

MONTPELIER

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME



CLASS OF 2017



BENNIE BECK

1951-1955

Bennie was a 1955 graduate of Montpelier. He was a four year letter winner in football and track. He also won three letters in basketball. Bennie was a four year member of the Varsity M Club. Bennie won many awards throughout his great career at Montpelier High School. He was a 1st team All-NWOAL selection in football at running back during the 1953 and 1954 season. In basketball, he was honorable mention in 1953-54 and 1st team in 1954-55. He also was a member of the Toledo Blade All Star team during those seasons. Bennie played a major role in the Locomotives winning the 1954-55 NWOAL championship. This was the first NWOAL championship in basketball in school history. Bennie was the third leading scorer in the league during the 1954-55 season. In track, Bennie was a multi-event star. During the 1955 NWOAL meet, Bennie finish in first place in four events (Long Jump, Discuss, High Hurdles and High Jump). This has happened only four times in the 91 year league history. Bennie was considered to be one of the finest athletes to ever go through Montpelier High School. After high school, Bennie attended Defiance College and Bowling Green State University before being drafted into the Army in 1961. Bennie worked for the Aro Corporation for 26 years. He loved to hunt and fish as well as shoot archery and bow hunting. He also was known for breeding beagles. In 2013, Bennie passed away after a brief illness. Tonight, Bennie's, brother Don, daughter Jodi, and grandchildren Rowen, Hunter, Henna and Zaeli will accept his induction award on his behalf.



KENT LAMBERSON

1966-2001

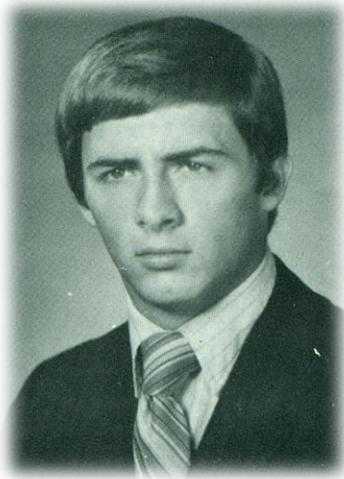
Kent was 1962 graduate of Montpelier. During his four years in high school, Kent was a member of the football, basketball and track teams where he won three varsity letters in each of the sports. He also was a three year member of the Varsity M Club. Kent received numerous awards as an athlete like the 49er Award in 1962, most valuable offensive and defensive back in 1961 and 1962. He was co-captain of the 1961-62 basketball team and he earned All-League track honors in 1962. Kent was a member of the 1962 Class A state runners-up track team as well as the 880 relay team that finished 1st at the district and regional meet. This relay team finished 5th at the state meet. He was also a member of the 1961-62 district runner-up basketball team.

After high school, Kent attended Hillsdale College where he played football while majoring in Mathematics and minoring in Physical Education. He graduated from Hillsdale in 1966 and started a teaching/coaching career at Montpelier High School. Kent coached basketball from 1966-1970. He was head coach in 69-70. He was an assistant football coach from 1966-1968 and 1996-2000. He was an assistant track coach from 1966-1980, including the 1970 season where the boys were Class A state runners-up. In 1981, Kent became the head boys track coach where he guided MHS track athletes for the next two decades. During his 20 years as a head coach, Kent had three district team track championships, six district team runners-up and won 11 invitationals. He coached 48 district champions, 84 district runners-up, 4 regional champions and 7 regional runners-up. Over his 35 year career, he had 105 athletes set or break schools records. He had 14 athletes place at the state track meet two of which were state champions and 6 were state runners-up. In 1999, Kent was recognized by his peers as the District 15 Coach of the Year.

Kent retired from teaching/coaching in 2001 and has stayed in the sport of track for the last 16 years. He is a track and cross country official where he can be seen working at local, district, regional, state and college meets. He is currently the OHSAA state rules interpreter for the 5th District. In 2013, the Ohio Association of Track & CC Coaches awarded him the Distinguished

Service Award for District 15. Coach Lamberson organized the first Montpelier Track Invitational in 1984. In 2004, the yearly event was renamed, The Lamberson Track Invitational in his honor. This spring will mark the 33rd annual track event. Kent was also very instrumental as a committee member on the all-weather track project in 1984.

Kent resides in Montpelier with his wife Connie. They have four daughters Jacie, Krista, Lindsey, and Megan. They also have two granddaughters, Lauren and Brynlynn, and two sons-in-law Matt and Rob. Kent enjoys woodworking, old cars, barbershop singing and officiating track & field and CC meets.



JAMES CAMERON

1968-1972

James Cameron is a 1972 graduate of Montpelier High School. Jim was a very successful athlete earning a total of nine varsity letters in football (3), basketball (2) and track (4). Jim was also a four year member of the Varsity M Club.

Jim earned many awards during his playing days at MHS. In football, he gained All-League honors as a linebacker, fullback, punter, and kicker. He was the 1971 recipient of the KAK Brown Award, given to the most outstanding senior football player. As a senior, he was the team MVP, 1st team All-District and 2nd Team All-Ohio at linebacker. In Track, Jim participated in the state track & field meet during his sophomore, junior and senior years. During the 1972 state meet, Jim placed 4th in the shot put and 5th in the discus. His impressive performance was witnessed by Ohio State head football coach, Woody Hayes. Jim also participated in the pole vault and was a member of the 400 meter relay team. In basketball, Jim earned letters during junior and senior season and, interestingly, played for fellow inductee Kent Lamberson who was his coach.

After high school, Jim attended the University of Toledo and was a three year letter winner in football. He was recruited and signed with the Rockets as a punter/kicker. Jim quickly became known as an all-around utility player as he not only punted/kicked, he also played offense and defense for the Rockets. In fact, Jim played four different positions in one game while kicking the extra points. Jim was nominated for MAC Player of the Week during his time at Toledo. Jim capped off his college career by participating the Ohio Shrine Bowl game. After graduation, Jim stayed on at Toledo as a grad assistant for five years.

Jim resides in Perrysburg with his wife Cathy, a Montpelier graduate. They have two sons Brett (wife Laura) and Brian. Jim currently is the V.P. of Sales & Marketing for Heidelberg Distribution. Jim enjoys fishing and skiing at the lake and continues to support Montpelier charity events like the annual Hip Klotz Golf Outing.



VICKI MARTINICH

1971-1975

Vicki Martinich is a 1975 graduate of Montpelier High School. After graduation, Vicki attended Defiance College majoring in health, physical education, and recreation.

While at Montpelier High School, Vicki was a monumental female athlete during a time when women's athletics were just starting to gain recognition. Her individual athletic awards include: 1974 High School All American in volleyball, which, at this time, only 1% of the nation's athletes were selected. She was the 1975 co-MVP in volleyball, co-athlete of the year, which was the first time this award was ever given, and she was a part of the record breaking medley relay team. Vicki's All League awards include: 1974 All League recognition for the 880 relay team, 1975 1st team All-League in basketball and 1st team All-League in volleyball. Vicki was also a state track participant in 1975 on the 880 medley relay team.

While competing in her high school athletics, Vicki was a part of many record-breaking teams. In 1973, she was a part of the undefeated track team in all dual and tri-meets. They were 1st in the DC Alumni Relays, 1st at the NWOAL track meet, 1st at the Montpelier Invite, and

5th at the Blade Relays. In 1974, she was a part of the NWOAL runner up volleyball team, 11-0 NWOAL championship basketball team, and 3rd year undefeated track team. In 1975, which was the first year women's sports were considered varsity status and no longer part of the GAA, she was a part of the NWOAL championship volleyball team, the NWOAL championship basketball team, and the 6-0, 4 year, undefeated, NWOAL championship track team. During this year, she was also the leading scorer and rebounder for the women's basketball team. She ended her basketball career scoring 714 points.

While at Defiance College, Vicki was a 4-year volleyball letter winner, a 4-year basketball letter winner, and 3-year track letter winner. In 1997, Vicki was inducted to the Defiance College Sports Hall of Fame.

Vicki has been a part of the Montpelier School District for an impressive 38 years. For the past 14 years, Vicki has been the Dean of Students at Montpelier Schools. Vicki currently resides in Bryan with her longtime partner Steve Minton. Vicki is the daughter of Vic and Mary Martinich. She has one sister Deb (Jack) Fortney and one brother, Steve Martinich. Vicki enjoys spending time with her friends and family, reading, and watching sports.



CATHY ROBISON

1972-1976

Cathy Robison Rohr is a 1976 graduate of MHS and a 1980 graduate of Defiance College. While an athlete at Montpelier, Cathy was awarded 11 varsity letters in volleyball, basketball, and track & field. She was also a member marching band, concert band, and choir. Cathy was a four year member of the Girls Athletic Association and a two year member of the M Club. Cathy won numerous All-League awards during her junior and senior year. She was 2nd team all NBL-NWOAL in basketball as a junior and 1st team all NBL-NWOAL in volleyball, basketball, and track & field. Other awards Cathy received include: Montpelier Co-Athlete of the Year (1975), Track MVP (1975), High School All- American (1975), Montpelier Athlete of the Year (1976),

Defiance Crescent-News Outstanding Athlete Award, WBNO Scholar Athlete, and the Most Outstanding Performer at the 1975 Class A Toledo Blade Relays.

Cathy was a member of the 1975 Montpelier High School volleyball team which advanced to the first Ohio High School State Volleyball Tournament. They finished the season 18-1 and state runner-ups. Cathy was also a member of the 1976 District Runners-up basketball team.

In the spring of 1975, the Montpelier girls' track team competed in the first girls' State Track Meet and Cathy was key part to the team's success. She became Ohio's first state champion in the 80 yard hurdles with a time of 11 seconds. Cathy also placed 5th in the high jump clearing 4' 11 ¾ ". The team finished in 5th place at the state meet. In 1976, Cathy was part of the track team that finished 10-1, finishing in 2nd place at districts and 3rd place at state. For the 2nd consecutive year, Cathy was crowned the state champion in the 80 yard hurdles, setting a new state record of 10.7 seconds. She also finished in 4th place in the high jump clearing 5'3". In her track career at MHS, Cathy set school records in the 80 yard hurdles and the high jump. After graduation, Cathy attended Defiance College where she received two letters in volleyball and track. She earned best offensive player and MVP in volleyball and was awarded the 1980 Co-Athlete of the Year. As a result of her outstanding career at DC, Cathy was inducted in the Defiance College Hall of Fame in 2004.

Cathy is a retired United States Postal worker and enjoys gardening and traveling in her free time. Cathy resides in Massillon, OH with her husband Phillip and son Brenton.

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