

2011/2012 Elida Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees



JAMES DALLY

As a college student, Jim Dally attended the University of Toledo. He received two letters in football and one in baseball.

Jim Dally coached a variety of sports for 25 years at Elida High School. Though he is most often associated with football, he coached baseball and track as well. During that time (1968-1992), he was named Coach of the year (1970, 1982). In 1969, he established the Football Mom's Club. In 1970, his team became NWL Champions. He was Coach of the 1979 Ohio Football All Star Game. In 1982 and again in 1992, his team became WBL Champs and went on to the Football Playoffs. He served as the assistant coach for the OHSAA North-South All Star Games from 1984-1992. During his amazing football coaching career, he amassed a record of 137-105-5.

Jim Dally has served as a board member for the Ohio Football Coaches Association. He has been recognized by the ONU Alumni "N" men for contributions to football in NW Ohio. In 2000, Jim was inducted into the Ohio HS Football Hall of Fame.



JENNIFER (PHILLIPS) BRENNING

During her years as a student at Elida High School, Jennifer Phillips played volleyball, basketball, and softball. She earned 12 varsity letters.

In basketball, Jennifer was named 1997 WBL Player of the Year, District Player of the Year, 1st Team All State. She played on the State Runner Up Team in 1995 and the State Championship Team in 1997.

Her college basketball career at Xavier University earned her more athletic honors: Atlantic 10 Player of the Year, Atlantic 10 Conference Tournament Player of the Year, AP Honorable Mention All American, Co-captain 2001, Paul J. O'Connor Award 2001. She was nominated for NCAA Woman of the Year in 2001 and was a NCAA participant in 1999, 2000. Jennifer was a WNIT participant in 1998. She is in the top ten "all time" statistics for Xavier in 8 different categories and was inducted into the Xavier Hall of Fame in 2006. She was drafted in the 3rd round by the Charlotte Sting.

Jennifer is currently an Intervention Specialist at Hilliard Bradley High School in her 6th year of teaching.



HERBERT N. STRAYER

Posthumous Award

Herb made the most of his junior/senior years at Elida High School. He played football, basketball, baseball and track, earning varsity letters in all 4 sports. He also served as co-captain for football, basketball & baseball both years and was voted Best Elida Athlete both years. Herb was the leading rusher in football, top scorer in basketball, leading hitter for average in baseball, and a member of the track relay team.

Herb went on to play quarterback and defensive back at Ohio Northern University. He lettered in football all 4 years, served as co-captain of football team his senior year. He played baseball 4 years, lettered 3 years, and was co-captain his senior year. He was a pitcher, first baseman and played outfield.

Before beginning his career at ONU, Herb was a teacher/coach at Watkins Memorial and Eastwood High Schools and an assistant football coach, head wrestling coach and head baseball coach at Hanover College. He served as head baseball coach at ONU from 1971 until his death in 2002. He is the all-time winningest coach in ONU history and was named Ohio Athletic Conference Coach of the Year 6 times. His teams won Ohio Athletic Conference Championships 4 times. Herb was inducted into the ONU Hall of Fame - 1983.