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*Garfield
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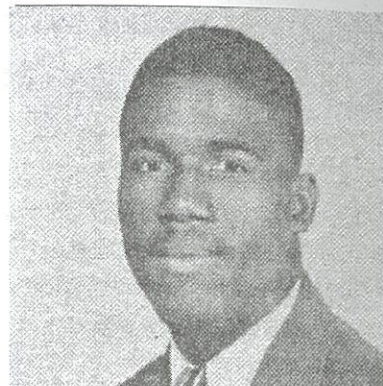
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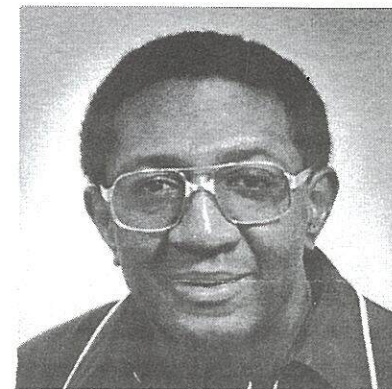
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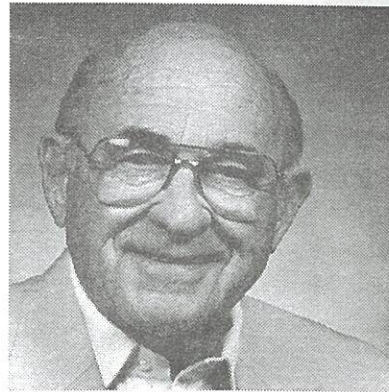
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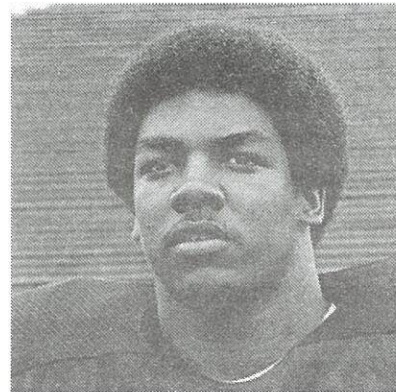
James Grimm — Supervisor

Locally, Jim Grimm is best known for the fast-paced performances of the Hamilton High School Fliptwisters, which he founded. For several years into the 1950's, the Fliptwisters entertained at basketball games and elsewhere. The popular high school group was in demand throughout the area. Grimm, an all-around athlete and scholar, captained Dover High School's 1925 football team and was class president. At Denison University, he played football and won a wrestling championship. He came to Hamilton as a teacher and established and directed the school system's health and physical education program. As director, he introduced physical education in elementary schools which was coordinated with programs in junior and senior high schools. His innovative teaching techniques earned him national recognition. The physical fitness advocate was president of the Ohio Health and Physical Education Association, and president of the Ohio Parks and Recreation Association. The latter honor was related to his years of service as recreation director for the City of Hamilton. In that post, he developed a city-wide playground program. He also was responsible for starting the Little Fish swimming instructions at city pools, the outdoor education center behind Wilson Junior High School and Operation Pumpkin, a city-wide Halloween program. Grimm also helped establish a camping program at Champion's Thomson Park in the 1930's, and in retirement worked in the fitness center at the YMCA. Grimm, who has contributed to many other Hamilton community activities and programs, was inducted into the Butler County Sports Hall of Fame in 1991.



Derek Howard — Class of 1974

Derek Howard participated in three sports — football, basketball and track — at Garfield High School, but his most notable achievements were on the gridiron. He earned All-American and All-Ohio recognition after completing his senior season for Coach Lou Florio's Griffins. He also was named captain of the 1974 Ohio All-Star team. He was recruited to the University of Michigan by Coach Bo Schembechler. With the Wolverines, Howard was a four-year letterman, and won All-Big Ten and Academic All-American honors. He played in two Rose Bowls and one Orange Bowl before graduating from UM's College of Architecture. A tribute to his athletic and academic success is the Derek Howard Hustler Award, which is accorded annually to the Michigan football player combining academic and athletic excellence. Howard operates an architectural firm in the Hamilton-Fairfield area.



Judy Kraft — Class of 1970

Judy Kraft played volleyball and basketball for three years, softball for two seasons and tennis for one while at Taft High School. Every year during her playing career, the Tigers won the Greater Miami Conference volleyball, basketball and softball championships. She was the most valuable player on all three teams. She earned basketball letters for four years at Belmont University in Nashville, Tennessee. Kraft returned to Hamilton as a teacher and coach. She taught at Harding Junior High School while serving as reserve basketball coach at Taft High School and later at Hamilton High School for six years. She also coached soccer and softball at the junior and senior high levels. In 1987 she moved to Badin High School as head coach and "put Badin women's basketball on the map" while teaching at George Washington Junior High School. In her six-year tenure, Kraft compiled a 105-39 record, took her teams to the sectionals four times, won three division championships and gained the regional finals twice. Before her death in a 1993 traffic accident, Kraft's honors included: Butler County Coach of the Year in 1990, 1991 and 1993; Cincinnati Post and Cincinnati Enquirer coach of the year, 1993; All-Ohio Division II Coach of the Year in 1993; and induction into the Hamilton Catholic-Badin-Notre Dame Hall of Fame in 1995.



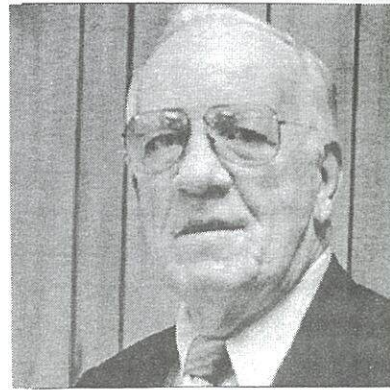
Marvin McCollum — Coach

Marvin (Bud) McCollum's varied coaching career linked several eras in Hamilton sports. He was the last head basketball coach at the old Hamilton High School in 1958-59 and the first at the new Hamilton High School in 1980-81. In the interim, he built an outstanding basketball program at Taft High School from the 1960-61 through the 1979-80 seasons. His teams won 10 Greater Miami Conference titles, and 13 sectional and five district championships. His 1961-62 Taft team is the last Hamilton team to achieve an unbeaten season. The Tigers won 27 straight games, climaxed by defeating top-ranked Cleveland East Tech in the state championship game. After the 1961-62 season, McCollum was named Ohio High School Coach of the Year by the Associated Press, United Press International and the Ohio State Basketball Coaches Association. His career basketball coaching won-lost record, including successful years at Seven Mile High School, was 482-145. During his Hamilton career, he also coached football, track and baseball. His other accolades include: GMC coach of the year, 1981; charter inductee in the Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 1987; and president of the latter association in 1969-70. McCollum was an outstanding athlete at Fairfield High School and attended Wake Forest University before Marine service in World War II. After the war, he completed his education at Miami University. He was inducted into the Butler County Sports Hall of Fame in 1983.



Joe Nuxhall — Class of 1947

Joe Nuxhall — whose name is synonymous with baseball — also excelled in football and basketball at Hamilton High School. He made professional baseball history in 1944 when — at age 15 and just out of Wilson Junior High School — he pitched part of an inning for the Cincinnati Reds. His appearance June 10, 1944, against the St. Louis Cardinals made him the youngest participant in a major league game. In 1946, after regaining amateur status, he starred in three sports at Hamilton High School. As a senior fullback, he helped the 1946 Big Blue to a 6-2-1 record and was named the Associated Press All-Ohio third team. In basketball he was the leading scorer and rebounder on a team that won 19 out of 22 games. He was selected to the AP's 1947 All-Ohio first team. He also pitched for the 1947 baseball team. Nuxhall rejoined the Reds in 1952 and became a mainstay of the pitching staff until 1961 when he was traded to Kansas City in the American League. One of his best seasons was 1955 when the left-hander had a 17-12 record, led the National League with five shutouts and was outstanding in the All-Star Game. Rejoining the Reds in mid-season 1962, he compiled a 5-0 record and was 15-8 in 1963. At age 38, in April 1967, he retired from the mound and moved into the broadcast booth. In 1997, "Hamilton Joe" will begin his 31st season as a popular Reds broadcaster. His 16-year major league won-lost record was 135-177, including 130-109 in 14 Cincinnati seasons. Nuxhall's statistics are impressive, but the late Bill Moeller spoke for many people when he said Joe's "nice guy attitude off the field stands out as much as his fine performance on the field." He was inducted into the Butler County Sports Hall of Fame in 1982.



Paul Sarringhaus — Class of 1940

The Big Blue won 27 of 29 football games in 1937, 1938 and 1939. The only two losses in those three years came when Paul Sarringhaus was unable to play because of injuries. He captained Coach Ray Tilton's 1939 state co-championship team, which compiled a perfect 9-0 record after a pair of 8-1 seasons. He also played on the HHS basketball team which was runner-up in the 1938 state tournament and ran dashes on the track team. Sarringhaus — who was chosen Ohio's outstanding high school football player in 1939 — continued his career at Ohio State University. He played offense and defense for the Buckeyes and as a tailback handled the passing and punting as well as rushing. Under Coach Paul Brown, OSU won the 1942 national title. That year, Sarringhaus led the Big Ten Conference in touchdowns and earned second team All-American. After a tour of duty during World War II, he returned to OSU and his picture was featured on the cover of Life Magazine. Sarringhaus — who was inducted into the Butler County Sports Hall of Fame in 1983 — played two years of professional football with the Detroit Lions and Chicago Cardinals before starting his business career.



Warren Scholler - Class of 1938

Warren Scholler played on one state championship basketball team (24-0 in 1937) and coached teams to two Ohio titles (25-1 in 1949 and 25-3 in 1954). His 26-2 team in 1951 lost in the state finals. In 1938, as a senior captain, he returned to Columbus, making the all-tournament team as the Big Blue lost by two points in the championship game. At Ohio State University, he was All-Big Ten in baseball in 1942. In 10 seasons as basketball coach at his alma mater, his HHS teams captured six league crowns and won 195 games and lost only 45. Some of the most memorable games of the Scholler era were the twice-a-season Hamilton-Middletown games played in the Cincinnati Garden. In that series, which began in 1949-50, Scholler matched coaching wits with Paul Walker, his Middletown counterpart. Scholler also served two years as president of the Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association. He joined the coaching staff at Bowling Green State University in 1958 and, starting in 1963, was the Falcon's head coach for four years. He retired in 1984 as an assistant professor in the school of health, physical education and recreation. As a Bowling Green resident, he was active in the Red Cross and chaired the city recreation board. He was inducted into the Butler County Sports Hall of Fame in 1986.



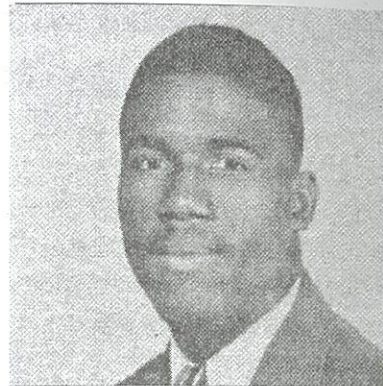
Jack Smith — Class of 1931

Best known as a football player at Hamilton High School, Jack Smith was a multi-talented athlete. He was a standout on three Big Blue football squads, including Coach Dana King's unbeaten, untied 1929 state championship team that outscored their opponents 331 to 19. He also was a leader on HHS basketball and track teams. As a collegiate, Smith was an outstanding running back at Ohio State University. As a Buckeye, he also won the Big Ten heavyweight boxing championships in 1933 and 1934. After retirement from business in Hamilton, Smith was a volunteer diving coach for local high school swimming teams for several years. He was inducted into the Butler County Sports Hall of Fame in 1996.



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