City Rascals in the Frontier League. Pennington was a member of West Side Little League's first World Series team in 1991.



Richard Prather - Class of 1972

Richard Prather graduated from Hamilton Garfield High School in 1972 after playing football for two years under head coach and fellow Hall of Famer Lou Florio. He also played basketball for three years under head coach Bob Sweeten. A team captain his senior year, he was selected as a member of the All Golden Triangle Basketball Team and he led the Grif-fins with an average of 18 points and 17 rebounds. He scored 49 points, a Hamilton city scoring record, as Garfield beat Courter Tech, 91-66. He scored 19 points and had 21 rebounds in his final high school game. He continued on to Aurora University where he was named first Team All Con-ference at Northwest Florida State College. He has taught Health and has coached over 28 years. As a middle school coach in Southlake, Texas, for the past 11 years, his teams have won five basketball district championships, boasting a 93-3 record, and one volleyball district championship. Four of his athletes have gone on to compete at the Division 1 college level. He is the founder of Triple Threat Basketball, Inc., an elite youth basketball program that encourages participation, cooperation and sportsmanship, while developing the individual as well as team skills.



John Ross - Trainer and Athletic Director

John Ross (J.R.) began his athletic training career while attending Buckeye Central High School in New Washington, Ohio. He spent four years as a student trainer while attending Ohio University. After graduation, he was awarded an internship in the Sports Medicine Graduate Studies Program at the University of Arizona. After receiving his Master's Degree in Sports Medicine, he became a teacher and the Athletic Trainer for Garfield Senior High School. In 1980, he became the Athletic Trainer at the new Hamilton High School when Garfield and Taft merged. In 1983, he was named as a recipient of the Ohio Casualty Catalyst Award for Hamilton High School. In 1997, Ross received the State award for exemplary contribution and service from the Ohio High School Athletic Association. In 2001, he became Hamilton City School District's Athletic Director. During his four year tenure, he added boys' volleyball and boys' and girls' bowling as varsity sports and oversaw renovations to the baseball field. He was part of five state championships at Hamilton High School: athletic trainer for baseball in 1983 and 1997 and softball in 1985; and as Athletic Director for basketball in 2004 and individual golf champion Kyle Hodges in 2004.



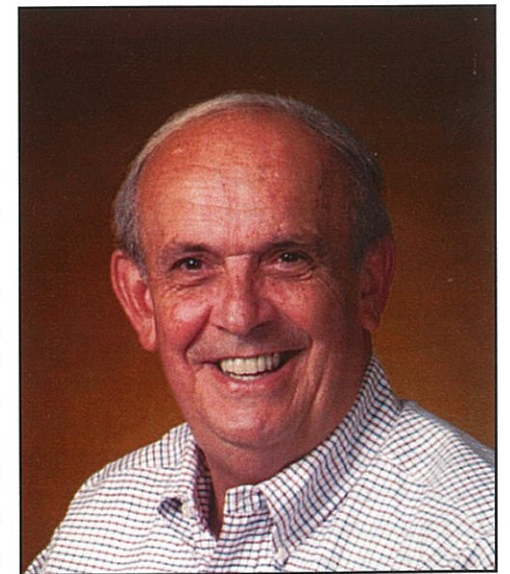
Tracy Collett Trunck - Class of 1993

Tracy Collett Trunck graduated from Hamilton High School in 1993 after playing tennis for three years under head coach Moe Flaig. As a 14 year old, Trunck was listed in the Top 25 Junior Girls ranking by the World Tennis Association. She played First Singles all three years and was named All Conference all three years. She was the Big Blue's Most Valuable Player and qualified for state in her freshman, sophomore and senior years, not playing her junior year due to illness. She continued to play tennis at the University of Cincinnati and was team captain for two years. As a tennis pro, Trunck has taught tennis for the last 15 years.



Larry Wood - Coach and Athletic Director

Larry Wood started his teaching and coaching career in the Hamilton City School District in 1966 at Harding Junior High School as the basketball and baseball coach. He was also a counselor at Harding and Hamilton High schools. He was the city-wide junior high school athletic coordina-tor from 1970 to 1989. As Hamilton High School Athletic Director from 1989 until 2001, he oversaw the renovation of the Virgil M. Schwarm Stadium complex, including the new press box and scoreboard. He also oversaw the construction of the HHS auxiliary gymnasium and was on the Hamilton 100 Years of Football Committee in 1997. After his retirement, he continued to support Hamilton Athletics as a member of the Field of Excellence Turf Field Fundraising Committee and as a consultant to the Athletic Department. He also served as a member on the Hamilton High School's Athletic Center Committee. Wood was inducted into the Eastern Kentucky University Sports Hall of Fame in 2006 and the Butler County Sports Hall of Fame in 2008.





ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME MEMBERS

Class of 1997
Jim "Boxcar" Bailey
Frank Clair
Alex "Boo" Ellis
Evin Grevey
Jim Grimm
Erek Howard
Judy Kraft
Marvin McCollum
Joe Nuxhall
Paul Sarringhaus
Warren Scholler
Jack Smith
Greg Stokes
Chuck Thackara
Mike Townsend
Bill Wilks
Class of 1998
Shauna Bowman
Bill Evans
Bernie Griesinger
*Bill McCormick
*Rudy Oaklets
*Carl Ott
*Floyd "Breezy" Reid
Leonard (Jim) Smith
David Stalls
*Pat Sword
Charles "Skip" Taylor
*David "Chuggy" Waller
Class of 1999
Mel "Moody" Baker
Taylor "Tay" Baker
Jack Gordon
Jerry Johnson
Andy Kolesar
Mark Lewis
*Ervin J. Nutter
Bernie Reid
*Bill "Coach" Sharp
Elise Spears
*Arthur "Ray" Tilton
Willie Townsend
David Weaver
Class of 2000
*Barbara Norman Fittono

*Ragan Henry
Demus Jones
Don Knodel
Kent McCormick
Terry Merz
Joe Okruhlica
Harry Phillips, Sr.
*Virgil M. Schwarm
Jim Sutton
*Bob Wainscott
Class of 2001
Karen Baker
Ron Couch
Dick Dallmer
*Dana King
Marcy Maurer
Don Nuxhall
Jim Patterson
Leonard Rush
Alson Scrivner
Bill Shank
*Ralph Smith
Clint Spearman, Jr.
Payton Townsend, Jr.
Class of 2002
Fred Belden
Russ Bowermaster
Robby Cobb
Fred Garretson
Dan Hartleb
Gary "Spud" Hornsby
Carolyn Hefner McAllister
Andrea Walters Moorehead
*Ray Pryor
*Charles Schwing
John Smith
Richard Smith
*Robert "Pappy" Smith
Tyrice Walker
Class of 2003
Bryan Barlow
Tony Blaine
Scott Grevey
Barb Hurley
Mike Marks
Mark Martin
*Winston Metcalfe

Richard Nelson
Cash Powell, Jr.
Ron Sutton
Harold "Buster" Treinen
Jack Young
Dot Smiley Zaragoza
Class of 2004
Jim Blount
John Born
Wayne Bowling
Lisa Eggleston Brown
Gary Fox
Henry "Woody" Herzog
Bill Hibbard
Jerry Mathews
Marty New
Frank "Eddie" Simpson
*Lowell Storm
Jimmy Wagner
Class of 2005
Dick Boggs
Norm Grevey
Luke Hibbard
Greg Jonson
Bobby Lakes
Phil Lillard
Mary Ellen Menzer
Charlie Pater
Andy Reid
Fred Weinman
Class of 2006
Dave Bauer
*Eric Childs
David Connell
Jay Fry
William Hamm
Rob Huffman
Elgene Mainous
*Phil Phelps
Michael Reese
Marty Reist
Ron Spurlock
Sue Barber Westin
Class of 2007
John Bercaw
Larry Bowling
Jack Garreston

Chris Kingsbury
*Claude "Cat" Neeley
David Raab
Bob Rainey
*Gary Reist
Stacy Boling Wilson
Class of 2008
Sheree Barlow
Mike DiStaola
Joe Hudson
George Jonson
Jim Kernahan
Michael McCollum
Gerald "Jerry" Scrivner
John Spears
Otto Swanner
Fred Thomas
Class of 2009
Larry Allen
Don Baker
Bill Dinger
*Edward Eberth
Anna Harvey
Tom Jones
Curtus Moak
Ricky Stone
Sally Belew Streeter
Tom Taylor
Elbert Walker
Class of 2010
Aaron Cook
Don Curtis
Alex Davis
Bob Garretson
Tina Gregory
Jerry Law
*Stan Lewis
Ed Mignery
Craig Mills
*Garland Munz
Brian Nicley
Ted Norris

**Denotes Deceased*

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME NOMINATION

The Hamilton City School District has a rich heritage of producing outstanding athletes from its senior high schools: Garfield, Hamilton and Taft. These fine athletes have gone on to become outstanding citizens as well. We are pleased to recognize these distinguished individuals.

We encourage our alumni and friends' input and nominations.
Please submit your nominee's information, using the criteria below.

Send your form to:
Hamilton High School
1165 Eaton Avenue
Hamilton, OH 45013
Attn: Mike Dellapina

Please feel free to submit news clippings, statistic sheets, etc. to support your nomination.

Criteria for Selection

1. The nominee, either living or dead, has made a significant contribution to athletics in high school or beyond.
2. A player nominee must be a graduate from a Hamilton high school (Garfield, Hamilton or Taft) for at least 10 years.
3. A coach nominee must no longer be an active coach in the Hamilton City Schools.
4. The nominee must be a contributing member to society.
5. The nominee may be a Hamilton supporter who did not participate in a particular sport, but has contributed to the school's sports program.

NOTE: Once nominated, the nomination stays in an active file.

Nominee _____ Maiden Name (if applicable) _____

*Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Year of Graduation _____

Outstanding Accomplishments while in High School _____

Why do you feel this person should be inducted into the Hall of Fame? _____

Petitioner's Signature _____ Phone _____

* If you do not know the nominee's current address, please submit the other information.

*Please feel free to use additional paper for your comments.
Unsigned nomination forms will not be considered.*