



## Loy Barker

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To define the term "teacher-coach", you need not look any further than Loy Barker, Sterling Heights High School. His thirty years of positive, energetic interaction with young people speak for themselves. He has given of his time and his being from the classroom to the gym, from the volleyball court to the track, from the basketball court to the football field. His positive attitude has touched young people from elementary age through the collegiate years and beyond.

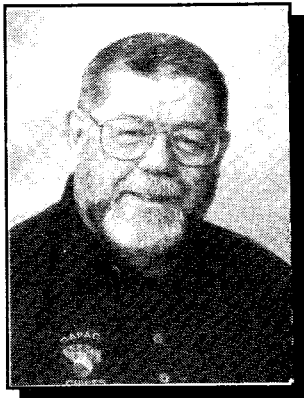
The most typical picture of Loy in everyone's mind is in his capacity as Dick Christy's assistant at Sterling Heights. Stallion basketball and "Big B" are synonymous. Enthusiastic positive coaching is his trademark. Leaping off the bench with hands clapping encouragement and congratulations is what we all picture Loy as doing. He is a rare coaching phenomenon and a model for all of us.

## William Lowery

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William Lowery attended Grosse Ile High School from 1954-58 participating in football, basketball, baseball, and track. While playing basketball, he earned three varsity letters under the guidance of one of the Hall of Famers, Coach Glen Bagnall. William then attended Eastern Michigan University where he participated and lettered in basketball and track and received his degree in Physical Education.

From 1963-65, William taught Physical Education and Health at Romulus Jr. High. At that time, he also coached ninth grade basketball. The next two years were spent in the Plymouth School System teaching Elementary Physical Education. In 1967, William began his teaching and coaching career in the Grosse Ile Township School System. As a coach, he worked under the tutelage of Glen Bagnall. Lowery was his assistant and served as Jr. Varsity Coach for 17 years. An overview of his coaching career record in basketball is 114 losses and 196 wins. Since 1985, William Lowery has been the Athletic Director at the Grosse Ile Middle and High Schools.



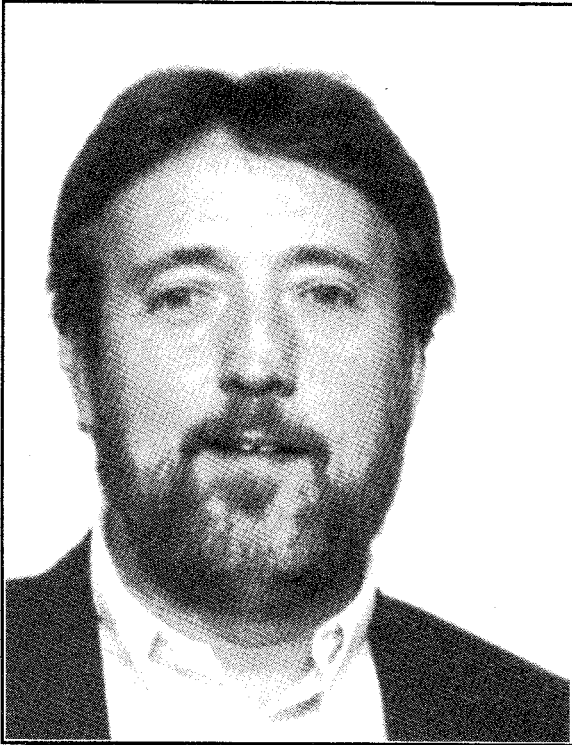
## Donald Smith

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Donald Smith graduated from Dearborn Fordson High School in January 1950. He went on to earn a Bachelor's Degree in Industrial Arts, in 1954, from Michigan State Normal College (E.M.U.). Donald also received a Masters Degree in Education from Wayne State University in 1974.

Donald began teaching and coaching at the Capac Community Schools in 1954. Since that time, he has taught shop, mechanical drawing, physical education, math, drivers education, and has even driven a school bus.

He has coached, football, basketball (boys and girls), baseball, track, cross country, and has won league championships in baseball, Jr. High football and Jr. High basketball. In 1956, Donald began coaching Jr. High boys basketball. During that time, he has won 537 games and lost 181 games. This includes 24 tournament championships and had 14 teams go undefeated.



**Mick McCabe** \_\_\_\_\_

Mick McCabe, 44 years of age, played basketball at Allen Park Cabrini and Mercy College of Detroit. Later he became the school's sports information director.

Mick started at the Free Press on June 3, 1970. He began helping Hal (Swami) Schram by covering games and quickly began selecting All-Catholic, All-PSL, All-Suburban and All-Metro teams. Eventually Mick took over the All-State team, too.

He has covered every presentation of the Hal Schram Mr. Basketball Award, and now coordinates the ceremony with B.C.A.M. and the Free Press. Every major TV and radio station in Detroit now cover the event. Mick also coordinates the presentation of the Miss Basketball award with B.C.A.M., the Lansing State Journal and the Free Press and has brought state-wide exposure to the event.

Mick has helped conceive the High Exposure Basketball Camp and later the Michigan All-State Girls Basketball Camp. He was the state's first sports writer to cover girls basketball. He was the first writer to select an All-State girls basketball team, and also became the first writer to have state-wide weekly rankings.

Mick my well be best known as the Son of Swami for his predictions during the boys and girls state tournament. He is known to occassionally make a correct prediction.



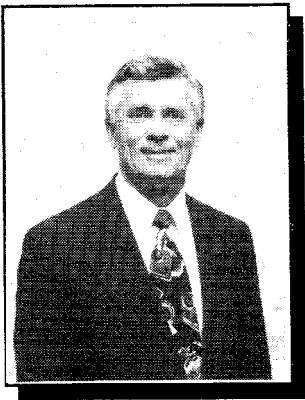
**Bernie Kennedy** \_\_\_\_\_

Bernie Kennedy is observing his 25th year as a sports writer for "The Macomb Daily" in Mount Clemens. The U.S. Army veteran and former sports editor for the Detroit Bureau of The Associated Press joined The Daily staff in February 1969.

Since joining the staff of The Macomb Daily, Kennedy has compiled game-by-game results lists for every Macomb County High School boys basketball and football team. His records now reach back more than 25 years and encompass a list of county schools that has grown to more than 30. Each year Kennedy publishes a list of Macomb County schools and their records for 5-, 10-, 15-, 20-, and 25-year periods. He also has tracked coaching changes and post-season tournament results for every county team. In addition to covering the spectrum of high school sports, Kennedy's duties with "The Macomb Daily" include writing a weekly bowling column and frequent coverage of the Detroit Tigers.

Kennedy was inducted into the Greater Detroit Bowling Association Hall of Fame in 1989. He has been a member of the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association. Kennedy graduated from the University of Michigan in 1957 with a degree in journalism. Following graduation from U-M, he worked as sports writer at the "Hillsdale Daily News" then continued his sports-media career as sports editor of "The Rolling Review" while serving in the Army. Kennedy was stationed in Germany for 18 months during his Army tenure.

He also has worked as a sports writer at The Utica Daily Sentinel. Kennedy and his wife, Marie, live in St. Clair Shores.

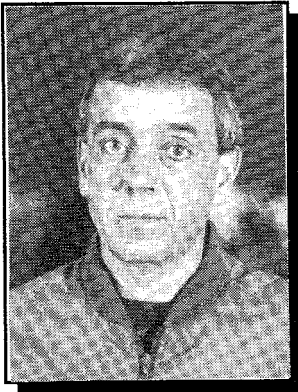


## **Gar Underwood** \_\_\_\_\_

Gar Underwood has been an official for 20 years. He has officiated both the Boys' and Girls' State Finals, in 1985 and in 1988, respectively. In addition, he has officiated three High School All-Star Games as well as Michigan All-Stars vs. Ohio All-Stars.

Along with high school officiating, he has officiated at the collegiate level since 1981 in Junior college, M.I.A.A., N.A.I.A., Great Lakes Conference, and the M.A.C.

Gar and his wife, Marcia, have two children, Matthew and Kristi.



## **Dennis Oberlin** \_\_\_\_\_

Dennis Oberlin has been an official for the past 26 years. During this time he has also been a teacher and coach in the Athens Area School System. Oberlin has officiated both the Boys' and Girls' State Final.

Dennis and his wife, Rosemary, have three children.

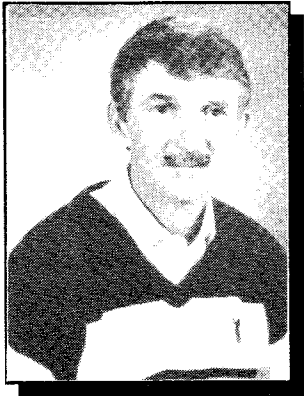


## **Jim Masser** \_\_\_\_\_

Jim Masser has been a registered M.H.S.A.A. Basketball Official for 43 years and is a current member of the Genessee County Officials Association. He is currently assisting the Supervisor of M.H.S.A.A. Officials with the "Evaluators Pilot Program" in Zone 4 for Boys Varsity Basketball.

He has officiated 12 Quarter-finals, six Semi-finals, and two State Finals.

Jim has three daughters: Debbie, Denice, and Darcie.



## **Ron Stelter** \_\_\_\_\_

Ron Stelter has been officiating for 38 years and is a member of the Saginaw Athletic Officials Association. He has conducted rules and mechanics clinics for several years for the S.A.O.A., as well as rules meetings for the M.H.S.A.A. in 1989.

Stelter was selected to officiate 15 quarter finals, five state semi-finals, and two state finals. In 1984, he officiated the B.C.A.M. All Star Game and in 1986 officiated the B.C.A.M. Interstate All Star Game.

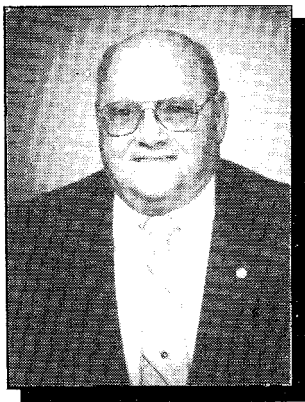
Ron and his wife, Mary Rae, have three children, Mike, Michelle, and Stacy.

## **Jim Robinson** \_\_\_\_\_

Jim Robinson has officiated for over 33 years in the State of Michigan. He has worked all levels of basketball, including Junior College, M.I.A.A., and the Mid-American Conference Women.

Jim's high school highlights include numerous quarter-finals and semi-finals. The most outstanding achievement, according to Jim, were the State Finals in 1981 and 1982.

Jim and his wife of 31 years, Sherry, have four children: Mike, Steve, Shelley, and Julie. "I feel very honored to be honored by the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan."



## Jack Fordyce

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Jack Fordyce has been involved in basketball for more than 27 years. He has served as scorekeeper and timer, as a coach and as the league, district, regional and state director for the Michigan Lutheran Youth Athletic Association.

He was scorekeeper and timer for 10 years for the Lutheran Basketball Association's National Tournament of Champions and served an additional 11 years on its Board of Directors retiring in 1993.

The past 14 years he has been timer for both girls and boys basketball at Valley Lutheran High School in Saginaw, as well as various other local and state tournaments.

His comment when notified of this award, "Awards are for other people, I do it because I enjoy it."



## Fred Wise

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Fred Wise was born and raised in Flint, and where he chose to raise his family. Fred retired from General Motors as a Supervisor after 38 years.

He volunteered in 1964 to help Tom Smith at St. Michael High School in Flint. His involvement started by running the clock for basketball then switched to scorebook when Tom needed his help there. When seven Flint Catholic High Schools consolidated to Luke M. Powers High School 24 year ago, Fred continued to keep the scorebook at Powers for home AND away games, as well as Junior Varsity AND Varsity. During this time, Fred has worked with coaches Pat Fields, Bill Troesken, Warren Fain, Jack Pratt, Bill Haley, and Dan Duncan.

In 29 years, approximately 600 varsity games, Fred has missed only five of them: one for a daughter's wedding, one when he had angioplasty after a heart attack, and three while recuperating from cancer surgery.

He has been married 48 1/2 years to the mother of his ten children. Fred has 18 grandchildren with the 19th due any time.



## Ed and Elsie Hadden

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Elsie and Ed Hadden started their life long love of sports as fans in 1950, by attending sports events of the Onsted High School Wildcats. It all started with their son-in-law in 1950.

They attended baseball, football and basketball during the early years. Later there was track, cross-country, girls volleyball, basketball, and softball. They are truly loyal sports fans.

They have gone through two son's careers of which one played fifteen sports and one played sixteen sports in their four years of

high school, as well as two daughters who were each cheerleaders for four years. From there it was watching grandchildren and great-grandchildren. During these years there were fourteen athletes to watch at some capacity. Their last grandchild graduated in 1989.

In 1975, Grandma and Grandpa Hadden were awarded a trophy for Outstanding and Loyal fans of Onsted High School. They still attend many events when they can watch from their car. Their children estimate their total sporting events attended have far exceeded their guess of over seven thousand.



## Art Kiel

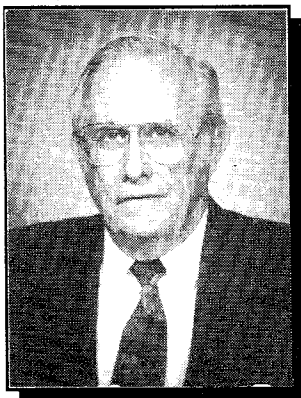
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Art Kiel has been a scorer for Montague High School Men's Basketball for 30 years. He also "keeps the book" for the away games.

He has been the timer for Montague High School Women's Basketball for the last eight years, and timed intermittently in the preceding years.

His association with high school basketball started in the fall of 1946 as a freshmen participant on the high school "2nd team" and has continued to the present day interrupted only by a two-year stint in the Army. Art Kiel also coached High School Junior Varsity and Varsity - two years each - in the early 60's until moving to Montague in 1963.

Art enjoys the contact with the kids and the coaches, and being involved in the game and it's atmosphere. He sums it up best by saying, "I can't think of a better way to spend a Friday night."



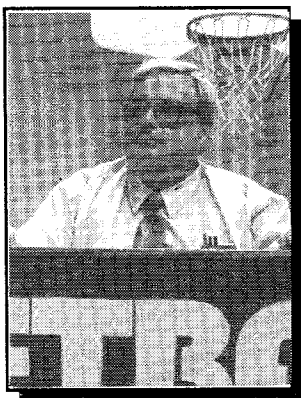
## Tom Fleshner

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Tom Fleshner has been the scorekeeper at Saginaw Carrollton High School for the past 27 years. Tom has kept the score book for over 600 games. He has traveled through inclement weather to help both the boys and girls teams.

Tom's wife of 37 year is Norma Jean. They have three daughters: Laurie (husband, Tom Klunowski), Dawn, and Tammy (Keven Beyer). Tom has a grandson, Danny Klunowski and granddaughter, Ashley Beyer.

Tom says, "I feel honored to be selected into the B.C.A.M. Friends of Basketball Hall of Honor, especially for something I enjoyed doing."



## D. Eugene Overton

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D. Eugene Overton joined the staff of University Liggett School as a chemistry and physical science teacher in the fall of 1968 just after graduating from the University of Wisconsin, Madison with a Masters Degree in Chemistry and has been there ever since.

He has always enjoyed watching sporting events and, as a young teacher, was called upon to chaperone spectator buses to "away" athletic contests, beginning with football in the fall of 1968. He volunteered to run the clock and scoreboard at basketball games, and was befriended by a veteran teacher and coach named Earl Kimber. During his second year of teaching, Overton took on the responsibility of keeping the scorebook. He is now finishing his 25th year of keeping the book at both home and away basketball games. He is currently doing the scorebook or the clock and scoreboard for girl's basketball games, and a starter for "home" track meets.