



ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

*Hamilton
Big Blue*

*Garfield
Griffins*

*Taft
Tigers*

6:00 pm
Saturday, February 4, 2012

Courtyard by Marriott

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

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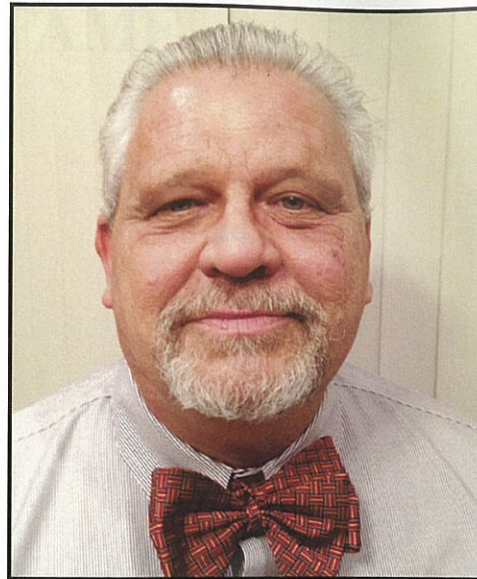
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INTRODUCTION OF HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Dewey “Duke” Baker - Class of 1966

Dewey “Duke” Baker graduated from Hamilton Taft High School in 1966 after playing basketball for three years under Coach and fellow Hall of Famer Marv McCollum. In 1964, the Taft Tigers compiled a 11-7 record. In his junior year, the basketball team had a 19-4 record. Their winning streak of 12 games in a row was second only to the 27 straight wins for the state championship team of 1962. The Tigers were co-champions of the Greater Ohio League (GOL) in Baker’s senior year, boasting an 18-4 record. He was named to the All-GOL team. Baker is #11 in Taft’s all time scoring list with 611 points as he played center and forward for the Tigers. He also played football for three years under Coach and fellow Hall of Famer Fred Garretson. Taft’s football record in Baker’s junior year was 7-2, the most successful in Taft’s history at the time. He played both ways as an offensive tackle and defensive linebacker. He continued his football prowess at Eastern Kentucky University on a football scholarship, playing tight end. In his sophomore year, ECU won the Ohio Valley Conference and won the Grantland Rice Bowl with a victory over Ball State. Baker retired from the Hamilton City School District after teaching for 33 years.



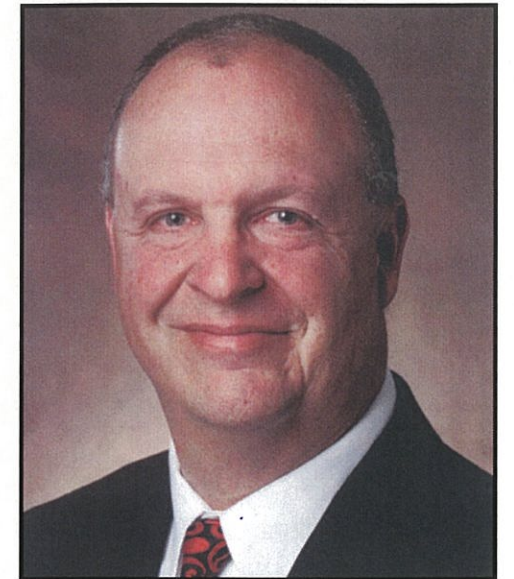
Rollie Barton - Class of 1945 and Coach

Rollie Barton graduated from Hamilton High School in 1945 after he lettered three years in football, basketball and baseball for the Big Blue. His football coach was fellow Hall of Famer Dana King and his teammate was fellow Hall of Famer Floyd “Breezy” Reid. Barton was the starting catcher for Miami University’s baseball team in 1946. Barton then graduated from Cedarville College, where he played football and baseball. He played minor league baseball in the Boston Red Sox farm system. He coached basketball at Urbana Local Schools and his 1950 team’s record was 17-4 as they won the Champaign County Championship and he was named Coach of the Year. His 1952 team won 25 and lost 4 as they advanced to the state’s Sweet Sixteen finals in Columbus. Again he was named Coach of the Year. He came back to Hamilton to be the first basketball coach at the new Hamilton Garfield High School for three years. His 1960 team had a 14-9 record, which was led by fellow Hall of Famers Ted Norris, Skip Taylor and Dave Connell, and was AA sectional champions. Barton also coached baseball with fellow Hall of Famer Jack Young. The 1961 Griffins won the Greater Ohio League (GOL) championship in 1961 with a 16-5 record. Once again, Barton was named Coach of the Year. He went to Xenia High School and coached from 1963 until 1979. Xenia’s basketball teams were 14-4 in both 1963 and 1964. The 1965 team had a 17-1 record as they won the Western Ohio League (WOL). His 1966 team went 15-5, again winning the WOL and he was named Coach of the Year. In 1968, Xenia went 14-6, winning the WOL and Barton was named Coach of the Year again. In 1969, they were voted the #1 team in the Miami Valley as they were District finalists. He was named Coach of the Year for the sixth time. Barton retired as the second winningest coach in Xenia history.



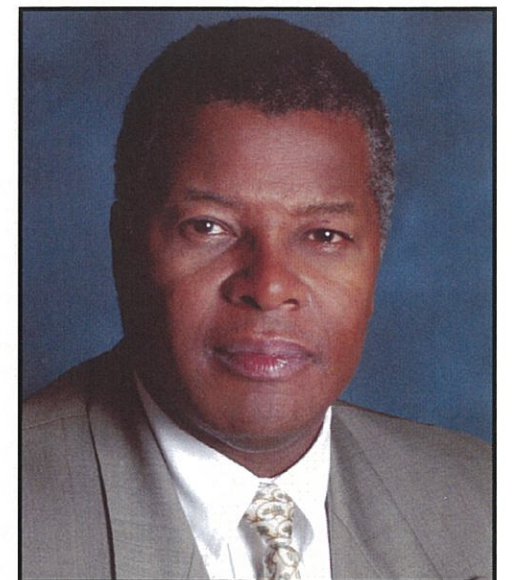
Brett Couch - Class of 1980

Brett Couch graduated from Hamilton Garfield High School in 1980 after playing football for three years under head coach and fellow Hall of Famer Leonard Rush. He also participated in track. He received the Top Offensive Lineman Award and was named to the All-Greater Miami Conference (GMC) team, All-Southwest Ohio District and All-Golden Triangle team. Couch was named All-State Honorable Mention and also named to the *Cincinnati Post* All-Star team. He was one of 25 players selected from southern Ohio to play in the Ohio North-South All-Star Game played at Massillon’s Paul Brown Tiger Stadium. He received a scholarship to Miami University and played football for two years with fellow Hall of Famer Kent McCormick. He also played with John Harbaugh, the Baltimore Ravens head coach and current Miami coaches Don Treadwell and Jay Peterson. Couch transferred to Morehead State University and earned a full football scholarship from Coach Steve Loney, who went on to be long time offensive coordinator with the Minnesota Vikings and Arizona Cardinals. Couch was named to the 1983 Peter King All-Area College All-Star team. He joins his father, Ron Couch, into the Hamilton City Schools’ Athletic Hall of Fame.



Dr. Pearlman “Tony” Hicks - Class of 1964

Dr. Pearlman David “Tony” Hicks graduated in 1964 from Hamilton Garfield High School where he played football under head coach and fellow Hall of Famer Lou Florio. The halfback was co-captain of the football team his senior year and played with teammate and fellow Hall of Famer Larry Bowling. Hicks was named to the Greater Ohio League’s (GOL) All-Academic Team. He was the Valedictorian of his class and also was a Boys State representative. Hicks received a full scholarship to Harvard University where played football. One year he did not play due to an injury and was hired by an ear, nose and throat specialist who worked with facial reconstruction involving plastic surgery. He then became interested in the field of plastic surgery. After graduating from Harvard in 1968, Hicks received a full scholarship to Case Western Reserve Medical School in Cleveland. He was the first Afro-American chief resident in Plastic Surgery at the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital in Boston. In 1979, Hicks moved to California and he was the first Afro-American board certified plastic surgeon in the state of California, with offices in Beverly Hills and Long Beach.



Lewis “Lew” Hirt - Coach

Lewis “Lew” Hirt was an outstanding high school and college athlete in Indiana before coming to Hamilton in 1930 as the football and basketball coach. He coached football for four years. Fellow Hall of Famers Stan Lewis, Jack Smith and Jim Hall were three of Hirt’s senior football players on his 1930 team. In eight seasons as the Big Blue basketball coach, he led his teams to a combined record of 134-42 for a winning percentage of 76.1%. The 1931 basketball team was the first Hamilton team to be a state finalist. Hirt’s 1937 team won 24 straight games to become Ohio’s first undefeated state champions. Fellow Hall of Famers who were on Hirt’s state championship team were Garland Munz, Carl Ott and Warren Scholler. His 1938 team was the state semi-finalists. He also coached Hamilton Catholic for two years and then, in 1946, became the head basketball coach at Xavier University. In five seasons, Hirt’s teams earned national reputation for Xavier basketball with major college schedules and winning records. He led Xavier to its first ever NAIA tournament in 1946. Hirt is a member of both the Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame and DePauw’s Athletic Hall of Fame.



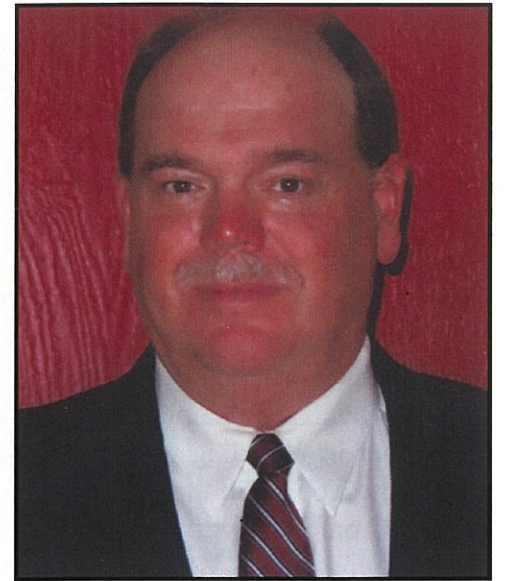
Angela Harris Martin - Class of 1993

Angela Harris Martin graduated from Hamilton High School in 1993 after playing volleyball, basketball and softball for the Big Blue. She lettered for three years on the varsity volleyball team for head coaches Robin Michael and Dwayne Stacy and was named to the First Team All Greater Miami Conference (GMC) two years. She was named Best Offensive Player her senior year. Martin also lettered for four years as a member of the basketball team and was named to the Second Team All-GMC in 1991 and the First Team All-GMC in 1992 and 1993. She was named to the First Team All-Butler County Basketball Team in 1992 and 1993. In 1992, she was named Butler County Player of the Year as the Big Blue boasted a 17-6 record under head coach Dan Brandenburg. She was the *Cincinnati Enquirer’s* Division I Player of the Year in 1992 and 1993. Martin is #12 in scoring in Hamilton High School’s girls basketball with 651 points. She also played softball her junior year. She was named the Most Athletic Female for the Class of 1993 and was a recipient of the Joe Nuxhall Scholar Athlete Scholarship. Martin graduated from Ohio University with a Bachelors and Masters Degree in Nursing Health Informatics.



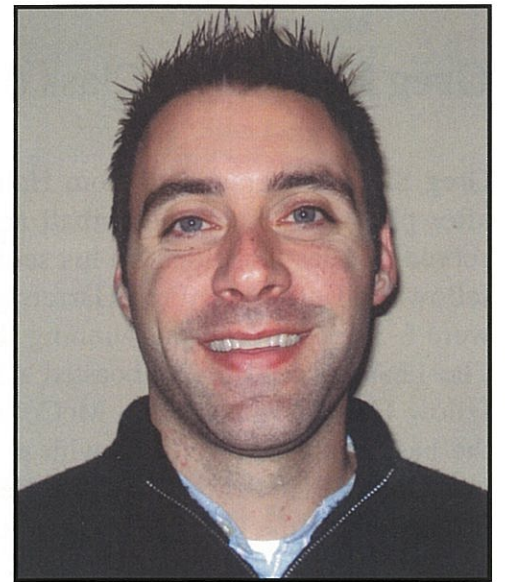
Mark McCormick - Class of 1973

Mark McCormick graduated from Hamilton Taft High School in 1973 after playing football for three years as well as wrestling for three years. He also played baseball for one year and participated in track for one year. His head football coaches were fellow Hall of Famers Fred Garretson and Demus Jones and fellow Hall of Famer Dave Stalls was a teammate. He was team captain his senior year and was named Most Valuable Defensive lineman and the Most Valuable Player. He was named to the First Team All-GMC, First Team All-Southwest Ohio, First Team All-Golden Triangle and Third Team All-State. McCormick wrestled under head coach and father, Bill McCormick. He again was the captain and MVP for the wrestling team. He threw the shot put and discus for the track team. He was a Southwestern Ohio regional qualifier for the shot put. He earned six varsity letters while at Taft High School. McCormick continued to play football for two years at Miami University in 1973 and 1974 for head coaches Bill Mallory and Dick Crum. He has coached high school football for 35 years, the last 34 years in Fairborn. He has also coached shot put and discus for 22 years, sending many athletes to the regional and state meets. He was inducted into the inaugural class of the Miami Valley Football Coaches Association Assistant Coaches Hall of Fame. McCormick joins his father, Bill, and his brother, Kent, into the Hamilton City Schools’ Athletic Hall of Fame.



Seth Morris - Class of 1999

Seth Morris graduated from Hamilton High School in 1999 as a three year letterman in basketball under head coaches and fellow Hall of Famers John Smith and Larry Allen. He was named to the All-GMC team in 1998 and 1999. He is #10 in the scoring for the new Hamilton High School with 638 points in basketball. He lettered four years in baseball under head coach and Fellow Hall of Famer Dan Bowling. He was named All-GMC all four years and the Big Blue won four GMC championships, including the state championship in 1997. Hamilton finished 1997 ranked #2 in the nation with a 30-2 record. They reached the Final Four in 1998 and Morris was named to the All-Ohio team in 1998 and 1999. He was named the Ohio Gatorade Player of the Year in 1999 and the Cincinnati Player of the year in 1998 and 1999. He participated in the Team ONE Future Stars Showcase in 1998. Morris was drafted by the Minnesota Twins in the 13th round in 1999. He finished his high school career with a 16-3 record as a pitcher. He continued playing baseball at the University of Kentucky and was named First Team All-Academic in the SEC in 2001 and 2002. He led UK in home runs, doubles, RBI’s, extra base hits and total bases in 2001. He was drafted by the Chicago White Sox in the amateur baseball draft in 2002 and played four seasons in their organization. He led the Great Falls White Sox in home runs, slugging percentage and total bases in 2003 and was the Defensive Player of the Year in 2004 for the Kannapolis Intimidators. Morris is a member of the Association of Professional Baseball Players of America.



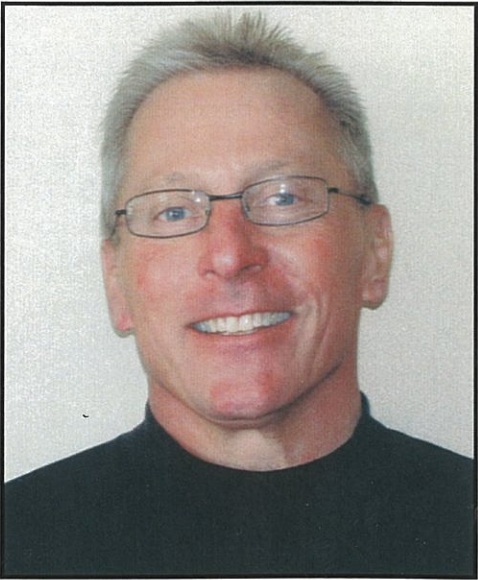
Fred Rodgers - Class of 1995

Fred Rodgers graduated from Hamilton High School in 1995 after running track for four years, wrestling for four years and playing football for three years under head coach and fellow Hall of Famer Ed Mignery. In his junior year, Rodgers was football's MVP, Most Efficient Defensive Back and won the Pound for Pound Award. He was named Most Efficient Defensive Back in his senior year as the Big Blue team was the GMC champions and qualified for the playoffs. In 1994, he was named First Team All-Butler County, First Team All-GMC, First Team All-Cincinnati and honorable mention All-State. He was a four year letter winner in wrestling with 97 varsity wins and 112 take downs as he was in the Top 16 in the state. In his senior year, he won First Place in the GMC on his way to winning the sectional and district titles. He was named wrestling's MVP in both his junior and senior years, and was named First Team All-GMC his senior year. A four year letter winner in track, Rodgers' track coach was fellow Hall of Famer Skip Taylor. He was All-GMC two times in the 100 and 200 meter dashes and 4 x 100 and 4 x 400 relays. He was a state qualifier in the 100 and 200, 4 x 100 and 4 x 400 his senior year. He came in fourth place in the state's 200 meter dash. He went on to play football and run track for the University of Minnesota. He was named First Team All-Academic in the Big Ten in 1995, 1996 and 1997. Rodgers was the 1997 Big Ten 100 meter dash champion and finished in Second Place in the 55 meter dash at the Big Ten indoor track meet.



Greg Siereveld - Class of 1968

Greg Siereveld graduated from Hamilton Taft High School in 1968 after playing football, basketball and baseball for three years. He served as Class President in his senior year. His football coach was fellow Hall of Famer Fred Garretson. In his junior year, the Tigers were 6-3 on the gridiron, winning the first five games of the season. The 1967 basketball team boasted a 13-5 record under head coach and fellow Hall of Famer Marv McCollum. In Siereveld's senior year, the basketball team finished with a 14-8 record, winning eight of its last 10 games. Taft lost to Hamilton Garfield in the sectional finals in 1968 when the Griffins went on to be the state runners-up. Again under Coach McCollum, he played baseball for the Tigers and was named All-GMC his senior year. He received the Taby Award which was the Most Valuable Player award. He played in the Cincinnati Reds Minor League for three years and was named to the 1969 Gulf Coast League All-Star team. Siereveld graduated from Princeton University in 1972 and has coached junior high basketball for 20 years.



Class of 1997

*Jim "Boxcar" Bailey
* Frank Clair
*Alex "Boo" Ellis
Kevin Grevey
*Jim Grimm
Derek 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 Fitton
Lou Florio
*Jim Hall
*Ragan Henry

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME MEMBERS

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

Class of 2005

Bill Hibbard
Jerry Mathews
Marty New
Frank "Eddie" Simpson
*Lowell Storm
Jimmy Wagner
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
John Bercaw
Larry Bowling
Jack Garreston
Chris Kingsbury
*Claude "Cat" Neeley
David Raab
Bob Rainey
*Gary Reist
Stay Boling Wilson

Class of 2007

Sheree Barlow
Mike DiStaola

Class of 2008

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

Class of 2011

Matthew Blauvelt
Dan Bowling
Pat Burtis
Malcolm Dixon
Mark Hopkins
Ron McWhorter
Francis Parrish
Chad Pennington
Richard Prather
John Ross
Tracy Collett Trunk
Larry Wood

**Denotes Deceased*



HAMILTON'S PLAYERS OF THE YEAR FOR THE STATE OF OHIO

1939	Paul Sarringhaus	Football
1947	Joe Nuxhall	Basketball
1949	Bill Wilks	Basketball
1981	Greg Stokes	Basketball
1988	Mark Lewis	Baseball
1990	Tyrice Walker	Basketball
1993	Chris Kingsbury	Basketball
1997	Aaron Cook	Baseball
1999	Seth Morris	Baseball

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.*