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# UP SPORTS HALL OF FAME



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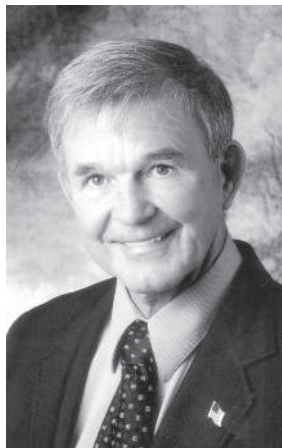
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## 37<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL INDUCTION BANQUET

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JOE RICCI

## 2008-2009 U.P. SPORTS HALL OF FAME CALENDAR

June 1, 2008	Deadline for nominations for Class of 2008
June 21, 2008	Escanaba High School, U.P. All Star Basketball Classic
July 25 – 26, 2008	Menominee, Hall of Fame Annual Meeting
April 25, 2009	Hall of Fame Induction Banquet
June 20, 2009	Escanaba High School, U.P. All Star Basketball Classic

### U.P. SPORTS HALL OF FAME ACADEMIC/ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Each year all Upper Peninsula High Schools can nominate 1 female and 1 male student athlete for the U.P. Sports Hall of Fame scholarship. Each year 2 female and 2 male student athletes are selected as winners. The scholarship is \$500 per year, for 4 years or \$2,000 total for each winner.

1997	Kerry Kusz - Iron Mountain Kristen Nichols - Lake Linden William McDonald - Pickford Michael Moore - St. Ignace	2003	Korry Schwanz - Menominee Jill Recla - Kingsford Christopher Kupitz - Bessemer Benjamin Seppala - Chassell
1998	Darcy Millon - Cedarville Elizabeth Pietila - Hancock Jared Bowerman - Munising Steve Grunlund - North Dickinson	2004	Sarah Stream - Westwood *Krista Clement - St. Ignace Katherine Lindahl - Gladstone Matt Franti - Ewen/Trout Creek Jordan Ostwald - Kingsford
1999	*Sara Boyer - Rapid River Tara Reddinger - Kingsford Beth Koski - Baraga Matt Barron - Mid Peninsula John Pietila - Kingsford	2005	Tara Lahtinen - Gladstone Kelly McClure - Iron Mountain Timothy Barrette - Negaunee Steven Short - Kingsford
2000	Adriane Ostwald - Kingsford Jennifer Swanson - Westwood Nathan Fraiser - West Iron County Lance Veaser - Bark River Harris	2006	Angela Guisfredi - Lake Linden Helen Lillie - Ewen/Trout Creek Eric Boye - Menominee Kyle Robinson - Watersmeet
2001	Megan Canadeo - Marquette Karolyn Getzen - St. Ignace Kelsey Fors - Ewen/Trout Creek Steve McDonald - St. Ignace	2007	Emily Feldhake - Cedarville Ellary Renier - Norway Anthony Barrette - Negaunee Kurt Bjorkman - Kingsford
2002	Jamie Fornetti - Kingsford Maria Han - West Iron County Bryan Jacobs - Escanaba Tony Mendina - Norway	2008	Jessica Racine – Westwood Kimberly Tweedale – Munising Dave Ellis – Negaunee Dan Sjoquist – Kingsford

\* Due to a full basketball scholarship, NCAA rules do not allow players to accept UPSHF scholarships.

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President, U.P. Sports Hall of Fame

INTRODUCTION OF HALL OF FAME SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS ..... Dave Lahtinen  
U.P. Sports Hall of Fame, Council Member

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BENEDICTION..... Gene Maki

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# 2008 U.P. SPORTS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



**TERRY AHOLA**, Gladstone. Terry Ahola came from a small hometown hill to become a U.S. Ski Team racer. He competed on the Europa Cup/World Cup series and was ranked as high as third in the nation in slalom before sustaining a serious knee injury in 1983. He joined the North American Pro Tour in 1984 and was selected

rookie of the year. He remained on the tour until 1991, then joined the Legends of Skiing at Vail and became a valued ambassador of the sport.



**DON JACOBS**, Escanaba. A member of Escanaba High School's all-time all-star football team, Don Jacobs made a bigger splash as a log rolling champion. He won 11 World Senior Division titles and placed in the top three several times in trick-and-fancy birling from 1961-2003. He also performed at major sport shows around the country and received the

sport's prestigious Russ Ellison Award in 1987.



**SONJA (Paquin) DUNCAN**, Cedarville. An all-state basketball (1,351 points) and track performer at Cedarville High School, Sonja (Paquin) Duncan earned All-America basketball honorable mention at Saginaw Valley State University in 1986, where she ranked in the top 10 in seven career categories, including first in games played (127)

and third in points (1,721), and first in single-season scoring (621). She then coached girls basketball at Rudyard, Pickford and Cedarville.



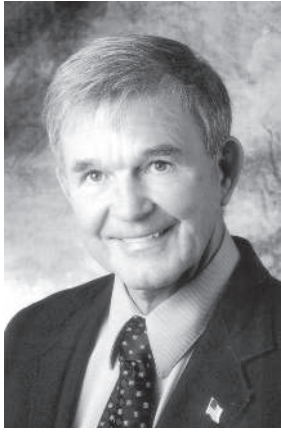
**JOE LAFLEUR**, Escanaba. A versatile three-year player for the NFL's Chicago Bears, Joe LaFleur is believed to be Delta County's first professional football player. The Bears won the NFL title in 1924, LaFleur's last season, when he played guard, center and punted. He also played fullback and halfback on the 1923 team

which finished second to Jim Thorpe's Canton Bulldogs. He was also a four-year football, basketball and baseball player at St. Norbert College from 1913-17.



**CLIFFORD "Red" ERICKSON**, Newberry. Nicknamed "the battering ram of the North," Clifford Erickson was selected to the Alma College Sports Hall of Fame in 1975. Regarded by many as "the greatest athlete to come out of Newberry," Erickson played football at Newberry from 1922-25 and Alma from 1926-29. He was

a guard on Alma's 1927 MIAA champions, then earned all-league honors as a fullback in 1929.



**FRANCIS L'HUILLIER**, Marquette. A four-sport athlete at Marquette Graveraet High School, Francis L'Huillier was an outstanding fastpitch softball player. He played on eight U.P. championship teams and three state champions, had a career batting average above .400 and hit more than 800 career home runs. He also spent more than 30 years as a

coach and basketball official.



**BOB MCGINN**, Escanaba. An all-around athlete at Escanaba Holy Name High School, Bob McGinn became an award-winning sportswriter at the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel and Green Bay Press-Gazette as a beat writer covering the Green Bay Packers, beginning in 1979. He began his journalism career with the Escanaba Daily Press and

The Delta Reporter in Gladstone. In 1998 he was cited by Men's Journal as one of America's top 20 sportswriters. A five-time sportswriter of the year in Wisconsin, he has won numerous writing awards.



**SHANA (DeCremer) OJALA**, Trout Creek. An NCAA Division II Kodak basketball All-American at Northern Michigan University in 1997, Shana (DeCremer) Ojala played two years at NMU and two years at Michigan Tech. She was the GLIAC Player of the Year in 1996-97, a three-time GLIAC all-star, a three-time

regional all-star and a two-time GLIAC all-defensive player. She was U.P. Class D player of the year and Class D all-state at Ewen-Trout Creek High School in 1992.



**DAN RAMBO**, Sault Ste. Marie. A four-year baseball letterman as a pitcher at Central Michigan University, Dan Rambo also pitched for seven years as a professional in the minor leagues, reaching as high as Class AAA. A second-team Mid-American Conference pick in 1988 at CMU, he was drafted by the San Francisco Giants in 1989

and was California League Pitcher of the Year for San Jose in 1990. After playing independent baseball, he became baseball coach at Pickford High School.



**JOE RICCI**, Hancock/Escanaba. An All-U.P. football player at Hancock High School in 1944, Joe Ricci played football and hockey at Michigan Tech University. He was the Copper Country Senior Baseball League MVP in 1948 and played independent baseball with South Range, Houghton and Escanaba. He

was an all-tournament selection when Escanaba Harnischfeger won the Class A state fastpitch softball championship in 1954. He also helped the Escanaba Hawks win hockey's Gibson Cup in 1954 and also skated for the Portage Lake Pioneers and Marquette Sentinels.

# HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

**TAFFY ABEL**, Sault Ste. Marie (1972), a member of the U.S. ice hockey team in the 1924 Olympic Games and the U.S. flag bearer for the opening ceremonies. He played for the New York Rangers and the Chicago Blackhawks of the NHL and on Stanley Cup championship teams in 1928 and 1934.

**STAN ALBECK**, Marquette (1985), who coached Northern Michigan University to 178 wins and national NAIA basketball tournament appearances in 1958-59-61-63-65. He later coached in the ABA and NBA with Kentucky, Los Angeles, Cleveland, San Antonio and New Jersey, and in college at Denver and Bradley.

**JAMES ALFORD**, Sault Ste. Marie (1987), an all-state football and basketball player at Sault High, he coached Sault Loretto High to four district titles and a 1951 U.P. cage championship. A sports broadcaster for 18 years, he was Sault's Citizen of the Year in 1981 and Sportsman of the Year in 1982.

**ART ALLEN**, Iron River (1986), a high school coach, director of athletics and official for more than 30 years, he served 20 years on the U.P. Athletic Committee. Inducted into the NMU Sports Hall of Fame in 1983, he has served as president of the U.P. Sports Hall of Fame Council.

**DEAN ALTOBELLI**, Escanaba (1994), MVP of Escanaba's 1981 Class A state championship football team and captain of the 1982 Detroit Free Press all-state team. A 10-letterman at Escanaba, Altobelli earned four football letters at Michigan State, playing fullback and defensive back.

**HARRY J. ANDERLE**, Menominee (1977), a charter member of the Michigan High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame and Northern Michigan University's first eight-letter athlete. He coached at Lake Linden, Marinette (Wis.), and Port Huron from 1929 through 1961 and is a member of the NMU Hall of Fame.

**HAROLD "BABE" ANDERSON**, Munising/Nahma/Gladstone (1983), who coached Nahma High to three state basketball titles, three unbeaten seasons, and 192 wins in 13 seasons. A pro cager at Utica (N. Y.), he was a football, basketball and track athlete in the 1940s at NMU and is in the NMU Sports Hall of Fame.

**HEARTLEY "HUNK" ANDERSON**, Calumet (1972), an All-American at Notre Dame and an All-Pro with the Chicago Bears. He coached at Notre Dame, as Knute Rockne's successor, at four other schools, and with the NFL Lions and Bears. He is a member of the National Football Foundation Hall of Fame.

**MARION "Mingo" ANDERSON**, Marquette (2007), a pioneer in women's athletics in the Upper Peninsula, she was the pitcher for the Mehrmann Plumberettes fastpitch softball team that won Class C state titles in 1951 and 1952. She was a three-time U.P. Open singles champion in tennis, won U.P. singles bowling titles in 1951 and 1964 and had a 667 series in 1954. She had a hole-in-one in golf and was the only female entrant in speed snowmobile races in Marquette in the early 1950s.

**WALTER "HUNS" ANDERSON**, Ishpeming (1988), a pioneer U.P. ski jumper who began jumping when "I was 5 or 6 years old" and who made the first jump at Ishpeming's famed Suicide Hill. A consistent meet winner throughout the Midwest in the 1920s, he was also a respected baseball and hockey player.

**WILLARD ANDERSON**, Stambaugh (1974), an outstanding football and basketball player in the 1920s at Stambaugh High and head coach of both sports for 24 years. His 1949 grid team won the U.P. championship Barber Trophy in the first year of its existence and his teams had an overall 97-40-8 record.

**CHRISTINE (ST. LOUIS) ARMSTRONG**, Kingsford (2002), A record-setting track athlete at Kingsford High School (1977-81) and Michigan Tech University (1981-85). She set six indoor track records and four outdoor track records at Tech. She was Tech's outstanding senior athlete in 1985 and was selected one of the top 25 female athletes in Michigan Tech history and belongs to the school's Hall of Fame.

**FRANK BANACH**, Menominee (1981), a member of the Michigan High School Coaches Hall of Fame. A three-year fullback and captain of Menominee High's 1922 grid team and a three-year fullback and captain at Western Michigan, he coached from 1928 to 1968 at Grosse Pointe South High.

**WILLIAM A. (FRED) BARRY**, Calumet (2004), a standout in football, hockey and baseball, he was an all-state football player in 1953 when he was U.P. Back of the Year. He received a football and hockey scholarship to Michigan Tech but left school to play semi-pro hockey, helping the Portage Lake Pioneers win the U.S. Senior Men's national title in 1956 and helping the C.L.K. Radars win the Gibson Cup in 1953. He was invited to baseball tryouts with the Kansas City Athletics and New York Giants. He died in 1988.

**AMY DORAIS BEIDERWIEDEN**, Marquette (1994), first triple gold medalist figure skater from the Upper Peninsula in dance, figures and free skating. She skated on the amateur and professional circuits and is a professional coach in the Lansing area. Amy ran track at Marquette High School.

**JEFF BENDER**, Newberry,(2006) set 27 school records at Newberry High School and 13 records as quarterback of the Central Michigan University football team. The Chippewas were 26-13-5 in his four seasons as a starter (1988-91) and played in the California Raisin Bowl in 1990. He was the Mid-American Conference's freshman of the year in 1988, conference MVP in 1990, and a four-time MAC academic selection and an academic All-American in 1990. Bender received the NCAA outstanding scholar-athlete award in 1992 and the MAC Humanitarian Award in 1992. He was inducted into CMU's Hall of Fame in 2002.

**JOHN BENNING**, Pickford (2003), a most valuable player basketball selection and male athlete of the year at Lake Superior State College in 1967, Benning coached girls' basketball and track at Pickford High School. He was Midwest girls track coach of the year in 1991 and was a finalist for National Coach of the Year in 1992. In 2001 he was inducted into the Lake Superior State University Sports Hall of Fame. He also spent 10 years as a basketball and football referee.

**DON BENZIE**, Channing/North Dickinson (1995), compiled a 405-218 record in 28 years as a boys basketball coach. He was 113-52 at Channing High School from 1963-71, then was 292-166 at North Dickinson High School from 1971-91. He also started girls basketball at North Dickinson in 1977, compiling a 64-71 record in six seasons.

**ROY T. BERGMAN**, M.D., Escanaba (1985), active in the field of sports medicine locally and internationally. He was a team physician with two U.S. Pan American teams, three U.S. Olympic teams, and at several National Sports Festivals.

**DICK BERLINSKI**, Quinnesec (1986), who set a U.P. football scoring record of 194 points and was a prep All-American in 1964 at Kingsford High where he earned 16 letters in four sports. The Big Ten's punting leader at Michigan State, he kicked the game winning FG in the 1968 North-South All-Star Game.

**PAUL BIETILA**, Ishpeming (1996), a member of the "Flying Bietilas" who was inducted into the U.S. National Ski Hall of Fame in 1970. He was the 1938 International Collegiate Ski Meet champion and died in 1939 at the age of 21 of injuries suffered in a fall during a meet.

**RALPH BIETILA**, Ishpeming (1987), A U.S. Olympic ski jumper in 1948 and 1952 and a 1950 FIS World Championship jumper, he was the youngest brother in the "Flying Bietila" family. The 1941 Junior National Champion and the Veterans National Champion in 1963.

**WALTER BIETILA**, Ishpeming/Iron Mountain (1973), a member of Ishpeming's famed "Flying Bietila" family, he is the first American ski jumper named to three U.S. Olympic teams 1936-40-48. He also served as a coach, judge and official in World (FIS) Championships and Olympic Games.

**STAN BILSKI**, Vulcan (1983), a two-way player for three seasons in the 1930s at Western Michigan University where he was once selected at fullback on an all-time team. He bypassed a pro tryout offer for a long time teaching and coaching career in his hometown.

**JOHN BIOLO**, Iron Mountain (1982), a 1938 All-American when he captained the Lake Forest College football team and a guard for the 1939 NFL champion Green Bay Packers. A charter member of the LFC Sports Hall of Fame, he coached at St. Norbert College and in high school after World War II.

**FRED BODDY**, Escanaba/Gladstone (1989), an all-state football and basketball player who pitched on Escanaba High's baseball team that set a state record of 42 straight wins in the 1950s. A basketball player at Northern Michigan University, he is a long-time prep basketball coach and athletic official.

**DICK BONIFAS**, Escanaba/Manistique (1990), who coached Manistique High School football teams to five league titles, two undefeated seasons, and the U.P. and state championships in 1959. He is also a member of the NMU Sports Hall of Fame.

**KEVIN BORSETH**, Bessemer (2004), an outstanding athlete at Bessemer High School, Gogebic Community College and Lake Superior State University, and a successful women's basketball coach, Borseth was 72 - 45 at Gogebic (1983 - 86), 225 - 97 at Michigan Tech (1987 - 98) and 216 - 62 at Wisconsin - Green Bay (1998 - 2007). He was named University of Michigan's women's basketball coach in 2007. In 2004 - 2005 he became Horizon League Coach of the Year for the sixth time in his 7 years at UWGB. He was WBCA Region 6 Coach of the Year in 2002 - 03 and guided the Phoenix to 7 straight NCAA tournament berths including the 2006 - 07 school record 29 - 4 team. He was Division II Great Lakes Regional Coach of the Year at Tech in 1991 and 1995.

**ALLISON (Bailey) BOTTOMS**, Ewen (2007), the Upper Peninsula's all-time girls high school basketball scoring champion with 2,131 points at Ewen-Trout Creek High School, and also had 1,357 rebounds and 258 blocked shots. She was MVP of the 1997 state high school all-star game, then had a sterling basketball career at Michigan Tech University. She scored 1,561 points at Tech and set records for career (461) and single-season free throws (137) and most consecutive free throws (25). She was MVP of the GLIAC tourney, a first-team GLIAC North Division all-star and Kodak honorable mention All-America.

**ALAN J. BOVARD**, Houghton (1976), an All-Big Ten and All-American football center at Michigan in the late 1920s and coach and director of athletics at Michigan Tech for 25 years. He helped found and was the first president of the U.P. Sports Hall of Fame.

**BOB BRAWLEY**, Sault Ste. Marie (2003), a member of two national collegiate championship teams during the same season at Michigan State University. Brawley was a linebacker-fullback on the MSU football team which was a two-time national champion and tied Notre Dame 10-10 in the "Game of the Century" in 1966. He was a defenseman on the MSU hockey team, which won the 1966 national championship and scored the go-ahead goal in a 6-1 title-game victory over Clarkson. He was a three-year letterman in both sports.

RAY BRAY, Caspian/Vulcan (1973), a member of the Helms Athletic Foundation Football Hall of Fame. He was a football standout at Vulcan High, played three years at Western Michigan, and spent 11 seasons in the NFL, 10 at Chicago, and was an All-Pro guard with the Bears in 1946-48-49.

GLENN BROWN, Marquette (1989), who coached men's basketball teams at Northern Michigan University to five NCAA-II tournament appearances and 300 wins. A member of the Bradley University and NMU Sports Halls of Fame, he had a lifetime high school and college coaching record of 526-290.

RUSS BRUCE, Sault Ste. Marie (2006) a three-year letterman in football and track at Cornell, Ia. College, earning Midwest Conference all-star honors as a linebacker. He was head football coach at Iron Mountain High School (1958-61) and was U.P. Class B football coach of the year in 1959. He was head of the physical education department at Lake Superior State University (1976-87). Bruce founded the Northwoods Orienteering Club at LSSU in 1976, and the LSSU team won the United States Federation (USOF) Intercollegiate Championship in 1977. He received the coveted USOF Silva Award in 1987.

LEONARD "OAKIE" BRUMM, Marquette (1992), a three-sport athlete at the University of Michigan who later was a player-coach with several semipro hockey teams. Brumm lettered three years in hockey at U-M on teams that were 63-8-4 and reached the NCAA Final Four three times.

LEO J. BRUNELLE, Bark River (1983), an official for 30 years who coached Escanaba St. Joseph High to 18 consecutive football wins in the early 1930s. He was coach of all sports at Jordan College, coached at Stephenson High, and was director of athletics there and at Bark River High.

GEORGE BRUNET, Houghton (1993), pitched for 18 seasons in professional baseball, compiling a 69-93 record and 3.62 ERA. He signed with the Detroit Tigers in 1953. Brunet, who played 992 games in 33 years, also pitched and managed in the Mexican League and tossed a three-hitter at age 45.

PETER BUGNI, Wakefield/Houghton (1984), a teacher and coach for 40 years at Houghton High. His teams won 15 U.P. championships and 10 league titles in four sports, including a state title in skiing, and the Houghton High Recreational Complex is named in his honor.

TONY BUKOVICH, Painesdale (1975), a colorful ice hockey player in the Northern Michigan-Ontario League, he played pro with Indianapolis and the Detroit Red Wings. As an amateur baseball player, he led Detroit Auto Club to the 1942 World and St. Joseph to the 1948 U.S. Baseball Congress titles.

TIM BULLOCK, Marquette (1997), was All-State in football and basketball at Marquette Graveraet High School, and scored 706 points during four-year basketball career at Northern Michigan University. He coached high school basketball teams at Republic (1965-67) and Sault Ste. Marie (1967-87), was Class B Girls State Coach of the Year in 1983, and U.P. Girls Class A-B-C Coach of the Year in 1983 and 1987.

DUNCAN CAMERON, Trout Creek (1985), who led Trout Creek High to runner-up honors in the 1918 open class U.P. cage tournament. He earned nine varsity letters in three sports at Western Michigan University where he captained the 1921 cage team, and coached an unbeaten 1922 football team at Marquette High.

GILDO CANALE, Crystal Falls/Marquette (1987), a long-time athletic trainer and official, and former director of athletics at Northern Michigan University. A 30-year official, he directed all MHSAA events on the NMU campus, is a member of the NMU Sports Hall of Fame, and was an organizer of the U.P. Sports Hall of Fame.

TOM CAUDILL, Watersmeet (2006) in 30 seasons as head coach of the Ewen-Trout Creek High School boys basketball team, had a record of 558-149. E-TC captured 21 Porcupine Mountain Conference titles, nine Great Western Conference titles, 13 district crowns and three regional championships and a Class D state runner-up trophy during his tenure. He also coached track for 35 years, winning 11 conference titles, five regional crowns and three U.P. Class D runner-up titles.

JOHN "CUTZ" CAVOSIE, Ironwood (1987), a triple threat halfback on three undefeated Ironwood High grid teams, including the 1925 state champions, he once drop-kicked a 55-yard field goal. He played at Butler and was a charter member of the Portsmouth Spartans who became the Detroit Lions.

REBECCA (DRAKE) CECONI, Kingsford, (2004), a championship performer in gymnastics, track and golf, she is regarded as the finest female athlete in Kingsford High School history. She was a U.P. all-around champion gymnast in 1979, won 10 U. P. Class A-B track titles and set seven records and was a four-time all-state selection. She was a three-year track letter winner at Central Michigan University, setting a school pentathlon indoor record with 3,549 points. She is a four-time Upper Peninsula Ladies Golf Association champion and a five-time qualifier for the U.S. Women's Amateur Publinx tournament.

EDDIE CHAMBERS, Crystal Falls (1972), who coached Crystal Falls High cage teams to 312 wins, 16 district titles, 1932 and 1934 in Class B, 12 consecutive from 1936-1947; 1951 and 1953 in Class C. Six consecutive U.P. basketball titles in 27 seasons, and to 34 straight wins in 1938-39-40. He was Michigan's 1927 Big Ten championship cage captain.

LYNN CHANDNOIS, Fayette (2007), played for the NFL's Pittsburgh Steelers from 1950-56 and scored 16 touchdowns. He holds the team career kickoff return record of 29.57 yards, which is second all-time in the NFL. He had two kickoff returns for touchdowns in 1952, when he was selected the NFL's Player of the Year. He earned all-state honors at Flint Central High School in football and basketball and was a four-year football standout for the Spartans and also played basketball for one year. He ranks first in career pass interceptions (20) and interception return yardage (384) and was the team's MVP in 1948 and an All-American in 1949. He was the State of Michigan's Outstanding Amateur Athlete in 1950.

DEBBIE (DEBACKER) CHASE (2000), Gladstone - spent 22 years as girls basketball coach at Perkins and Mid Peninsula high schools compiling a 339 - 141 record, which ranked second among U.P. girls coaches when she retired in 1996. She directed Mid Pen to the class D state championship in 1977, and won nine conference titles, nine district titles, and four regional titles.

CHERYL CLARK, Wetmore (2001), a member of a prestigious barnstorming women's basketball team, "The All-American Red Heads," part of the permanent exhibit in the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame in Knoxville, Tennessee. As a player, Clark averaged 16.5 ppg and scored more than 24,000 points; as a coach she led the Red Heads to a 677-91 record in four seasons. Clark was assistant coach at St. Norbert College from 1990-92.

WILLIAM D. COCHRAN, Houghton (1998), played football and was a U.P. shot put and discus champion for Houghton High School. At the University of Michigan he played in every game of the 1913-14-15 seasons for coach Fielding H. Yost and was captain of the 1915 Wolverines and also participated in hockey and track.

LES CODUTI, Ishpeming (2003), a four-year basketball letterman at Northern Michigan University in the mid-1960s, Coduti was also a standout in independent basketball and fastpitch softball for many years. Coduti spent 29 years as a freshman and junior varsity football coach at Negaunee High School, with a record of 155-63-5, and coached jayvee basketball for 25 years, with a record of 305-186. He was head track coach for three years. He was inducted into Northern Michigan University's Sports Hall of Fame in 1995.

STEVE CONTARDI, Caspian (1997), U.P. doubles tennis champion in 1962 and 1963, and four-year tennis letterman at Northern Michigan University. Regarded as one of the nation's premier tennis instructors. He was Wisconsin Pro of the Year in 1974 and Ohio Pro of the Year in 1976 and 1977. He was Miami (Ohio) Valley Conference Coach of the Year in 1985-87. In 1981, he received the Cap Leighton Award for outstanding contributions to tennis.

RON "BUD" COOPER, Sault Ste. Marie (1981), an all-state griddier at Sault High and a college athlete. He coached Lake Superior State to 100 basketball wins, was director of athletics, the first president of the Great Lakes Conference (GLIAC), and was president of the U.P. Hall of Fame. He is a member of the Lake Superior State Hall of Fame.

PAUL COPPO, Hancock (1982), an All-American hockey player at Michigan Tech. He was the leading scorer for the U.S. hockey team in the 1964 Olympics and played 11 years for the Green Bay Bobcats where he was the team's all-time leading scorer and a six-time league all-star player.

VERDIE COX, Houghton (1980), who coached four varsity sports at Michigan Tech and took Tech to its first NCAA basketball tournament appearance in 1963. A 16-sport athlete at Southern Illinois University, he was inducted into the SIU Sports Hall of Fame in 1979.

RAY CRANDALL, Iron River (1993), was an undefeated boxer in high school and won the Golden Gloves tournament in Green Bay in 1939. He boxed for the University of Wisconsin and won titles at 120 and 127 pounds in 1942 and 1943, respectively, helping the Badgers to the NCAA championship in 1942. He coached the Golden Gloves program in Escanaba. He served six terms as U.P. Sports Hall of Fame president and is a charter member of the Hall's Executive Council.

CLIFFORD "KIP" CRASE, Rockland (1979), the 1969 National Wheelchair Athlete of the Year. He won 65 medals in national and international competition, was the Outstanding Athlete in the 1967 Pan American Games, captained the 1969 U.S. team, and was a member of the National Wheelchair Hall of Fame.

BARB CRILL, Marquette (2002), A pioneer in the development of girls sports at Marquette High School, Barb Crill started the basketball and track programs in 1967. She coached Marquette to the Class A state basketball championship in 1976 and compiled a 126-8 record from 1969-76. Crill also led Marquette to two U.P. titles in track and one in tennis and to four unofficial swim titles and two unofficial golf titles.

OMAR CROCKER, Iron Mountain (1974), the 1939 NCAA welterweight boxing champion at Wisconsin. A Golden Gloves champion in Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota, and a finalist in the 1936 U.S. Olympic trials as a teenager, he had a 25-1-1 record with the Badgers on teams that drew 15,000 fans.

JIM CRUMMEY, Iron Mountain (1983), coach of all sports at Iron River, Hancock and Whitewater (Wis.) high schools who football teams won 219 games in 36 years. The U.P. cross-country champion in 1927 at Iron Mountain High, he led the Wisconsin track team two years in scoring.

THOMAS CSMARICH, Ontonagon - A two-time Northern Intercollegiate Conference all-star football player at Michigan Tech University, Tom Csmarich was the league MVP in 1966 and joined Tech's Hall of Fame in 1997. He ran for 1,457 yards and caught 48 passes for 600 yards and scored 17 touchdowns for the Huskies. He also had 683 career return yards. Regarded as one of the best athletes to graduate from Ontonagon High School, Csmarich starred in football, basketball and track.

ALVIN "DUTCH" CUMMINGS, Crystal Falls/Kingsford (1978), an athlete, coach, official and administrator for 48 years. He coached Kingsford High's first undefeated, untied football team, served on the U.P. Sports Hall of Fame Council, and is a member of the Northern Michigan University Hall of Fame.

JERRY CVENGROS, Ironwood/Escanaba (1981), who coached Escanaba High to the 1981 state football title and runner-up honors in 1979 and whose teams won 161 games in 23 years. A football player at Ironwood High and Wisconsin, he was 1979 Michigan Athletic Director of the Year.

PAT CVENGROS, Ironwood (1995), received 16 varsity letters at Ironwood High School and also excelled on the American Legion baseball diamond. He landed all-state football honors in 1953, then became the first U.P. player to receive the prestigious Kiki Cuyler Award as the outstanding baseball player in Michigan in 1954. He played football and baseball at the University of Wisconsin.

JAMES DANIELS, Channing/Wakefield (1985), who coached Wakefield High cage teams to 355 wins, 12 district titles and five regional wins in 28 seasons. Wakefield reached the state quarterfinals in 1964 and the semi-finals in 1965-67-68-70. A member of Channing High's 1944 U.P. champion cage team.

GERRY DaPRATO, Iron Mountain (1986), the first football All-American at Michigan State when he scored 15 touchdowns and kicked 28 PATs and two FGs for 124 points in 1915. His accomplishments were lost in the passage of time and in the 1950s he was recognized as MSU's "Forgotten All-American."

ALBERT "BUBBA" DAPOZ, Norway (2006) regarded as one of the all-time best football players at Norway High School, he led the Knights to the U.P. championship in 1938. A third-team all-state pick in 1938, Dapoz briefly played football at Tulane University.

JOHN R. DAVIDSON, D.D.S., Crystal Falls (1988), an athlete and avid sports booster. He played amateur baseball and basketball, was a club champion in golf and tennis, and a staunch supporter of high school sports who was the scorekeeper for Crystal Falls basketball games for more than 50 years.

DICK DESCHAIINE, Menominee (1976), an all-around Menominee High athlete in the late 1940s and a talented amateur baseball and softball player. Despite never playing college football, he was the second leading punter in the NFL in 1955 and 1956 while a member of the Green Bay Packers.

BARBARA MARCHETTI DeSCHEPPER, Norway (1976), who established three world and five American records while winning 11 major speed skating titles in the 1950s. The only skater ever to simultaneously hold the "big four," National Indoor and Outdoor and North American Indoor and Outdoor titles.

VICTOR DESJARDINS, Sault Ste. Marie (1976), was elected to the United States Hockey Hall of Fame in 1974. He played with St. Paul in the American Hockey Association, and in the National Hockey League with the Chicago Blackhawks and the New York Rangers. He later returned to the American League Hockey Association as a coach and manager.

FRED DEVUONO, Sault Ste. Marie (2001), he played for the 1957-58-59 Michigan State University Spartans who finished second in the NCAA tourney. He coached the Sault Iroquois to the National Midget Open championship in 1962 with a 37-1-3 record. He helped to organize and later became head coach of Lake Superior State's first club hockey team. He coached high school hockey in Green Bay and organized and coached the Brown County Juvenile and Junior teams, winning state championships in each bracket and was co-coach of the Brown County Midgets, who also won a state title. He coached Sault Ste. Marie High School (1975-89) and led the Blue Devils to Class B state titles in 1984 and 1989 and had four runner-up finishes. He has a 19-year career coaching mark of 323-121-13, including 254-91-9 at Sault.

KARL DICKSON, Escanaba (1992), "Mr. Little League" of the Upper Peninsula. Dickson introduced Little League baseball to Escanaba and the U.P. in 1951 and has served the past 30 years as the U.P. District Administrator.

IRV DIETERLE, Ishpeming (2003), was basketball coach at Ishpeming Westwood High School from 1976 - 2003, 2006-07, and compiled a career record of 555-260, including 430-201 in 28 seasons at Westwood. He was 153-6 in eight seasons as the girls' junior varsity basketball coach. He also was coach of the boys and girls golf teams at Westwood, winning four U.P. girls titles and a total of 14 conference championships. He was selected to the Michigan High School Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2000.

JAY DISHNOW, Iron Mountain (2006) a three-year starter at quarterback for Michigan Tech University, he helped the Huskies win two Northern Intercollegiate Conference championships. He was co-MVP as a junior and co-captain as a senior and set a school record by throwing five touchdown passes in one game. A member of Tech's Sports Hall of Fame, he is a member of the Football Advisory Council. He starred in football, basketball and track at Iron Mountain High School.

DAN DOBBEK, Ontonagon (1991), a major league baseball player. He played with the former Washington Senators and was a charter member of the Minnesota Twins when the team moved to the Midwest in 1961.

DICK DOLACK, Carney (2000), spent 25 years officiating as a field judge in the National Football League, working Super Bowl IX between Minnesota and Pittsburgh. He was inducted into the Muskegon Area Hall of Fame in 1994 and became the first official to join the Minor Pro Football League Hall of Fame in 1987.

TOM DOMRES, Gladstone (1988), an all-state football player at Gladstone High in 1963, he was the Wisconsin MVP as a tackle in his senior season. He played in the North-South and East-West games, and played four years with Houston of the NFL before being traded to Denver.

ROLLIE DOTSCH, Garden (1981), a member of MSU's 1962 national champion grid team and long time coach. He had an unbeaten 1967 team at Northern Michigan University where he was athletic director, served at Colorado and Missouri, was a pro coach with five NFL teams, and is in the NMU Hall of Fame.

CARL DOUGOVITO, Cedar River (1977), one of the all-time wrestling greats at Michigan in 1929-30-31 and the 1931 team captain. He won two Big Ten titles and one national championship, was 8-2 in three NCAA finals, and was a member of the 1932 U.S. Olympic team.

RAE DRAKE, Iron River (1981), an athlete at Stambaugh High and a long time coach. He was U.P. coach of the year in 1956 and his Kingsford High grid teams won three U.P. championships. He was an assistant and head coach at Northern Michigan University and director of athletics at West Iron County High.

PETER DUBE, Escanaba (1982), the Michigan speed skating champion in 1899 and the coach of five international speed skating champions. The U.P. speed skating champion in 1897 and 1898, he was fixture in the famed Escanaba Ice Revue and skated competitively until the age of 79.

SAM DUBOW, Ironwood/Sault Ste. Marie (1996), honored by the Samsons of Gogebic Community College being named after him. He coached football, basketball and track at GCC from 1946-52, compiling a .667 winning percentage. Coached football at Kaukauna (Wis.) High School and Sault Ste. Marie, and was also athletic director at Sault. A Sault school administrator from 1960-79 and was named to the Michigan Education Hall of Fame. He died December 12, 1992.

RAY EBELI, Ironwood (1978), a three-year player as an end at Notre Dame under coach Frank Leahy in 1939-40-41. He played in the 1942 College All-Star Game and with the Chicago Cardinals of the NFL and the Buffalo Bills, Chicago Rockets and Cleveland Browns of the All-American Conference.

DON EDENS, Kingsford (2006) an all-state running back at Kingsford High School in 1962, he returned to serve his alma mater as a coach in three sports (football, track and basketball) before spending 17 years as athletic director. He led the campaign to approve a \$1.7 million project for new athletic facilities in 1987. He received the Allen W. Bush Award from the Michigan High School Athletic Association in 2001.

HARVEY EKDAHL, Manistique (1995), earned 12 varsity letters at Manistique High School. He was an all-state griddy in 1931 and 1932 at quarterback and linebacker. He was a triple threat halfback at Menominee Jordan College and played on the school's crack basketball team. He was also regarded as one of the finest catchers and outfielders in semi-pro baseball and softball in the U.P.

ROBERT "Pappy" ELLIS, Negaunee (1998), spent more than 40 years as an athlete, coach and official. Earned 11 varsity letters in football, basketball and track at Central Methodist College, Mo. and was a top performer for the U.S. Army teams in track, football and fastpitch softball. He coached at Michigamme, Munising and Negaunee high schools.

BRUCE ELMBLAD, L'Anse (1992), who earned nine varsity letters at the U.S. Military Academy. At L'Anse High School, where he earned 12 letters, he was a two-time football captain and played center on a 1945 U.P. championship basketball team.

AL ERICKSON, Escanaba (2007), a batting champion in the Mid-American Conference with a .483 average at Western Michigan University in 1961 helping the Broncos reach the College World Series. He was a four-year catcher for WMU (1958-61) and signed a contract with the San Francisco Giants in 1961 and advanced to Class AAA El Paso in 1965. He played on two state championship baseball teams in Escanaba, Little League in 1951 and American Legion in 1955. He was a standout fastpitch softball player for the Escanaba Merchants from 1966-78. He also coached Legion baseball in Escanaba and in high school coached baseball at Powers and golf at Manistique.

BOB "TOPA" ERICKSON, Norway (1993), began playing golf at age 13 and won the Midwest Amateur championship in 1952 and was the Chicago Amateur champion in 1956. He turned pro at age 30 and joined the PGA Tour full-time in 1968, playing until 1975. His best finish was fifth in 1971. He joined the Senior Tour in 1980. He won the U.S. National Senior PGA title in 1982, and has won four Florida Senior championships.

WILLIE ERICKSON, Kingsford (1998), was a three-time U.S. National ski jump champion (1956 Class C, 1957 Class B, 1959 Class A) and competed with the U.S. team in the 1960 Winter Olympics and was team captain and flag bearer at the 1962 World Games.



WALTER "RED" FARRER, Negaunee (1982), the captain of Negaunee High's unbeaten 1918 football team and the 1919 state runner-up basketball team. He earned 12 varsity letters at Western Michigan University and is a member of the Michigan Coaches and Michigan Recreation Halls of Fame as a prep coach.

FRANK FAZI, Sault Ste. Marie (1996), had an athletic career that spanned nearly 40 years in basketball, baseball and fastpitch softball. Earned All-U.P. and All-State honors as a cager at Sault Loretto High and was a two-time MVP at Michigan Tech-Sault Branch. Picked up eight straight all-star berths in the Inter-City Baseball League and played on three U.P. championship softball teams. He is a member of the Lake Superior State Hall of Fame.

F.L. "FROSTY" FERZACCA, Iron Mountain (1975), an Iron Mountain High athlete and a charter member of the Lake Forest and Northern Michigan Halls of Fame. He coached high school and college football and was director of athletics at Northern Michigan and Eastern Michigan.

JACK FINN, Escanaba (2000), a high school and college football coach for 43 years, he had an overall 219 - 122 - 8 record. Spent 20 years as athletic director at Northwood Institute, serving 18 years in the dual capacity as football coach, winning three Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference titles. Won three state track titles and two mythical football titles at Battle Creek High School. and in 1968, was state high school coach of the year in football and track.

BOB FIGULI, Bessemer/Marquette (2005), Has run more than 102,000 miles, which is more than four times around the world. He has completed more than 750 road, trail and snowshoe races, 84 marathons and 70 ultra-marathons has run around Lake Superior, and had a stretch of running two miles daily that covered 17 years, five months and 20 days (1980-97). He was named male runner of the year in 1990 and 2003 by the U.P.. Road Runners Club.

STEN FJELDHEIM, Marquette (2001), a two-time All-American skier at Northern Michigan University, and a member of the 1987 U.S. National Championship ski relay team. He competed in many World Cup, Scandinavian Cup and Europa Cup events from 1980-86 while on the U.S. Ski Team and was on the U.S. Marathon ski team from 1982-84. Was on the U.S. Olympic coaching staff at Lillehammer, Norway in 1994 and was coach of the U.S. World Championship team in 1995 and 1997. He is currently NMU's women's cross-country running coach and head men's and women's ski team coach. He won the 1983 and 1984 Midwest triathlon series and many local triathlons from 1980-87.

GARY FORS, EWEN (2004), widely regarded as one of the top 10 prep basketball players in the Upper Peninsula. Gary Fors led Ewen-Trout Creek High School to the 1972 Class D state championship. He averaged 25 points and 18 rebounds in his prep career. He helped Lake Superior State University to the 1976 NAIA Tournament in Kansas City as a second-team NAIA All-American. He holds LSSU's career (2,113 points) and season (716 points) scoring records. A two-time MVP at LSSU and a two-time recipient of the LSSU Clifford Everett Award as the outstanding male athlete, he is a member of the LSSU Hall of Fame.

SUSIE FOX, Iron Mountain (2001), a three-time Upper Peninsula Ladies Golf Association champion, she joined the LPGA's Futures Tour in 1988 and played in the U.S. open in 1993. She is currently the golf professional at Timberstone Golf Course in Iron Mountain. She also was an outstanding skier, winning state high school titles in slalom and giant slalom in 1978 and 1979 while leading Iron Mountain to the 1979 state title.

MORLEY FRASER, Newberry (1995), is the winningest coach in the history of Albion College football (81-41-1). He directed Newberry High School to three consecutive unbeaten seasons in 1949-51 and led the Indians to the mythical Class B state championship in 1951. He was Michigan's Small College Football Coach of the Year in 1961 and won five MIAA football titles in 14 years at Albion.

LYMAN FRIMODIG, Calumet (1973), an all-around athlete at Calumet High, he was the first 10-letter winner at Michigan State. He coached at MSU, was the director of intramural athletics until his retirement, and authored "Spartan Saga", a history of MSU athletics.

PETE FUSI, Bessemer (1983), who career spanned four decades as a coach, athlete and administrator. He came to Bessemer in 1951 after being a four-year letterman in football at Michigan State. He coached all sports and developed summer recreation programs, including a premier Little League.

JOHN L. GAFFNEY, Manistique/Houghton, (2004), a 12-year career as Houghton High School's boys basketball coach was highlighted by a Class C state championship in 1954-55 as the Gremlins were in the midst of a 42-game winning streak. Houghton won four conference titles, nine district crowns and three regional titles under his direction of the Manistique native. He died in 1986.

BOB GALE, Trout Creek (1992), one of the U.P.'s all-time leading basketball scorers. He led his high school team to the 1966 state finals and scored 40 points before fouling out in the title game. Trout Creek averaged 96.5 points per game that year, believed to be a state record, and Gale finished his career with over 2,000 points.

PAT GALLINAGH, Bessemer/Ironwood, (2004), a starting defensive tackle and first-team Academic All-America on Michigan State University's undefeated Big Ten and National Champion football team in 1966. He spent 30 seasons as a high school football coach and was 161-120 as head coach at Bessemer, Ironwood and Gallup, N.M. He had two U.P. championship teams and was a two-time U.P. Coach of the Year and led Bessemer to the Class D state runner-up spot in 1985. In 1992 he was head coach of the West squad at the state coaches high school all-star game.

BILL GAPPY, Houghton (2005), The winner of 146 games in 12 seasons, and was the most winningest basketball coach in Michigan Tech University history when he stepped down in 1985. He work in sales and for Horner Flooring, a Dollar Bay company which has provided basketball floors for numerous NCAA Final Four Tournaments, college and NBA teams. At Alpena, Mich. High School, he earned eight varsity letters and joined the school's Hall of Fame In 2004.

SCOTT GARCEAU, Ishpeming, (2004), a career that began as a teenage sportscaster for WJPD Radio in his hometown led to broadcasting professional events. He did play-by-play of the Baltimore Orioles for more than a decade for WMAR-TV and covered the 1983 World Series, then he handled play-by-play for the NFL's Baltimore Colts and Baltimore Ravens, USFL's Baltimore Stars and CFL's Baltimore Stallions. He broadcast the Super Bowl and has handled coverage of the Preakness, the Summer Olympics in Los Angeles, NCAA Final Four and women's U.S. Open golf.

BOB GIANNUNZIO, Norway (1996), led the Norway Knights to state Class D high school football championships in 1979 and 1980. Earned state Coach of the Year accolades in 1976 and 1979 and similar U.P. honors in 1975 and 1976. His squads gained U.P. Team of the Year honors in 1975 and 1976, and the Knights were the Class C Team of the Year in Michigan in 1976.

EDDIE (BUD) GIBBS, Perkins (2006) the career batting record-holder at Michigan State University with a .398 average, also stole 16 bases in 1931, which is eighth on MSU's single-season list. He batted .454 in 1931, which is fourth all-time for a single season. He was captain of the MSU team in 1930 and 1931, then signed with the Detroit Tigers in 1931 and played with four minor league teams before leaving baseball in 1932. He lettered in football, basketball and track at Menominee High School.

JOHN L. "DOC" GIBSON, Houghton (1972), who was instrumental in establishing hockey in the United States. He was the captain and the leading scorer on the 1904 Portage Lakers which won the American championship over Pittsburgh and the World Championship over the Montreal Wanderers.

ROM GILBERT, Wakefield (2005) An all-around athlete who earned 15 varsity letters at Wakefield High School, earned football and tennis letters at Michigan Tech University and spent 26 years as a football official in the collegiate Southeastern Conference. He has been a rules analyst for ESPN and officiated the Blue-Gray Game for 15 years.

BOB GILRAY, Sault Ste. Marie (1999), amateur hockey player and referee, he was commissioner of officials for the Western Collegiate Hockey Association in 1974 and became commissioner of officials for the Central Collegiate Hockey Association in 1976. He officiated 11 NCAA hockey championships and was a WCHA official for 18 years.

MORGAN "MUGGS" GINGRASS, Marquette (1986), a four-sport athlete in high school, he played football at North Carolina State, Northern Michigan University and Michigan State, and was a high school and NMU coach. Named to the NMU Sports Hall of Fame in 1976, he had a 102-yard pass interception for a TD.

GEORGE GIPP, Laurium (1972), an all-around Calumet High athlete and the legendary halfback who was Notre Dame's first All-American in 1920 under coach Knute Rockne. "The Gipper" scored 83 touchdowns in 32 college games and is enshrined in the National Football Foundation Hall of Fame.

WILLIAM GIRARD, SR., Gladstone (1975), the World Log Birling Champion in 1926 and 1929 and the Old Timers champion in 1951, 1952 and 1953. A log birler from 1915 to 1954 when he retired as world champion in trick and fancy competition, he is in the Log Rolling Association Hall of Fame.

ANGUS GOETZ, M.D., DeTour (1974), a member of the National Football Foundation Hall of Fame. He played on Sault Ste. Marie High's unbeaten 1913 team, four years at Michigan, and two years as a pro. A two-time Walter Camp All-American and Wolverine grid captain.

JOHN GOETZ, Sault Ste. Marie (2001), a 10-year professional baseball player, he appeared in four major league games in 1960 as a relief pitcher for the Chicago Cubs. He fanned future baseball Hall of Famers Willie Mays and Orlando Cepeda back-to-back in his mound debut. He pitched in the minor leagues from 1957-62 and won 75 games and hit nine home runs. Goetz helped Vernors win the 1954 state junior hockey championship while scoring nine goals, and was an all-conference football player at center and linebacker for Sault Loretto.

GARY GOLLAKNER, Alpha (1980), who compiled an outstanding record coaching four high school sports for 35 years. His Amasa and Alpha high school cage teams won five U.P. titles and his Alpha teams won four regional titles in track, a U.P. crown in tennis and two conference titles in baseball.

JACK GOTTA, Ironwood (1981), former college and pro gridder, a pro coach, and the general manager of Calgary in the CFL. An end at Oregon State in the 1950s, he was all-pro in the CFL in 1958 and 1961. He coached Ottawa to the 1974 Grey Cup championship and was a two-time CFL coach of the year.

GEORGE GRAILER, Stambaugh (1979), a standout athlete at Stambaugh High, he was a four sport athlete at Toledo, a three-year cager, and a member of the 1942 NIT runner-up team at Madison Square Garden. A long-time amateur cager in the U.P., he coached at Stambaugh and West Iron County high schools.

DENNIS GRALL, Escanaba (2002), Sports Editor of the Escanaba Daily Press (1970-80 and since 1984), Grall also was a sportswriter with the Green Bay Press-Gazette (1980-84). He has received numerous writing awards from the Associated Press and Michigan Press Association. He has been executive secretary of the U.P. Sports Hall of Fame since 1992. He coached youth baseball for 15 years, and was co-founder of a men's slowpitch softball league, organized a men's modified fastpitch league, and is a member of the Delta County Softball Hall of Fame.

CHARLES "CHUCK" GREENLUND, Iron River (1992), the only coach in the history of Michigan high school athletics to take teams to the state finals in both basketball and football. His 1977 West Iron County High School football team reached the state finals and so did his 1985 and 1990 basketball teams.

FRANCIS GUILBAULT, Ontonagon (1992), whose high school basketball teams have won three Ohio state championships and 501 games. His St. Henry High School cagers have put together 26 consecutive winning seasons with never more than eight losses and Guilbault's winning percentage in 30 seasons stands at 75%.

HERMAN "WINKS" GUNDLACH, Houghton (1973), a Houghton High football captain and the first Harvard player in the NFL with the old Boston Redskins. A two-way guard known as "Iron Man," he competed three years at Harvard, captained the 1934 team, and played in the 1935 College All-Star game.

BURT GUSTAFSON, Newberry (1979), the first 12-letter athlete at Northern Michigan and an inductee into the NMU Sports Hall of Fame. A member of Newberry High's 1943 U.P. champion cage team, he coached at three high schools, in college at NMU and Wyoming, and in the pros with the Green Bay Packers.

TONY GUZOWSKI, Iron River (2003), a two-sport, three-year letterman at the University of Iowa after serving in World War II with the U.S. Marines, Guzowski then became a successful football coach in Iowa at Algona and Waterloo high schools. The 1941 Iron River High School graduate played on the USMC basketball team before joining the Hawkeyes, where he played football and basketball. He received the Iowa Athletic Board Trophy for Excellence in Athletics and Scholarship. He was a top amateur basketball player and was MVP of the Iowa Veteran's Tournament and led his team to the national tournament.

DAVE HALLGREN, Negaunee (1994), compiled a 311-154 record in 22 years as a high school varsity basketball coach. In 16 years at Negaunee, Hallgren led the Miners to the Class C semifinals in 1975 and the Class C finals in 1976. He also coached at Channing and Galien, Michigan. He became athletic director at Negaunee High School in 1985.

WILLIAM "PUD" HAMILTON, Sault Ste. Marie (1974), who played in the first pro hockey league in the U.S. and Canada and is a member of Pittsburgh's all-time team. Named the best rugby player in Canada in 1898, he also played pro football and lacrosse and coached college rugby.

JOHN HAMMES, Newberry (1992), a three-sport athlete at Michigan State at the time of World War I. He was named to Walter Eckersall's all-Western football team after being described as "the best defensive back in the West today" and was named to the Chicago Tribune all-Western team as a fullback in 1920.

BILL HART, Marquette (1982), a three-sport athlete at Northern Michigan, he coached Marquette High to an undefeated 1957 football season and won three U.P. track titles. He was a member of the U.P. Athletic Committee and the first MHSAA Representative Council president from the U.P.

GIL HEARD, Ontonagon/Marquette (1990), the sports information director at Northern Michigan University for 23 years and a U.P. sports broadcaster for 35. He is a member of the NMU Sports and the College Sports Information Directors of America Halls of Fame.

C.B. HEDGCOCK, Marquette (1974), the former coach of all sports at Northern Michigan whose athletes and physical education students influenced U.P. high school sports for more than four decades. The NMU field house is named in his honor and he was a charter inductee into its Sports Hall of Fame.

CARLO HEIKKINEN, Pequaming (1985), who had a 30-year career from the 1930s into the 1960s as a left handed pitcher in amateur baseball in the U.P., mostly in the Copper Country. He once pitched three complete games in less than 24 hours, had three consecutive shutouts and back-to-back one-hitters.

RALPH HEIKKINEN, Bessemer (1973), the two-time football MVP at Michigan and a unanimous All-American guard in 1939. He played in the East-West game and was the leading vote getter for the 1940 College All-Star game. He coached at Virginia and Marquette and was a pro football scout.

ED HELAKOSKI, Greenland/Chassel/White Pine (1975), who coached Chassel High to consecutive state basketball titles and a state record 65 straight wins in 1956-57-58. The first cage coach at White Pine High where the athletic field is named in his memory.

DON HILL, Norway (1978), whose Hermansville and Norway high school basketball teams won 400 games in 25 seasons. They won 13 conference crowns, 15 district titles, two regional championships, and two state championships. He played on Norway High's U.P. championship cage teams in 1946 and 1947.

RAY HILL, Wakefield (2003), a two-time world champion horseshoe pitcher in the senior division (1987 and 1989), Hill was also runner-up three times at the world senior meet. In 1987 he set senior division records for tournament ringer percentage (76.6) and most double ringers in a tournament (183) and shares an all-division single-game record (17) for "four deads" (four ringers at a time).

JIM HIRN, Escanaba (1997), spent 34 years as a high school coach in football, wrestling and track at Escanaba Holy Name, Gladstone and Escanaba. He coached a U.P. record seven U.P. Class A-B track title teams at Escanaba, introduced track to Holy Name in 1955 and introduced wrestling to Escanaba in 1965. He earned two football and two track letters at Northern Michigan College.

KEN HOFER, Stephenson/Menominee (1987), who has coached Menominee High football teams to 128 wins in 20 seasons and state playoff berths in 1982-86-87-88. An all-state athlete at Stephenson High, he was a football and track letterman at Wisconsin.

EDMOND J. HOLDERMAN, Escanaba (1989), an All-American cross-country runner at Purdue in 1939 and 1941. He set U.P. (4:32.2) and state (4:34.3) records in the mile run at Escanaba High in 1936, the state AAU mile record (4:13.2) in 1940, and was the Big Ten two mile champion in 1940.

MEL HOLME, Stambaugh (1983), an all-state fullback at Stambaugh High and former Minnesota fullback. He led Stambaugh to the 1949 U.P. championship Barber Trophy and was the single wing blocking fullback for All-American halfback Paul Giel at Minnesota.

TOMMY HUGHITT, Escanaba (1992), a football and baseball letterman at the University of Michigan. Hughitt was a three-year quarterback in football and was the team's MVP in 1914 despite having never played the sport in high school. After coaching in college, he was an official for 20 years and worked many major games, including the Army-Navy series.

DON HURST, D.D.S., Marquette (1988), a four-year gymnast and 1953 captain at Michigan. Jumping for the Ishpeming Ski Club, he was Veterans Class national champion in 1969, 1971 and 1973 and set a national veterans record of 261 feet. He was a nordic ski coach at Northern Michigan University.

R. VICTOR HURST, Marquette (1977), who coached undefeated Marquette Pierce High to the 1961 state basketball title. He entered coaching in 1925 and spent his entire career at Northern Michigan and Pierce. Named U.P. Coach of the Year in 1961, he is a member of the NMU Sports Hall of Fame.

BOB IVERSON, Escanaba (1998), known as the "Hyde Hustler" during a brilliant 37 year auto racing career. He won a record 10 track championships at the Norway Speedway before retiring in 1993 after his 10th title. He raced throughout the Midwest, also winning track championships in Escanaba and Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

TOM IZZO, Iron Mountain (1997), a third-team Division II All-American basketball player at Northern Michigan University, he set a NMU single-season basketball record by playing the most minutes (931) in 27 games. He became head men's basketball coach at Michigan State University in 1995 and earned NCAA Division I Coach of the Year honors in 1998 and directed the Spartans to the NCAA Championship in 2000.

DOMINIC JACOBETTI, JR., Negaunee (1990), the highest scoring high school basketball player in U.P. history with 2,140 points. A three-time all-state pick at Negaunee St. Paul High School, he played four years of basketball at Northern Michigan University.

BILL JENNINGS, Negaunee (1997), an All-State football player at Negaunee (1945), he earned nine letters in three sports and was a two-time All-U.P. football selection. Jennings became MVP at Northern Michigan College in 1953. Coached at Negaunee St. Paul, Newberry and Marquette Bishop Baraga and refereed basketball and sponsored and played fast-pitch softball for many years.

CARL (COOKIE) JOHNSON, Baraga (1994), twice the Baraga Vikings basketball team reached the Class D finals under Johnson, who won 309 games in more than 20 seasons on the bench. Johnson died in 1987.

HAROLD JOHNSON, Felch/Escanaba (1991), A varsity baseball player at Michigan State University in 1947-48, Johnson coached basketball and baseball and was a football assistant at Escanaba, where he was also an athletic director for 12 years. He also was basketball coach at Felch and Lake Odessa. He was U.P. basketball coach of the year at Escanaba in 1967, where he won seven district titles and the 1960 U.P. Class B regional crown. His EHS baseball team had a 23-game winning streak.

JOE JOHNSON, Ironwood/Menominee, (2004), has coached Menominee High School to seven Upper Peninsula gymnastic titles. He was a 12th place finisher in the NCAA gymnastic championships at Northern Michigan University and placed 11th in the Central U.S. ski jump meet. Johnson has completed more than 100 marathon runs and completed eight 100-mile races. A top canoe racer he is a two-time winner of the Master outrigger title in Hawaii and was a member of the nine-man team which won the 41-mile International outrigger title in Hawaii In 1985. He has won four national canoe championships since 1977.

LOWELL JOHNSON, Negaunee (2005), A two time all-state basketball player, he earned 12 varsity letters at Negaunee High School and played baseball for three years (1954-56) at Western Michigan University, with a career batting average of .365. The Broncos finished second in the NCAA World Series in 1955. He set single-season records for RBI's and runs scored and career records for hits and runs scored. He also played in the Pittsburgh Pirates' organization for two seasons.

MILTON "MICKEY" JOHNSON, Marquette (1976), the tennis coach at Marquette Senior High for 50 years. His teams won 34 U.P. boys' titles, six U.P. girls' crowns, and 90% of their matches. He is a member of the Michigan High School Coaches and NMU Sports Halls of Fame.

BOB JURASIN, Bessemer (2005), He was a four-year starring defensive lineman at Northern Michigan University (1982-85) and signed with the Canadian Football League's Saskatchewan Roughriders in 1986. Playing 12 years he was second in the CFL in career sacks (142) and career tackles (411) and was a three-time CFL all-star. In 1987 he was Saskatchewan's most outstanding player and most outstanding defensive player. He joined the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame (1995), the NMU Sports Hall of Fame (1998) and the Roughriders' Plaza of Honor (2002).

FRANK KARAS, Menominee/Escanaba (1989), a professor of physical education at Ferris State University for 34 years where he was Director of Intramural Athletics. An Escanaba High and Michigan State University gridder, he also coached high school sports and at FSU.

TED KEARLY, Alpena/Houghton (1995), had an outstanding career in football and baseball at Alpena High School and Michigan State University. He was the winner of the Biggie Munn Baseball Award at MSU. As football coach at Michigan Tech, he had a 29-7 record in four seasons. Kearly then served Michigan Tech as Athletic Director for 17 years and remains as the Head of Physical Education.

TIM KEARNEY, Kingsford (1990), a linebacker in the National Football League for 10 seasons and the former defensive captain of the St. Louis Cardinals. He was a two-time All-America linebacker at Northern Michigan University and is a member of the NMU Sports Hall of Fame.

ELDON "CAPPY" KEIL, Gladstone (1974), who spent his entire coaching career at Gladstone High. His football teams won 100 games and U.P. titles in 1928-45-46, his basketball teams won 195 games and U.P. titles in 1930 and 1950, and his golf teams won several U.P. championships.

JOHN W. KELLY, Manistique (1980), an outstanding athletic official in four sports in high school and college whose officiating career in the U.P. began in 1929 and spanned four decades. He was also an athlete at Michigan State and successful high school coach.

RUEBEN KELTO, Bessemer (1978), a standout Bessemer High gridder and the 1941 football MVP at Michigan where he was a two-way lineman during the Tom Harmon era. During his 1939-40-41 playing seasons, the Wolverines under coach Fritz Crisler were 19-4-1.

ALTON S. KIRCHER, Gladstone (1985), an all-around Gladstone High athlete, he earned seven varsity letters in three sports at Michigan State and was the 1933 grid captain. He coached at Marquette and Trout Creek high schools where he won U.P. cage titles in 1935 and 1937; at MSU, and at Washington State.

WALT KITTI, Calumet (1980), a three-sport athlete at Calumet High and a football man at Michigan in the 1930s. He coached in downstate Owosso before returning to Calumet where his track teams won numerous conference and district meets and U.P. championships in 1971 and 1975.

ERNIE KIVISTO, Ironwood (1977), a charter member of the Illinois High School Basketball Hall of Fame, he was an all-state player at Ironwood High in 1941 and played at Marquette University and Notre Dame. His cage teams won a state title in Arizona and reached the Illinois finals three times.

HAROLD (BABE) KLEIMAN, Bark River (2000), won 12 letters at Ferris State, playing baseball, basketball and football and received the Jack Dempsey Award as the outstanding athlete at Ferris State in 1947. A standout town team baseball player in Bark River.

CHUCK KLINGBEIL, Houghton (2002), A defensive lineman for the NFL's Miami Dolphins (1991-95), he recovered a fumble and scored a touchdown as coach Don Shula won his 300th game. He was selected most valuable lineman when the Saskatchewan Rough Riders won the CFL's Grey Cup in 1989. He was a four-year lineman at Northern Michigan University (1985- 88) and was a two-time pick as the outstanding defensive lineman.

ERNEST (IKE) KLINGBEIL, Hancock (2000), recognized as an iron-man hockey player, often playing entire games, he was with the NHL's Chicago Black Hawks in 1938, with all four players on his line hailing from the United States. He died in 1995.

FRANK KOPENSKI, Iron River (1984), an all-state high school football player in the 1940s, the starting fullback three years at Marquette University, and the leading ground gainer as a junior. He was Man-of-the-year in the Wisconsin Independent Schools Athletic Association in 1977 as a prep coach.

MARK KONOPACKE, Kingsford (2006) a member of the U.S. Ski Team, he finished 18th in the 1988 Olympics as a ski jumper at Calgary. He also made the 1992 Olympic team in France. He competed with the U.S. World Cup team from 1983-88, placing as high as fifth in 1985. He set a hill distance record at Lahti, Finland. He won three national ski jump championships (1983, 1988, 1991) at 70 meters. He won a World University Games bronze medal in 1983 and took silver and bronze medals at the World Games in 1989. He won the Pine Mountain tournament in Iron Mountain in 1985.

BILL KOSKI JR., Champion (1997), a two-time all-state basketball selection at Champion High School. One of the Upper Peninsula's top basketball scorers with 1,953 points. He was a three-year basketball letterman at Northern Michigan University, and compiled a 102-60 record as basketball coach at Republic High School. He was a standout for basketball and fast-pitch softball teams for many years and sponsored independent teams in both sports.

BILL KOSKI SR., Champion (1997), was All-U.P. in football at Iron River High School, and a three-year player at Northern Michigan College (1935-37). Koski coached for 33 years at Champion High School and had a 183-65 record in 15 years as basketball coach. He played town team baseball for 25 years, helped organize several Upper Peninsula leagues and sponsored numerous basketball, baseball and softball teams.

DICK KOSKI, Negaunee (1999), was all-state in football and basketball at Wakefield High School where he earned 12 varsity letters. He was a four-year gridder at Northern Michigan University and set the long jump and high jump track records at NMU. In 31 seasons as football coach at Negaunee High School, he compiled a 199-93-1 record including four U.P. titles and a runner-up finish in the Class C state playoffs in 1991, one of eight playoff appearances. He is 203-110-1 in 34 seasons as a head coach. He also coached track for 20 years and a U.P. title in 1985.

JACK KRAEMER, Ironwood (1991), the "Father of Athletics" at Gogebic Community College, coaching the first athletic teams. He was the coach of all sports at Ironwood High School during a 27-year career. His 1943 football team was the undefeated U.P. champion. In 19 years of coaching track, he never lost a conference track meet, and won seven U.P. titles. He was a football and basketball official for over 25 years. He is a member of the State of Indiana Sports Hall of Fame.

ALBERT F. KREUZ, Menominee (1984), an all-American fullback and kicker and team MVP at Pennsylvania in the 1920s during the "Iron Man" era of college football and a member of Penn's all-time 1920-1950 team. He played college baseball and pro football with the Philadelphia Quakers of the old AFL.

BOB KRYSIAK, Menominee (2003), a basketball coach and athletic director at Menominee High School, Krysiak guided the Maroons to the Class B state championship in 1967. That is the last state title for an Upper Peninsula team in that division. The Shawano, WI native was Michigan's coach of the year in 1968 when the Maroons lost in the state semifinals. After compiling a 122-54 record in nine seasons, Krysiak became a referee for 31 years. He was a gymnastics judge until 1991 and a starter at the U.P. girls track championships. He started every home track meet from 1963-91. He was athletic director from 1991-95.

JOHN KRZYNARICH, Ironwood (1984), whose coaching career spanned 40 years. Krzynarich was an outstanding football player and basketball team captain in 1938 at Gogebic Community College. He began coaching at Ironwood in 1940 and the City of Ironwood named its Little League field in his honor. He also serves as a member of the U.P. Sports Hall of Fame Council.

MILT KRZYNARICH, SR., Ironwood (1992), a well-known basketball and football official who began officiating in 1950. Krzynarich was an all-conference cager and MVP in 1938 at Gogebic Community College and all-conference cager and team captain in 1950 at UW-Superior. He coached at Watersmeet and Ironwood Catholic high schools, pitched baseball in the Northern Michigan-Wisconsin League and was a slow pitch softball player into his 60s.

ED (BABE) KUKUK, Marquette (2001), a three-sport standout (football, basketball, tennis) at Marquette Graveraet High School, he played tennis and football for Northern Michigan University. He played amateur hockey from 1939-43 and semi-pro hockey from 1946-56, served as a football, basketball and tennis coach at Stambaugh High School, winning four U.P. Class C-D tennis titles. He was also a top amateur fastpitch softball hurler.

NORMAN "BOOTS" KUKUK, Marquette (1978), the leading scorer in the Michigan-Wisconsin-Ontario Hockey League for two seasons and a member of the 1940 U.S. National Team. An NMU Sports Hall of Fame inductee where he competed in football and track, and executive director of the U.P. Sports Hall of Fame.

KAREN VIOLETTA KUNKEL, Negaunee/Marquette (1988), the first administrator of the USOTC at NMU and the first director of the Great Lakes State Games in 1987. She played on two state championship softball teams, pro baseball with the Grand Rapids Chicks, and was a champion skier at MSU.

PETER KUTCHES, Escanaba (1975), the first U.P. athlete named all-state in both football and basketball while at Escanaba St. Joseph High. He was in the 1952 All-American North-South basketball game and was a two-way football player at Wyoming on their 1956 Sun Bowl championship team.

CARL LACKEY, Sault Ste. Marie (2006) an All-American hockey player at Michigan State University, he spent more than 20 years as a player before becoming a youth coach. He was captain of the 1957 Sault team which won the state and national junior championship, then joined MSU and earned three letters. He was an All-American and team captain as a senior. He then played for the Toledo Blades in the International League and Marquette Iron Rangers and Green Bay Bobcats in the U.S. Hockey League. In 1974 he played for the USA team which won the world championship in Yugoslavia.

RICHARD "Red" LACOUSIERE, Menominee (2002), An outstanding softball pitcher and semi-pro baseball second baseman, he made his mark coaching youngsters in Little League, Babe Ruth League and American Legion baseball in Menominee and Marinette, Wis. for more than 50 years.

OMAR LaJEUNESSE, Iron Mountain/Houghton (1974), an All-Big Ten lineman on Michigan's championship football teams of 1930-31. He earned 11 varsity letters and played on Iron Mountain High's unbeaten 1925 grid team, coached all sports for 12 years, and coached at Michigan Tech for nine years.

JIM LAMOREAUX, St. Ignace (1994), 1993-94 season marked his 40th year as a basketball and football official. He has worked more than 2,500 contests, surpassing in 1986 the previous Upper Peninsula record of Hall of Famer Ray Ranguette. He has worked state championship games in football and boys and girls basketball and seven of his pupils have also worked the state finals.

BOB LANDSEE, Iron Mountain (1996), earned All-State honors in football and basketball at Iron Mountain High School. At the University of Wisconsin, copped All-Big Ten and All-American first team (UPI) honors as a senior in 1985. A sixth round draft choice of the Philadelphia Eagles in 1986, played three seasons in the NFL.

FRED (O'JAY) LARSON (2001), a three-sport letterman at Calumet High School, he joined boyhood pals George Gipp and Hunk Anderson at Notre Dame, where he earned football letters in 1918, 1920 and 1921. That trio was among just 13 lettermen on the Fighting Irish squad of 1918.

PHYLLIS LAURILA, Iron Mountain (1995), ranked as high as fifth nationally as a junior tennis player in Hamtramck. She played in the U.S. Open in 1959 and won the NCAA doubles championship for Central Michigan University in 1959. She directed the Iron Mountain High School boys tennis team to 13 straight Mid-Peninsula Conference titles, nine U.P. Class C-D boys titles and eight girls crowns.

GORDY LeDUC, Marquette (1994), directed Marquette Bishop Baraga to the Class D state basketball title in 1969. LeDuc compiled a 379-211 record in 29 years of coaching at Powers, Negaunee St. Paul, Bishop Baraga, Escanaba Holy Name, Iron Mountain and Marquette. He also coached tennis, baseball, football and cross country, winning a pair of Upper Peninsula Class A-B tennis titles.

CLARENCE LEHR, Escanaba (1999), member of Escanaba High School's 1904 state football championship team, he set a U.P. pole vault record and won U.P. titles in the hammer throw and 220 yard hurdles. After briefly playing football and baseball at the University of Michigan, he was a utility infielder for major league baseball's Philadelphia Phillies in 1910. He was also commissioner of the Detroit Racing Association.

ED LESTER, St. Ignace (2001), a two-time all-state selection in football and basketball at St. Ignace High School, he was the U.P. Back of the Year in 1971. St. Ignace was 24-10-1 in football games and 79-7 in basketball games during his four varsity seasons. The 1970 basketball team was Class C state runner-up and the Saints were unbeaten each of the next two seasons and reached the state semifinals. He was the starting quarterback at Northern Michigan University as a freshman in 1973. He spent 12 years as a high school and college referee in football and basketball.

JACK LESTER, Bessemer (1986), the heavyweight boxing champion of the British Empire in 1911 and an aspirant for the world title during the Jack Johnson era. He entered the pro ring at age 17 in 1908 and won the British crown in a 20-round fight in Australia. He died in 1916 at age 26.

LOIS LEVINE, Negaunee - Lois Levine became the first woman to win four straight Upper Peninsula Ladies Golf Association championships (1958-61). She was runner-up in 1956. She won eight Wawonowin Country Club women's titles in a 12-year span. Club pro Si Clements called Levine "the best competitive match play golfer I've ever seen." She died in 1993.

JACK LOELL, Escanaba (1999), a member of Escanaba High School's 1904 state football championship team, he was a two-time football and baseball letterman at the University of Michigan and declined an offer to play pro baseball to remain at school. He coached briefly before returning to Michigan for his law degree.

DUANE GUSS LORD, Ontonagon/Stephenson (1984), who coached Stephenson High to a 1956 state basketball championship. He coached three sports seven years at Ontonagon High with a combined 160-61 record and his cage teams won five district titles at Stephenson where he also was director of athletics.

JOHN LUDLOW, Newberry (1996), excelled in football, basketball, golf and track at Newberry High School before heading to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. Was a member of the 1944 National Championship team, and made the Service Bowl as a defensive back in 1948. Ludlow took fourth in the high hurdles at the Penn Relays. Became an Athletic Council member at Northern Michigan University and a faculty representative to the Midwest Intercollegiate Football Conference and the GLIAC.

TOM LUDWIG, Sault Ste. Marie (1994), presently the basketball coach at Ferris State University. He previously coached at Lake Superior State. An all-state basketball player at Sault, Ludwig was a four-year basketball letterman at the University of Michigan, playing on the 1965 NCAA tournament runner-up.

KENNETH MacDOUGALL, Ishpeming (1981), the first 12-letter athlete at Ishpeming High and an All-U.P. football player in 1926 and 1927. He played football, basketball and baseball in Minnesota and was listed in Ripley's Believe It or Not for the longest touchdown run in the Big Ten in 1931.

JOHN MacINNES, Houghton (1972), the legendary ice hockey coach at Michigan Tech whose teams won 555 games and NCAA championships in 1962, 1965 and 1975. Named the NCAA Coach of the Year in 1970 and 1976, he received the NHL's Lester Patrick Award for service to hockey in the U.S. in 1986.

MARTIN "MUBBY" MAHLBERG, Stambaugh (1975), football and basketball coach at Stambaugh High 15 years in the 1920s and 1930s whose teams won U.P. cage titles three times and grid titles in 1927 and 1933. He was also the coach and quarterback of the Stambaugh All-Stars semi-pro football team.

EDWARD MAKI, Rudyard/Hancock (1990), a football quarterback, hockey goalie and coach at Michigan Tech and an organizer of the U.S. College Hockey Coaches Association. An amateur hockey goalie, he is a charter inductee in the Tech Sports Hall of Fame.

GENE MAKI, Wakefield (1999), a sports historian and Wakefield High School's boys tennis coach for 44 years and girls tennis coach since its inception in 1973. His teams have won four U.P. Class C-D titles and one open class crown and finished second seven times. He has been a member of the U.P. Sportswriters and Sportscasters Association since 1955 and is a charter member of the U.P. Sports Hall of Fame executive council.

RUDY MAKI, Ishpeming (1997), a 1982 inductee of the U.S. National Ski Hall of Fame, Maki was a member of the 1956 and 1960 U.S. Olympic ski jump teams. He was North American Jumping Champion in 1954 and 1955, and U.S. National Champion in 1955. He spent 25 years as an international ski jumping judge and served with the International Ski Federation Committee for Ski Jumping Judges and Technical Delegate for eight years.

WERNER MAKI, National Mine/Ishpeming (1990), the first U.P. inductee into the Michigan Amateur Softball Association Hall of Fame in 1989. His 25 years of softball pitching included taking a Marquette team to the finals of the 1974 national tournament.

SYD MALLGREN, Menominee (2002), Syd (Wells) Mallgren was selected the top female golfer at Michigan State University for the 1980s decade and was named to MSU's all-decade team for female athletes. A two-time All-American selection, she helped the Spartans win the Big Ten title as a junior, was a two-time Big Ten individual runner-up and three-time All-Big Ten selection. She has won six U.P. Ladies Golf Association championships (1981, 1983 and 1998-2001). Mallgren also won five Northeast Wisconsin Women's Golf Association championships (1979, 1981, 1998-2001) and won five Brown County women's amateur titles (1991-92, 97-98, 2001) in Green Bay. At Menominee High School she was a two-time Upper Peninsula Class A-B medalist.

JIMMIE MANCI, Iron Mountain/Iron River (1978), a premier sports promoter and athletic official in the U.P. and Wisconsin for 35 years. He was the owner/general manager of the Green Bay Bobcats ice hockey team and promoted baseball, softball, boxing, football, basketball, bowling and wrestling.

DAVE MANDERS, Kingsford (1980), a 10-year center with Dallas of the NFL. He set a U.P. shot put record at Kingsford High, was all-state in football and lettered three years at Michigan State. He played in the '67 Pro Bowl, captained the '70 Super Bowl team and helped win Super Bowl VI in '72.

BEN MANNING, Trout Creek (1989), a town baseball pitcher and a basketball official for 26 years. He played on the 1937 U.P. championship basketball team at Trout Creek High, was awarded the Bronze Star as a medical corpsman in World War II, and returned to sports despite the loss of a leg from his wounds.

STEVE MARIUCCI, Iron Mountain (1996), earned All-U.P. honors in football and basketball at Iron Mountain High School. Was a three-time football MVP at Northern Michigan University and quarterbacked the 1975 team to the NCAA Division II championship. He was a Division II All-America quarterback in 1976 and 1977 and finished eighth in voting for the Heisman Trophy in 1976. Mariucci then coached at NMU, Cal-State Fullerton, University of Louisville, Orlando Renegades of the USFL, Los Angeles Rams of the NFL, Southern California University, California and the Green Bay Packers. He became head coach at California in 1995, Coach of the San Francisco 49er's in 1997, and coached the Detroit Lions in 2003-2005. He became an analyst with the NFL network in 2007.

RAY MARIUCCI, Iron Mountain (2005), A pioneer in the development of high school wrestling in the Upper Peninsula, was also instrumental in starting the wrestling program at Northern Michigan University in the late 1960's. A boxer and wrestler at Michigan State University he of Italy coached East Lansing High School to a Class B state wrestling title in 1951 started the wrestling program at Kingsford High School and organized the first U.P. Tournament in 1965. He became the first U.P. resident inducted into the Michigan Wrestling Association Hall of Fame in 1991. The Ray Mariucci Award goes annually to the No.1 ranked Upper Peninsula wrestling team. The Kingsford Invitational, the peninsula's oldest wrestling tournament, is called the Mariucci Invitational.

BRUCE MARTYN, Sault Ste. Marie (1998), after starting his radio career at WSOO in 1950, Bruce Martyn was the voice of the NHL's Detroit Red Wings for 31 years (1964-95). He was also a free lance broadcaster, covering Michigan State University football, the NBA's Detroit Pistons and golf. He was selected to the NHL Hockey Hall of Fame in 1991 and Michigan Sports Hall of Fame in 1996.

BOB MASON, Sault Ste. Marie (1998), a two-sport, three-year letterman at Western Michigan University where he received the prestigious athlete-scholar award, and signed a professional baseball contract with the Washington Senators in 1958 and played three years in the farm system. He coached Dryden, Mich. High School in football, basketball, baseball and golf, and also officiated for 12 years in four sports: basketball, golf, baseball and softball from 1960-94.

JOEL MASON, Stambaugh (1979), a pro football player and coach at Wayne State. He played college football at Western Michigan, in the NFL with the Chicago Cardinals and Green Bay where he was the "other end" on Don Hutson Packer teams, and coached Wayne State to the 1956 NCAA basketball tourney.

DON MATTSON, Chassell/Marquette (1989), led Chassell High to a state record 65 straight wins and consecutive Class D state basketball titles in 1956, 1957 and 1958. A two-time all-state player, he was named to the 1958 five-man all-state Dream Team and played in the prep All-American World Series.

DON McCLELLAND, Calumet (1980), a letterman on three Big Ten championship football teams at Michigan. A member of the unbeaten 1947 team that won a national title and the 1948 Rose Bowl, he was a starting guard on the unbeaten 1948 national title team and played both ways in 1949.

WAYNE McCLINTOCK, Marquette (1973), who guided Northern Michigan in its early athletic days as football and basketball coach in 1915-16-17. He organized and managed the first U.P. high school basketball tournament in 1917 and was a long time athletic official.

GEORGE McCORMICK, Marquette/Gwinn (1983), a charter member of the Sports Hall of Fame at NMU where he won 12 varsity letters in three sports in the late '40s and early '50s. He coached downstate and at Gwinn High where the athletic field was named in his honor in 1980.

PARNELL McKENNA, Quinnesec (2002), A football standout at Michigan Agricultural College. Before World War I, Parnell McKenna was captain of the undefeated Spartans as a senior in 1909. He became one of only two gridgers selected to the school's football hall of fame, which was discontinued before he died in 1952. He was named an all-league halfback by the MIAA in 1908. He was a member of the championship basketball team in 1908 and was captain of the 1909 basketball team, and competed on MSU's track team in 1910.

BOB McNAMARA, Manistique (1999), an all-state football player and U.P. Back of the Year, he was also an All-U.P. basketball player who played football for two years at Central Michigan on teams that were 17-1, earning NAIA all-state honors in 1956. He coached football at Flint Southwestern and Gaylord high schools and has officiated more than 1,000 football and basketball games on the prep and collegiate level. He is also a premier fastpitch softball hurler, winning more than 700 games in a 43-year career.

MALCOLM McNEIL, Crystal Falls (1985), an area sports promoter, team sponsor, tournament host, and supporter of high school athletics since the 1940s. He received the President's Award for Distinguished Citizenship from NMU in 1975.

WAYNE MELCHIORI, Ironwood (1993), was a three-year varsity football player at the University of Michigan (1950-52) and recipient of the Fielding H. Yost Award. The former all-state football and basketball player at Stambaugh High School was selected to the Michigan High School Coaches Hall of Fame in 1982 after compiling a 98-43-4 record from 1959-1976 at Ironwood.

PAUL J. MELI SR., Negaunee (2002), A native of Gwinn and a 1939 Ishpeming High School graduate, Paul Meli spent 50 years as an athlete, coach, official and administrator. He lettered in football, basketball, track and baseball at Ishpeming and earned three letters at Albion College. He coached baseball and basketball at Rudyard High School before moving to Negaunee in 1947. He was Negaunee High School's athletic director from 1967-85.

FRAN MELLINGER, Menominee (1993), whose Menominee High School track teams won three U.P. Class A-B titles and five regional titles from 1967-81. He was an outstanding all-around athlete at Stephenson High School and was a four-year starter at quarterback.

DICK METTLACH, Crystal Falls (1982), whose Crystal Falls Forest Park High football teams won 231 games and have made 12 state playoff appearances in 33 years. The Trojans won state titles in 1975 and 1976 and were second four times. He was named state coach of the year in 1977.

HERMAN MIETHE, Escanaba (1991), a state high school track champion in the 440-yard dash in 1925. He led EHS to undefeated football seasons in 1923 and 1924 and later played professionally.

WILLIAM (MITCHELL) MIKULICH, Traunik (1994), former captain of the University of Michigan tennis team, he earned seven varsity letters, four in tennis and three in basketball. In 1941 he won both the junior boys and men's titles in the Marquette Open tennis tournament and in 1977 won the Michigan Senior Men's singles tennis title. He died in 1987.

MIKE MILESKI, Escanaba (1995), earned a dozen varsity letters in four sports at Escanaba High School and was a four-year football letterman at NMU. He led NMU with 22 catches for 318 yards to land All-American honorable mention in 1961 and is a charter member of NMU's Sports Hall of Fame. He was 76-49-1 in 14 years as football coach at Ishpeming and Marquette high schools. He coached Ishpeming to the first Class C state championship in 1975.

E.L. "DOC" MILLER, Gwinn (1988), who coached Gwinn High basketball teams for 26 years, winning eight district and four U.P. titles, and whose 1928 team reached the state finals. A high school track and baseball coach as well, he was also an independent baseball league commissioner in the U.P.

PAT MILLER, Menominee (1988), an all-state basketball player who scored 1,627 points and led Menominee High to the 1967 state title and second place in 1968. A football punter and basketball co-captain at Michigan State, he was NAIA District Coach of the Year in 1987 at Northwood.

JOE MISHICA, Calumet (1988), a high school football coach at Hancock and Calumet for 28 years and track coach at Calumet. He played college football at Kalamazoo where he was two-time all-conference and named defensive lineman on the school's all-time team.

C.V. "RED" MONEY, Marquette (1976), an Ohio Northern and Northern Michigan Hall of Fame member and a coach of all sports, director of athletics and physical education department head for 44 years, including 21 at NMU. A founder of the U.P. Sports Hall of Fame and its former executive director.

HARRY MONSON, Escanaba/Iron River (1981), an Escanaba High athlete who coached football, basketball, baseball and track at Iron River High. His grid teams were undefeated in 1950-52-53, when he was U.P. coach of the year, and in one five-year span his teams lost only one game.

WEB MORRISON, Pickford (1973), who coached Pickford High track teams to 25 straight U.P. titles from 1952 through 1976. His cage teams won 137 games and three district titles, his 1951-54 grid teams won 21 straight games and his baseball teams recorded 74 victories. He serves on the U.P. Sports Hall of Fame Council.

AMERICAO "MERTZ" MORTORELLI, Ironwood (1979), coach and director of athletics at Wisconsin-Superior. He coached Ironwood High to the state's #1 football ranking in 1953, had dozens of All-American football players and wrestlers at UWS, and is in the NAIA Football Coaches Hall of Fame.

MICKEY MOSES, Escanaba (1994), was All-UP in football and basketball at Escanaba (1961-62) and all-state in basketball (1962). Played football and baseball at University of Iowa, and was a baseball All-American in (1965-66).

KEN MYLLYLA, Escanaba (2000), spent 50 years as an official at Upper Peninsula high school and college events in football, basketball, track, and cross country. He received the Vern Norris Award from the Michigan High School Athletic Association for his tireless efforts officiating and helping instruct younger officials. He worked state championship games in football and basketball.

ROMANUS (Peaches) NADOLNEY, Ironwood (2003), an outstanding fullback and tackle for Ironwood High School in 1917, Nadolney was recruited to play football at Notre Dame by Knute Rockne, who received a tip from U.P. Sports Hall of Fame inductee George Gipp. He left Notre Dame in 1921 upon the death of his father, then played the 1922 season for the Green Bay Packers upon an invitation from Earl (Curly) Lambeau, his Notre Dame roommate. He then played three seasons for the NFL's Milwaukee Badgers.

AL NESS, Escanaba (1983), founder of the Bay de Noc Speed Skating Club and a long-time youth baseball coach. His skating club won the 1938 state championship and his American Legion baseball teams won 14 U.P. crowns and a state title in 1955. A City of Escanaba baseball field is named in his honor.

WALTER NIEMANN, Menominee (1974), an all-around athlete at Menominee High and the lightest starting center (150 lbs.) in Michigan football history who never missed a minute of the 1915-16 seasons. He played three years for the Green Bay Packers and 60 minutes in the first Packers-Bears game.

JOHN "BERT" NOBLET, Gladstone/Houghton (1978), a Gladstone High and Michigan State gridder who scored five TDs in one game for the 1930 Aggies. He came to Michigan Tech as coach of all sports in 1929 and developed MTU into a college hockey power.

FRED NORCROSS, Menominee (1972), the 150-pound quarterback and captain of three of Coach Fielding H. Yost's greatest Michigan football teams which had a record of 33-1-2 and outscored their opponents 1,627 to 30 during the 1903-04-05 seasons. He later coached two seasons at Oregon.

TAUNO NURMELA, Covington (1973), a cross-country skier and an outstanding performer in track and field who won 97 first place medals and ribbons in the 1920s and 1930s in the upper Midwest. Several of his track and field records excelled those of Olympic decathlon greats of the time.

CARL "BUCK" NYSTROM, JR., Marquette (1975), an all-state football player at Marquette High who was the MVP and captain of Michigan State's 1956 Rose Bowl title team. He was a long-time college football coach at Colorado, North Dakota State, Oklahoma, Michigan State and Northern Michigan.

EDWIN "Speed" OLDS, Ishpeming (1996), a standout football/basketball player at Ishpeming High School and Northern Michigan University. Earned three letters in football, four in basketball and one in track at NMU, setting basketball game, season and career (1938-42) scoring records. Tried out for the NFL's Green Bay Packers in 1946 and played for the San Diego Bombers of the Pacific Coast League. Played on three state championship softball teams.

RICK OLDS, Iron Mountain (2005), A coach in three sports at Iron Mountain High School, he spent 17 years as the school's head boys basketball coach (274-120). Winning 12 Class C district titles and four regional titles, reaching the state semifinals in 1993 and 1994. He was a four-time U.P. Class C coach of the year. He spent 25 years coaching football at the freshmen and j.v. levels and was head track coach (1979-94), winning four U.P. Class C miles. He was a four-year track letterman at Marquette John D. Pierce High School and won the U.P. 100 and 220 yard dashes in 1958. He was also a three-year letterman in football and basketball. He was a charter member of The Marquette Iron Rangers semi-pro hockey team in 1964.

EDDIE OLSON, Marquette (1979), a 1977 inductee into the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame. A 10-year pro player, he was the two-time AHL scoring leader and the 1953 MVP. One of the rinks at the Marquette Lakeview Arena is named for the Olson family which included nine brothers active in sports.

WELDON "WELDY" OLSON, Marquette (1984), a Silver Medal winner in 1956 and a Gold Medal winner in 1960 on U.S. Olympic ice hockey teams and the first hockey player named to the Michigan Amateur Sports Hall of Fame. He was a long-time amateur hockey coach, official, and administrator.

WESLEY "WACKEY" OLSON, Marquette (2007), inventor of the infamous "kick shot" circa 1936-37, and was involved in the promotion and development of hockey at every level, as a player, coach, manager, league supervisor, referee and broadcaster, from his teens in the 1920s through the 1960s. He played with the Upper Peninsula Huskies in the Michigan Olympic Hockey Trials in 1932, then played with Haley A.C. in the Michigan-Ontario Hockey League. He also played basketball at Marquette Pierce High School, played baseball in the U.P. semi-pro league and performed in Marquette Figure Skating Club ice shows.

NANCY OSIER, Ewen-Trout Creek (1998), is the Upper Peninsula's winningest girls high school basketball coach. The former Northern Michigan University basketball player had a 434-109 record at Bergland and Ewen-Trout Creek high schools through 1997. The three-time U.P. Class D Coach of the Year won 11 class D district titles, four Class D regional titles and reached the state finals once.

RUSSELL OSTERMAN, Baraga (1993), lettered in track and football one year at Michigan Tech and two years at the University of Michigan. Played in the 1951 Rose Bowl and 1951 Blue-Gray All-Star Game. He donated \$500,000 to the UM football Center of Champions building in 1989 and has established a series of college scholarships at Baraga High School worth nearly \$250,000.

ROD PAAVOLA, Hancock (1985), an Olympic Gold Medal winner in 1960 with the championship U.S. ice hockey team at the age of 20 and a pro player in the American and International Hockey Leagues. He was an all-U.P. football player at Hancock High where he set a U.P. pole vault record in track.

JERRY PANGRAZZI, Caspian/Marquette (1989), former director of athletics at Marquette High and a 30-year official. He played on Stambaugh High's undefeated 1949 football team, was a football and track man at Northern Michigan University, and is a member of the NMU Sports Hall of Fame.

FRANK "KID" PARKER, Trout Lake/Sault Ste. Marie (1981), who was a professional prize fighter at the turn of the century. A 5-8 lightweight, he fought 111 times from 1898-1910 and was never knocked out. He had three "no decisions" against reigning champions in bouts that produced no knockouts.

KARL PARKER, Newberry (1982), coached Brimley High School to back-to-back state Class D basketball championships in 1950 and 1951. The two teams won 46 of 48 games, including 33 in a row. He is the son of 1982 inductee Frank "Kid" Parker.

WALTER (TINY) PARTANEN, Bessemer (2001), after tryouts with two NFL teams, Green Bay (1937) and Pittsburgh (1938), Partanen helped the St. Louis Gunners win the AFL minor league championship in 1938. He also wrestled professionally in St. Louis. He was a three-year griddler and grappler at Ferris State University (1934-36), after playing fullback and tackle at Bessemer High School (1929-31), leading the Speed Boys to unbeaten seasons in 1930-31.

BOB PECOTTE, Menominee/Marquette (1989), an all-state cager at Marinette (Wis.) Catholic Central High, an all-star baseball shortstop, and a four-year player at NMU where he was on two national tournament basketball teams. He is a member of the NMU Sports Hall of Fame.

BERNHARDT "BEN" PEDERSON, Marquette (1973), a four-time Regents Alumni Scholarship student, he was a two-time winner of the Fielding H. Yost Award for academic and athletic excellence at Michigan. A tackle for three years, he was a member of the 1950 Rose Bowl championship football team.

PAUL "JOE" PERRAULT, Ishpeming (1984), one of the nation's premier ski jumpers in the 1940s and 1950s and a two-time member of the U.S. Olympic team. Recipient of the Silver Star with the 10th Mountain Division in World War II, he set a North American distance record of 297 feet in 1949.

MEL PETERSON, Wallace (1975), who scored records of 63 points in one and 849 in one season while leading Stephenson High to a 1956 state cage title. A two-time All-American at Wheaton (Ill.), he played for the U.S. Pan American team and in the pros with Baltimore, Oakland and Los Angeles.

DONALD PFOTENHAUER, Escanaba/Gladstone (1988), an all-state fullback on undefeated Escanaba High teams in 1939 and 1940 and a 1942 varsity player at Wisconsin. He began coaching in 1948 and won 98 games in 21 years at Gladstone High, assisted in basketball and track, and was an official.

BARRY PIERSON, St. Ignace (1994), all-state football player and 1965 U.P. Back of the Year at St. Ignace High School, Pierson returned to his alma mater to direct the Saints to the Class D state football title in 1983 and a Class C runner-up spot in 1985. He compiled a 63-26 record in nine years as St. Ignace coach. He helped Michigan upset Ohio State in 1969 to land a Rose Bowl berth in Bo Schembechler's first season as Michigan coach.

JIM PINAR, Escanaba (2007), a long-time sports broadcaster and also spent 14 years as an award-winning sports information director at Northern Michigan University. He broadcast NMU football and basketball games while serving as SID, where his publications received national recognition in six sports from 1988-2002. He was a sportscaster for WDBC, WQLQ-FM and WMXG-FM in Escanaba, WJPD in Ishpeming and WLUC-TV in Marquette. He was a charter member of the U.P. Sports Hall of Fame's executive council and was a committee member of the NMU Sports Hall of Fame. He also played football at Escanaba Holy Name High School and Northland, WI College and was an assistant football and basketball coach at Gladstone and Escanaba high schools for four years.

TONY PIVATTO, Crystal Falls (1998), often referred to as "Mr. Baseball" in the Crystal Falls area, was an outstanding amateur outfielder. He also was a men's basketball team sponsor and in 1939 played for Pivatto's Grocers in a 43-42 upset victory over the world renowned Harlem Globetrotters.

DICK POLE, Trout Creek (1988), a former major league pitcher and pitching coach. An all-U.P. cager at Trout Creek High, he spent three seasons with the Boston Red Sox and appeared in the 1975 World Series. Taken by Seattle in the expansion draft, he became a pitching coach with the Chicago Cubs.

PAUL POLFUS, Carney (1996), coached Carney-Nadeau High School girls basketball dynasty, to a 295-93 record (166-6 from 1987-93) in 17 years — through 1995. He led his 1989 and 1990 teams to Class D state championships while setting an all-time Michigan consecutive win streak of 78 games and a state-record 127 regular season victories in a row. His Wolves have earned five U.P. Class D Team of the Year awards and he has been named U.P. Class D Coach of the Year four times.

CHARLES POLICH, Caspian (1987), a premier bowler who began his career in 1930 at age 16. A regular in the Peterson Classic in Chicago and runner-up in the 1951 ABC tourney in St. Paul, he was ranked 12th nationally by the National Bowling Writers Association. He rolled a 716 series at age 74.

HARRY POTTER, Manistique (1995), four-sport letterman at Manistique High School, then earned 11 varsity letters at Western Normal (now Western Michigan University) in football, basketball and baseball. Compiled a 284-88-3 record as Muskegon High School's baseball coach (1936-66) and was 57-24-8 in 10 years as football coach. Muskegon won mythical 1951 Class A state football title.

EINO A. PULKINEN, Negaunee (1976), a charter member of the Michigan coaches Hall of Fame, he was a prep basketball All-American after scoring 28 points in a national tournament in the 1920s. He lettered in three sports at Central Michigan and was a successful high school coach.

BILL RADEMACHER, Menominee/Marquette (1983), a receiver and special teams player for the Super Bowl champion New York Jets in 1969. A member of the NMU Sports Hall of Fame, he played four years at Northern, eight in the NFL, and was head coach of NMU NCAA-II playoff teams in 1980-81-82.

DICK RAHOI, Iron Mountain (1991), captain of the 1960 U.S. Olympic ski jumping team and a team member in 1956. He was on the U.S. team in the 1958 FIS championships.

JOHN RALSTON, Norway (1974), the 1973 American Football Conference coach of the year at Denver. A four-year football and basketball player at Norway High, he was a linebacker on two California Rose Bowl teams and won two Rose Bowls as head coach at Stanford.

RAY "DUDE" RANGUETTE, Nahma (1987), who earned 10 varsity letters at NMU and is said to have officiated more U.P. high school basketball and football games than anyone in history. An official for 35 years, he is a member of Northern's Sports Hall of Fame.

WIL RASMUSSEN, Negaunee (2005), A member of The U.S. Ski Hall of Fame, he was the National Class C champion in 1984, Class B champion in 1950 and Class A runner-up in 1956. A participant in the 1952 Winter Olympics and a member of the 1953 and 1957 U.S. FIS teams and competed in the World Championship Games in Finland (1958). He coached junior jumpers into the 1970's.

JOE REDDINGER, Kingsford (2007), a football and track coach at North Dickinson High School, he directed the Nordics to 11 straight Wolverine Conference football titles and 14-out-of-15 with a record of 197-103 through the 2006 season. Led the Nordics to the Class D state football championship game in 1998 and to the semifinals in 1992, 1998, 1999 and 2001 and 16 straight playoff berths. The track team won U.P. Class D titles in 1993 and 1999. He has served as a basketball referee since 1970 and joined the MHSAA's Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee in 1999.

JOHNNY REVOLTA, Menominee (1987), a pro golfer who won 41 major tournaments and was golf's leading money winner in 1935 when he was the PGA national champion. He also reached the PGA semi-finals three times and the quarter finals four times, and was named to the PGA Hall of Fame in 1963.

JOHN "Topper" RICCI, Hancock (1996), regarded as one of the premier hockey officials in the country, working 1,300 games including more than 600 NCAA hockey games. Refereed five NCAA hockey championship tournaments and the WCHA playoffs for 15 years. Won three U.P. track titles and earned All-U.P. honors in football at Hancock High School. Played fastpitch softball for 18 years and holds the Copper Country record with 376 home runs while sporting a .382 lifetime batting average.

BRUCE RIUTTA, Hancock (2006) a three-year hockey letterman at Michigan Tech University, he skated for the USA team in the 1968 Olympics. He was on the USA team which won the Class B world championship in 1970 and also played for the national team in 1969 and 1971. He was a first-team All-American in 1966 and 1967 and helped Michigan Tech win the NCAA hockey title in 1965. He played on national championship hockey teams on the Midget and PeeWee levels for the Copper Country Junior Hockey Association and later spent eight seasons playing for the Green Bay Bobcats in the U.S. Hockey League. He has spent more than 25 years as a coach.

ALBERT RIZZARDI, Caspian (1980), won nine varsity letters at Hillsdale College in the 1930s after playing at Stambaugh High. He was team captain and an All-American as a senior on an undefeated Hillsdale grid team and ranked among the state scoring leaders on the basketball team.

FRANK RODMAN, Hermansville (1982), a premier sports promoter who directed Rodman's Sports Enterprises which booked famous traveling sports teams into the U.P. for 33 years. He was the first U.P. member on the Michigan State Athletic Board of control and serves on the U.P. Hall of Fame Council.

ALLAN RONBERG, Negaunee/Norway (1973), a star athlete at Northern Michigan and a 31-year coach known as "The Fox." His Norway High cage teams won 219 games, nine district crowns and three U.P. titles in 22 seasons and his grid teams won 107 games and the 1938 U.P. championship in 31 years.

GENE RONZANI, Iron Mountain (1972), a running back for the Chicago Bears for eight seasons beginning in 1933 and the head coach of the Green Bay Packers in 1950-53. He was on a state championship basketball team at Iron Mountain High and was the first nine-letter athlete at Marquette University.

RUDOLPH "ROSY" ROSATTI, Norway (1979), a college and pro football player in the 1920s. A three-sport athlete at Norway High who played at Western Michigan, North Dakota State and Michigan, where he was on the 1922 championship team, and in the NFL with Green Bay and the New York Giants.

DAN ROSE, Sault Ste. Marie (1978), an All-Big Ten and All-American basketball player at Michigan. He was a coach and director of athletics at Central Michigan for 35 years and the university's physical education complex is named in his honor.

JAMES L. ROUMAN, Gladstone (1977), a widely respected conservationist and former president of the Michigan United Conservation Clubs. He coached five sports at Escanaba High and was a dedicated outdoor sportsman who was a dominant figure in preserving the Porcupine Mountains wilderness area.

JACK ROWETT, Bessemer (1991), the World Cornish Wrestling Champion from 1901 until his retirement in 1924. He began wrestling in 1887 and won the title in a 14-hour marathon match.

ROB RUBICK, Newberry (1995), spent seven years with the NFL's Detroit Lions, catching 44 passes for 511 yards and three touchdowns. The Newberry native was a 10th round draft choice of the Lions out of Grand Valley State College, where he set records for receptions and yards receiving. He was inducted into Grand Valley's Hall of Fame in 1991.

RONN RUBICK, Manistique (1978), an all-state football player nicknamed the "Manistique Missile" when he scored 184 points in the 1959 season. A running back at Michigan State for two years, he played defensive back in the 1963 North-South All-Star game and is a successful high school coach.

GEORGE RUDNESS, Negaunee (1974), the first 10-letter athlete at Negaunee High and a three-year baseball and basketball regular at Michigan. Twice the Wolverine baseball captain, he co-captained the 1935 Big Ten champion cage team and is a member of Michigan's first 50 years all-time team.

GEORGE RUWITCH, Norway/Escanaba (1986), who coached Escanaba High to U.P. football titles in 1939-40-41-45 and to its first U.P. basketball title in 1945. His grid teams won 38 consecutive games from 1935 through 1941 and were unbeaten, untied and unscored upon in 1939. He also officiated 20 years.

LEN ST. JEAN, McMillan (1980), a ten-year player with the New England Patriots of the NFL after four seasons at NMU where he was an All-American defensive end in 1963. A member of the Northern Sports Hall of Fame, he played 190 consecutive games for the Patriots, mostly at guard.

AL SANDONA, Iron Mountain (1999), a three-sport standout at Iron Mountain High School, earning All-U.P. and all-state football honors in 1952. A three-time small college all-state football standout at Northern Michigan University, he was a third-team Little All-American pick by the Associated Press in 1961, served as head football coach at Iron River High School and Mankato State University and was an assistant coach at Michigan Tech, NMU and Western Illinois University.

BILL SANTILLI, Crystal Falls (2005), The single-season Michigan High School record holder when he scored 226 points, he led Crystal Falls to the 1975 Class D football state championship. He scored 44 points in the 67-0 semi-final victory over Posen and 24 points and ran for 179 yards in the 50-0 title game victory over Flint Holy Rosary. He became the first Class D player to make the Detroit Free Press all-state dream team in 1975 when he set a state rushing record (1,865 yards). He rushed for 3,953 yards and scored 402 points in his career. As football coach at his alma mater, Santilli led the Trojans to the Division 8 championship game in 2000.

JOHN SARTORIS, Bessemer (1982), a football and basketball captain at Bessemer High and a three-year lineman at small school power Carleton College in the 1920s. A long-time coach and school administrator in Bessemer, he was a high school athletic official.

LEON "DICK" SCHRAM, Escanaba (1981), an athlete, teacher and official in the U.P. for 44 years. A three-sport athlete at Escanaba High, he set a state pole vault record and was second in the pole vault in the 1932 NAAs for Marquette University. He was a football and basketball official from 1936-61.

WAYNE SCHWALBACH, Escanaba (1999), regarded as one of the finest athletes in Escanaba High School history, he was a Class A all-state running back who is still the school's all-time rushing leader with 2,240 yards. In 1973 he set U.P. track records of 9.9 in the 100-yard dash and 58-feet-7 in the shot put that still stand. He was a two-time Mid-American Conference pick at tight end for Central Michigan University and was the punter on the school's 1974 NCAA Division II championship team.

JOHNNIE SEYMOUR, Escanaba (1982), an internationally-known motorcycle racer in the 1920s and a pioneer in the sport who competed throughout the world. Listed in the 1944 Encyclopedia of Sports as the holder of five American Motorcycle Association records, he also raced in the Indianapolis 500.

EDWIN W. SHADFORD, Negaunee (1980), who coached Negaunee High to its first state basketball title and its first unbeaten football season in 1930. A member of the Eastern Michigan and Michigan High School Coaches Halls of Fame, the Ypsilanti High football field is named in his honor.

PAUL SHARKEY, Menominee (1991), a high school and college athlete who was inducted into the Michigan Tech Hall of Fame in 1989 and the Northern Intercollegiate Conference Hall of Fame in 1990.

MICHAEL SHATUSKY, Menominee (1982), a four-sport athlete at Menominee High where he was all-state in football and won four events in the 1948 U.P. track championships. He was a halfback and punter in football for Michigan after the Korean War and was a high school coach in California.

ROBERT SHEMKY, Crystal Falls (1990), an all-state basketball player and all-U.P. football player at Crystal Falls High School and a three-sport athlete at Michigan. He coached St. Joseph's (Ind.) College to an NAIA national football championship in the '50s.

JOHN SHERF, Calumet (1979), played four years on Calumet High's undefeated teams, at Michigan in 1932-33-34 where he set a league scoring record, with the NHL champion Detroit Red Wings in 1935-36, and with the New York Rangers.

GEORGE SHOMIN, Escanaba (1983), an all-state football tackle at Escanaba High in 1941. He played football at Notre Dame in 1942 and competed in track at Michigan State after serving in the Marines in WWII. He was one of 16 finalists for the U.S. Olympic team in the decathlon in 1948.

EDWARD SIMONICH, Ironwood (1977), a 12-letter athlete at Ironwood High and a fullback at Notre Dame under coach Elmer Layden. He coached an unbeaten, untied and unscored upon team at Carroll (Mont.) College and was the coach of all sports at Montana Tech in the 1950s and 1960s.

BERNARD SLIGER, Trout Creek (1991), the president of Florida State University and strong voice among college presidents in the NCAA. He served as the NCAA's Division I chairperson.

NORMAN SLOUGH, Manistique (1986), who won 10 varsity letters at both Manistique High and NMU. He had a 75% winning basketball coaching record at Rapid River High, was a founder of the Central U.P. Athletic League, and was a high school and college official for 42 years.

STU SMITH, Crystal Falls (1987), the long-time coach at Vulcan and Crystal Falls high schools whose teams won U.P. championships in three sports. In 32 seasons, his cage squads won 372 games, eight district and two regional titles, and were state finalists in 1981.

IRVING "BING" SODERLUND, Norway (1989), served on the MHSAA Representative Council for 12 years and the U.P. Athletic Committee for 21 years. A coach at Powers-Spalding and Norway Highs, he was athletic director, principal and superintendent at Norway, and an athletic official for 17 years.

GUS SONNENBERG, Marquette (1972), world heavyweight wrestling champion in 1929 and NMU Sports Hall of Famer. He played on 1915-16 U.P. champion basketball and football teams at Marquette High, college football at NMU and Dartmouth where he was an All-American, and pro football with Portsmouth and Detroit.

RON STEINER, Iron Mountain (1999), regarded as one of the best all-around athletes produced at Iron Mountain High School, he earned 12 varsity letters and was a prep All-American football pick. He earned three letters in basketball and football at the University of Wisconsin and helped the Badgers win the Big Ten title and a Rose Bowl berth in 1960. He spent 30 years as a football coach and was WSUC Coach of the Year at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point in 1977. He also coached baseball at Stevens Point.

WILFRED "CHUM" STEINHOFF, Munising (1990), active for nearly half a century in sports as a participant, organizer, promoter, and coach. He helped organize the U.S. Snowmobile Association-Central Division and was a three-time scoring leader in USSA-CD races.

ROSEMARY STEVENSON, Stalwart (1990), an outfielder for the Grand Rapids Chicks of the American Girls Professional Baseball League in the 1950s. She was among the "Women in Baseball" honored at the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1988 in Cooperstown, N.Y.

EARL STOLBERG, Iron Mountain (1997), a three-sport letterman at Iron Mountain High School, he set a U.P. pole vault record - using a bamboo pole of 12-feet-3 in the 1930s and stood until 1972. A 1940 All-American pole vaulter at Marquette University, Stolberg set a school record of 14-feet, 1 inch. He is a member of the Marquette University Sports Hall of Fame.

JACK STREIDL, Menominee (1986), a Golden Gloves Boxing Champion and a tackle on Western Michigan's unbeaten 1941 football team, he coached Plainwell High to 202 grid victories. He is a member of the WMU Athletic, MHSAA, and the Michigan High School Football Coaches Halls of Fame.

MIKE STROHL, Stephenson (1985), whose sports career has spanned six decades as an athlete, promoter and booster. A standout athlete at Daggett High, he has coached, managed, sponsored and promoted baseball and basketball, and has been an ardent supporter of athletics at Stephenson High.

BROCK STROM, Ironwood (1977), a 1958 All-American football tackle at the Air Force Academy. An all-state griddier at Ironwood High, he played at Indiana and the Air Force, captained the unbeaten 1958 Falcon team which played in the Cotton Bowl, and was a member of the Academy's first graduation class.

FLOSSIE STRONG, Ontonagon (1999), a four-time Upper Peninsula Ladies Golf Association champion, has played in every U.P. tournament since 1964, won titles in three decades and qualified for the championship flight every year through 1997. She has also won two Great Lakes Seniors championships, six U.P. Senior Women's championships and the Ontonagon Golf Club women's title 25 times. She also won the Boyne Country Club crown four straight years and served five years on the U.S. Golf Association committee.

JERRY SULLIVAN, Marquette (1998), was an All-American hockey player for Michigan Tech in 1962 and a three-time MVP of the Huskies (1960-62) and was MVP of the semipro Green Bay Bobcats (1962-63). He played for the semipro Marquette Iron Rangers. Was coach of Marquette's 1974 state championship PeeWee hockey team, and as head coach at Marquette High School for 19 years, guiding the Redmen to Class A state title in 1977 and 1988 and two runner-up finishes.

FRANCIS TALLENT, Menominee (1980), who scored 27 touchdowns, including nine in a single game, for Menominee High's great 1929 football team. He also starred in track as a sprinter and relay runner and later played semi-pro football before coaching more than 12 years in the grade school program.

KEVIN TAPANI, Escanaba (2007), a pitcher for five Major League baseball teams in a 13-year career, he compiled a 143-125 record with a 4.35 ERA. He helped the Minnesota Twins win the 1991 World Series by beating Atlanta in Game Two and also pitched for the New York Mets, Los Angeles Dodgers, Chicago White Sox and Chicago Cubs. He beat every Major League team except the Cubs and Tampa Bay, the only teams he never faced. He started 354 of the 361 games he pitched, posting nine shutouts and 26 complete games. A savvy pitcher who relied on excellent control (2.4 walks a game) in 2,265 innings. He spent four years pitching for Central Michigan University, going 43-16 with a no-hitter, and was drafted by the Oakland A's in 1986. He was quarterback of Escanaba High School's Class A state championship football team in 1981.

TOM TAYLOR, Newberry (1977), an all-state player who led Newberry High to undefeated football seasons in 1949-50-51. He was a three-time MVP at Albion and a Little All-American in 1957 and 1958 and coached Albion to an undefeated season in 1969 when he was Michigan College Coach of the Year.

NELLO "FUNGO" TEDESCHCHI, Iron Mountain (1993), was most talked-about pitcher in the area in the 1920s, he signed with the Chicago White Sox, but was let go in 1919 when the franchise released most of its minor league players. He then played for many years in Iron Mountain and Hibbing, Minnesota.

REX TERWILLIGER, Kingsford (2000), earned 15 letters at Farwell High School before becoming two - sport MVP at Northern Michigan University in football and track. Was named to the NMU the Hall of Fame in 1992. Spent 17 seasons as head football coach at Kingsford High School, compiling an 80 - 65 - 1. His coaching career has spanned six decades.

EDMUND J. THOMAS, Ishpeming (1984), a three-year football and four-year basketball player who was the co-captain of Ishpeming High's 1935 undefeated U.P. championship cage team. He played three seasons at Michigan where he is a Law School graduate.

TERRY THOMPSON, Ishpeming (2003), a two-time all-state high school basketball selection, Thompson was the top Class B scorer in the state in 1951 and 1952. He was an All-American pick in 1952 after concluding a career in which he led the Hematites to the Class B state championship in 1950 and an overall 60-5 record. After starting for one season at Ball State University, he transferred to Michigan Tech University and earned MVP honors. He then became a top player in the strong U.P. Independent League and led Ishpeming to several titles.

WILLIE THOMSEN, Menominee (1984), who was a 1936-37-38-39 member of the Iowa golf team where he was captain and undefeated in Big Ten match play his final two years and was a distance runner on the track team. He won numerous amateur golf tournaments and was a four-time U.P. champion.

DENNIS TIZIANI, Ironwood (1997), the University of Wisconsin golf coach was inducted into the Wisconsin Golf Hall of Fame in 1989. He spent three years on the PGA Tour and was the Wisconsin PGA Player of the Year in 1976 and 1982, Wisconsin State Open Champion in 1976, four-time Wisconsin PGA Medal Play Champion (1976, 1982, 1984 and 1994). He is a three-time Big Ten Coach of the Year.

LARRY TIZIANI, Ironwood (2005), A two-time Upper Peninsula Golf Association champion, he was, captain of The University of Minnesota golf team which reached the NCAA tournament in 1969. Tiziani turned pro in 1975 and has won several tournaments in Wisconsin, including the State Open (1975), Wisconsin PGA Senior title (1997,2002,2003), Wisconsin Senior Open (1999) and PGA Club Pro Championship (2004). He is a four-time Wisconsin Senior Player of Title Year and twice has been named the state's top teacher.

ALBERT TREADO, Michigamme/Kingsford (1977), a charter member of the NMU Sports Hall of Fame. He played on Michigamme High's 1926 state championship basketball team, coached at L'Anse, Ironwood and Negaunee, was a director of athletics, and served on the MHSAA Council.

JAMES E. TRETHERWEY, Marquette (1977), who promoted amateur sports as a writer and editor for The Mining Journal for more than 40 years. A member of the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame Selection Committee, he was the first executive director of the U.P. Sports Hall of Fame.

DAVE TUCKER, Ontonagon (1986), the football, basketball and track coach at Ontonagon High for 27 years where he was described as a "gentleman coach" and his cage teams won seven district titles and 326 games. He was the basketball MVP in 1956 and the team captain in 1957 at Minnesota.

CHARLES UKSILA, Calumet (1974), the first American born hockey player in the Stanley Cup playoffs. He played pro hockey with Detroit, Portland, Seattle and Vancouver, excelled in speed skating in the West, and was producer and choreographer of the famed Ice Capades for 10 years.

LINDA UREN, Iron Mountain (1991), a nine-time Upper Peninsula Women's Golf Association champion from 1964 to 1986. Seven titles came in an eight-year span and four were consecutive.

DEWEY "BUTCH" URQUHART, Ishpeming (1975), who played on Ishpeming High's 1916 team in a national basketball tournament and a football and basketball player at NMU and Michigan State. A semi-pro football and baseball player in the U.P., he was a high school official for 20 years.

MIKE USITALO, Calumet (2001), a four-sport athlete at Calumet High School, he made his niche in hockey at Michigan Tech University. He had a WCHA-record 28 goals as a freshman in 1970-71, had 71 goals in 61 games for the Huskies, and was drafted by the NHL's Los Angeles Kings in 1972. He helped the U.S. team win the World Championship in 1974 in Yugoslavia and was rookie of the year in the American Hockey League in 1974-75. He was an All-U.P. football player at Calumet and also played baseball and ran track, where he held school records in the 180-yard low hurdles (22.6) and long jump (20-feet, 8-inches).

DOMINIC M. VAIRO, Calumet (1976), 1934 football captain at Notre Dame and an All-American end after being a three-sport athlete at Calumet High. He was winner of UND's Kanaley Award as the most exemplary senior letterman and played pro football with the Green Bay Packers and Chicago Gunners.



DUANE VANDENBUSCHE, Rock, (2004), a track and cross country coach at Western State College in Gunnison, Colo. since 1971, he has led his men's cross country team to five Division II NCAA championships and one NAIA title and the women's cross country team to three Division II NCAA titles and one NAIA crown. Under his tutelage, 257 WSC student athletes have earned All-American honors, 28 men and 27 women have become national champions and three competed in the Olympics. He is a seven-time national Coach of the Year in cross country.

OLAF VICKLUND, Ironwood (1985), a member of Ironwood High's undefeated grid teams in the 1920s and the 1925 state championship club, he scored a record five touchdowns in one game for NMU in 1928. A member Northern's Sports Hall of Fame, he lettered in three sports and was a prep coach.

TOM VILLEMURE, Newberry (1977), the leading scorer in the state and an all-state basketball player in 1957 at Newberry High. He was a two-time MVP at Lake Superior State and led Detroit to the NIT in 1960 and 1961. His Grand Valley State teams have won more than 300 games. He is a member of the Lake Superior State Hall of Fame.

MARY AGNES WALL, Menominee (1973), recognized as the greatest woman golfer to come out of the U.P. She won three Michigan championships and was runner-up four times from 1942 through 1954 and competed on the national tour with the U.S. Golf Association Women's amateur program.

RON WARNER, Lake Linden (2000), captured two state football championships at Lake Linden - Hubbell High School, brought the Lakes to the state playoffs 12 times, reached the finals six times, and won 16 conference titles while compiling a 211-57-1 record in 27 seasons. He received a total of five state Coach of the Year Awards and was the Lakes' athletic director for 25 years.

BRUCE WARREN, Trout Creek/Gwinn (1978), who coached Trout Creek High to 240 wins, three state titles and one runner-up trophy. A member of Kalamazoo Central's unbeaten 1938 state championship grid team, he was a two-way griddier three years at Purdue. He coached at Trout Creek from 1951 to 1967.

OSCAR WASSBERG, Negaunee (1984), a founder of the U.P. All-Star football game and a member of the NMU Sports Hall of Fame where he won 11 varsity letters. A member of Negaunee High's 1924 U.P. champion cage team and NMU's undefeated 1929 football team, he was a long time coach.

C.C. WATSON, Ishpeming (1972), who coached Ishpeming High basketball teams to a 444-206 record in 37 seasons and captured 18 district and eight U.P. titles. He was state coach of the year in 1950 when his team won the state title and his 1934-36 clubs won 42 in a row.

WILLIAM WAYTULONIS, Crystal Falls (1992), a high school, college and semi-pro athlete and coach. He was an all-U.P. back in football at Crystal Falls as well as a basketball player and track man. He played on Marquette University grid teams that were unbeaten in 1931 and lost just once in 1932.

BUTCH WEDIN, Iron Mountain (1995), was a member of the 1960 U.S. Olympic ski jump team after winning the national championships and setting two consecutive North American distance records of 294 and 312 feet. In 1957, at age 16, he was the North American Junior champion. He was a member of the U.S. Ski team (1958-64).

GEORGE WEINGARTNER, Rock (1975), the coach of all sports at Rock High whose 1928 grid team was undefeated and unscored upon. His cage teams were state runners-up in 1930 and semi-finalists in 1931. He chaired the U.P. Athletic Committee and served on the MHSAA Representative Council 20 years.

BILLY WELLS, Menominee (1972), the Outstanding Player in the 1954 Rose Bowl when he scored two TDs for Michigan State. An all-around Menominee High athlete, he scored 17 touchdowns at MSU in 1951-52-53 and played five years in the NFL.

TOM WENDER, Iron Mountain (2007), he directed Iron Mountain High School to two state football championships (Class C in 1993 and Division 7 in 2000) and was 166-52 in 21 seasons. Iron Mountain also finished second once and made the state playoffs 14 times in that span. IMHS won eight titles in the ultra competitive Mid-Peninsula Conference. After retiring in 2005, he spent 2005 as an assistant coach at Saginaw Valley State University, then joined the Northern Michigan University football staff in 2006. He was instrumental in raising funds for new football bleachers, a new field house, running track, practice field, irrigation system, concession stand and outside sidewalks at the IMHS complex.

ARCHIE "BEAKS" WESTON, Sault Ste. Marie (1976), the starting quarterback at Michigan in 1917 who debuted with five touchdowns and was named to Walter Eckersall's All-American team. He was a member of Sault High's legendary 1913 team that was undefeated until bowing in the state title game.

ADMIRAL RINTOUL WHITNEY, Escanaba (2000), captain of three Escanaba High School football teams, including the 1907 unbeaten state championship team, played at Carroll College in Wisconsin, for Navy teams during World War I, and one season of professional football. He coached at Jefferson College, Louisiana and also worked as a major college referee. Whitney died in 1964.

JOHNNY WHITTAKER, Calumet (1998), an outstanding performer in hockey and fastpitch softball, helped Calumet-Larium win the McNaughton Cup in 1938. He also played hockey for teams in Baltimore and Chicago and earned all-star honor for Chicago's Midwest League champions in 1934.

CLAY WILLMAN, Kingsford, (2004), a 10-letterman in football, basketball and baseball at Kingsford High School, he was a four-year starting quarterback for Michigan Tech, winning the conference championship, setting school records and was named conference co-MVP as well as some small college All-American honors. He was named first-team quarterback for Michigan Colleges and Universities and was MVP in the Tri-State Semi-Pro League and was drafted by Boston (AFL), Minnesota (NFL) and Saskatchewan (CFL). He was inducted into Michigan Tech's Hall of Fame in 1995.

ROBERT WILLS, JR., Ishpeming (1991), an All-American softball player and college football player at Cal-Berkeley. He was MVP in the 1972 International Softball Congress World Championships.

JOHN D. WILSON, Greenland (1986), who coached Mass High to 59 consecutive wins and the 1948 state basketball championship. A basketball player and wrestler at Indiana, he came to Mass in 1940 where his cage teams won four district and two U.P. titles, and he also coached baseball.

WARREN "Whitey" WILSON, Manistique (2002), A three-sport letterman at Northern Michigan University, Whitey Wilson spent 37 years coaching four sports at Calumet, Marquette and Frankenmuth. A two-time state basketball coach of the year, he was 546-223 in basketball, 222-97 in golf and 129-121 in baseball. At Manistique High School, he competed in football, basketball and track and set a single-season basketball scoring record with 410 points as the Emeralds went 19-1 in 1952-53.

ROMAN YATCHAK, Wakefield (1984), the coach of all sports at Wakefield High for 16 years. His football teams won 90 games and the 1960 U.P. title, his cage teams won three districts and one regional title, his track teams won 35 meet titles, and he also coached baseball.

VINCENT "SLEEPY" YATCHAK, Wakefield (1979), an all-around Wakefield High athlete and a three-year griddier at Moorhead (Minn.) State. He played pro rugby in Canada and in the old American Football League prior to his death in World War II. The annual Yatchak Award goes to Moorhead's football MVP.

DR. TIM ZHULKIE, Ishpeming/Marquette (1990), a star athlete at Ishpeming High School and Marquette University. A four-sport prep athlete, he set U.P. dash records in track, was an all-state football, and was a two-way football player in college, excelling as a receiver.

GEORGE ZORICH, Wakefield (1987), a standout Wakefield High athlete in the 1930s, he played college football at Northwestern and in the 1942 College All-Star game. He was a starting guard for the 1946 world champion Chicago Bears of the NFL and also played for the Miami Seahawks and Baltimore Colts.

BEN ZUKOWSKI, Iron River (1989), a high school and semi-pro football player who competed until age 43. He played at Iron River High in 1929 and 1930, was at Wayne State University one season and played semi-pro with the Caspian Red Helmets, the Stambaugh All-Stars and the Iron County Steelers.

# HISTORY OF THE U.P. SPORTS HALL OF FAME

A sports hall of fame to honor men and women from Michigan's Upper Peninsula was a dream for many years. It had been talked about often in the '50s and '60s.

The U.P. Sportswriters Association, forerunner of the current U.P. Sportswriters and Sportscasters Association, got as far as organizing a committee in 1960 to investigate the project.

Former Northern Michigan University President Edgar L. Harden talked about it in 1965 and expressed a willingness to having it housed on the NMU campus.

The dream came true in March of 1972 when the Upper Peninsula Sports Hall of Fame Council held its first induction dinner in the Great Lakes Rooms of NMU's Don H. Bottum University Center.

Among the many who worked to get the Council organized were the late C.V. "Red" Money, Northern's former athletics director, coach, and physical education department head, and the late Jim Trethewey, long-time sports writer who became editor of the Marquette *Mining Journal*.

The members of the first Council, who were selected because of their interest in U.P. sports as administrators, coaches, officials, and media members met to approve a Constitution and By-Laws, prepared by Trethewey, in January of 1971.

They were long-time coach Art Allen of Iron River, coach and administrator Dick Bonifas of Manistique, Michigan Tech Athletic Director Al Bovard and Ted Kearly of Houghton, NMU Athletic Director Gil Canale of Marquette, Lake Superior State Athletic Director Ron Cooper of Sault Ste. Marie, newspaper editor Ray Crandall of Iron Mountain, newspaperman Larry Ebsch of Menominee, Gogebic Community College coach Gene Farrell of Ironwood, MTU Sports Information Director Dennis Hanks of Houghton, NMU Sports Information Director Gil Heard of Marquette, Norman "Boots" Kukuk of Marquette, newspaperman Dick Loranger of South Range, newspaperman Gene Maki of Wakefield, LSSU Sports Information Director Dennis McPherson of Sault Ste. Marie, newspaperman Tom Pellow of Gwinn, broadcaster Jim Pinar of Escanaba, Paul Suomi, ex-officio NMU, Money and Trethewey.

Trethewey was the Council's first Executive Director and Bovard served as the first President.

Still active are Allen and Maki.

Criteria for Council membership has changed over the past 20 years. All members are now selected at-large, based on attrition.

The 1972 organizing meeting also marked the first election of inductees, selected from a list of legendary U.P. sports figures compiled by Trethewey.

Charter inductees were: Taffy Abel, Hunk Anderson, Eddie Chambers, Doc Gibson, George Gipp, John MacInnes, Fred Norcross, Gene Ronzani, Gus Sonnenberg, C.C. Watson, and Billy Wells.

Hall of Fame plaques were first publicly displayed in the Superior Room of the Bottum University Center. When the displays outgrew the wall space, the City of Marquette, offered space in the Marquette Lakeview Arena. Lakeview was home to the Hall of Fame until 1997 when it was moved to the Pine Mountain Resort in Iron Mountain.

Hall of Fame sponsored activities include All Star Basketball games, for boys and girls (started in 1986), All Star Hockey (started in 1996), and a Hall of Fame Golf Outing (started in 1996). All proceeds from these events go to the Hall of Fame Academic/Athletic Scholarship Program which began in 1997.

The Council currently honors ten people annually, three of whom must be from the Pre-1960 or Deceased category.

The Council accepts only written nominations which must contain biographical information on the nominee's athletic related activities. This can be submitted in narrative form or outline form. Additional material, such as newspaper clippings and letters of support, can be very beneficial. All nominations remain on permanent file and may be added to any time.

Nominations should be addressed to Dennis Grall, Secretary, U.P. Sports Hall of Fame, 600 Ludington St. Escanaba, Michigan 49829-1940, and must be received by June 1 to be considered at the next annual meeting. The secretary copies and distributes the nominations to Council members who cast their ballots solely on the basis of written information. Only in extremely rare cases is there discussion and non-Council members cannot speak at the selection meeting.

The nominee must be a native of the Upper Peninsula or a person who has accomplished his/her feats while residing in the U.P.

# ALL-TIME LIST OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

MEMBER (CITY)	YEARS SERVED	MEMBER (CITY)	YEARS SERVED
Arthur Allen (Manistique)	1972-	Dick Loranger★(South Range)	1972-88
Harold Anderson (Stambaugh)	1977-96	Gene Maki (Wakefield)	1972-
Richard Bonifas★(Manistique)	1972-88	Jim Mattson (L'Anse)	1991-93
Alan Bovard★(Houghton)	1972-74	Malcolm McNeil (Crystal Fall)	1987-96
Gil Canale (Marquette)	1972-93	Dennis McPherson (Sault Ste. Marie)	1972-78
Denny Chartier (Iron Mountain)	1998-	C.V. Money★(Marquette)	1972-77
Ron Cooper (Sault Ste. Marie)	1972-90	Robert Money (Sault Ste. Marie)	1991-96
Ray Crandall★(Iron Mountain/Bark River)	1972-00	Web Morrison (Pickford)	1981-94
Bill Crawford (Sault Ste. Marie)	2000-	Douglas Nord (Kingsford)	1990-98
Alvin Cummings★(Kingsford)	1975-84	Dan Ojala (Ewen)	1990-92
Fred DeVuono, (Sault Ste. Marie)	2006-	Nancy Osier (Wakefield)	1995-
Karl Dickson (Escanaba)	1981-	Jim Partanen (Bessemer)	2007-
Larry Ebsch (Menominee)	1972-93	Jerry Pangrazzi (Marquette)	1985-90
Robert Erkkila (Calumet)	2001-	Tom Paternoster★(Kingsford)	1972-76
Gene Farrell (Ironwood)	1972-74	Tom Pellow★(Gwinn)	1972-89
Frank Fazi★(Sault Ste. Marie)	1996-2005	Barbara Perry (Iron Mountain)	1990-96
Bill Givens★(Hancock)	1993-01	Jim Pinar (Escanaba)	1972-75
Dennis Grall (Escanaba)	1974-80, 1992-	Craig Remsburg (Marquette)	1986-
Rod Guizzetti (Munising)	1994-	Frank Rodman (Hermansville)	1975-
Dave Hallgren (Negaunee)	2005-	Larry Rubick (Newberry)	1990-
Dennis Hanks (Houghton)	1972-74	Jerry Saundri (Marquette)	1983-92
Jerry Hautala (Crystal Falls)	1996-01	Cathy Shamion (Ontonagon)	2001-
Gil Heard★(Marquette)	1972-92	Bob Staple (Kingsford)	1996-03
Bill Houghton (Marquette)	1993-94	Paul Suomi (Marquette)	1972-91
Ted Kearly (Hancock)	1973-	Steve Swanson (Ishpeming)	1993-
Bob Krysiak (Menominee)	1994-	Rex Terwilliger (Iron Mountain)	2004-
John Krznarich★(Ironwood)	1975-99	Duane Tirschel (Iron Mountain)	1994-
Norman Kukuk (Big Bay)	1979-04	Jim Trethewey★(Marquette)	1972-86
Dave Lahtinen (Gladstone)	2000-	Joe Vestich★(Watersmeet)	1997- 2006
Jim Lamoreaux (St. Ignace)	1991-	★Deceased	

## OFFICERS

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Jim Trethewey (1972-73)  
 C.V. Money (1974-77)  
 Norman Kukuk (1979-90)  
 Gil Canale (1991-92)  
 Bill Houghton (1993-94)  
 Duane Tirschel (1994-07)  
 Denny Chartier (2007- )

### PRESIDENT

Alan Bovard (1972-73)  
 Tom Pellow (1974-75)  
 Ray Crandall (1976-81)  
 Ron Cooper (1982-83)  
 Gene Maki (1984-85)  
 Art Allen (1986-90)  
 Larry Ebsch (1991-92)  
 Malcolm McNeil (1993-94)  
 Larry Rubick (1994-1997)  
 Bill Givens (1997-1999)  
 Nancy Osier (1999-07)  
 Rod Guizzetti (2007- )

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 Ron Cooper (1976-81)  
 Gene Maki (1982-83)  
 Art Allen (1984-85)  
 Web Morrison (1986-92)  
 Larry Rubick (1993-94)  
 Bill Givens (1994-97)  
 Nancy Osier (1997- 1999)  
 Rod Guizzetti (1999-07)  
 Cathy Shamion (2007- )

### SECRETARY

Gil Heard (1972-92)  
 Dennis Grall (1992- )

### TREASURER

Gil Canale (1972-93)  
 Steve Swanson (1993- )

**The U.P. Sports Hall of Fame is located at the Pine Mountain Resort in Iron Mountain  
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## Procedure for Nomination of Candidates

1. Any person other than a Hall of Fame Council Member may nominate a candidate for membership into the Upper Peninsula Sports Hall of Fame.
2. Nominations must include a biography of the candidate, i.e., the sports history of the individual in either paragraph or outline form, and supporting data such as newspaper clippings if possible. Letters of recommendation are welcome but not mandatory. Include the nominee's current address, if living, or nearest of kin, if deceased.
3. Nominations should be sent to Dennis Grall, Secretary, Upper Peninsula Sports Hall of Fame, 600 Ludington St., Escanaba, MI 49829-1940 or via email to: dgrall@dailypress.net Phone: (906)786-2021.
4. Nominations received by June 1 each year will be considered at the annual selection meeting.
5. Once a nomination is received, the nominee remains under permanent consideration for election to the Hall of Fame.
6. Additional supporting information for any nominee is welcome at any time.

## Procedure for Election of Candidates

1. The secretary will provide all members of the Hall of Fame Council with copies of all nominations at least two weeks prior to the annual selection meeting.
2. No member of the Council shall be permitted to vote for Hall of Fame members by absentee ballot. All ballots must be cast in person at the Hall of Fame election meeting.
3. In making selections, the Council will:
  - a. Name up to ten persons annually, three of whom shall be from the "Pre-1960" category.
  - b. Have the prerogative to name one additional inductee annually.
  - c. Have the prerogative to amend the number of annual inductees.
4. The Council will be guided by the following restrictions:
  - a. Athletes must have completed their sports careers at least five years before the date of election.
  - b. Coaches, promoters and other persons must have been in the profession at least 15 years or be retired.
  - c. Deceased candidates are exempt from all restrictions.



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