

2010/2011 Elida Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees

VICKI MAUK was a 1976 graduate of Bath High School and a 1980 graduate of Ohio Northern University. She also earned her Masters in Sports Management in 1991. While at ONU, Vicki earned 12 letters (4 volleyball, 4 basketball, 4 softball). She was All-State in basketball and All-Ohio, All-Region, All-State, and NAIA West Region All-Tournament Team in volleyball.

Prior to coming to Elida, Vicki coached successfully at Delphos Jefferson in 1982 (13-6) and Kalida High School from 1983-1986 (67-23). She came to Elida to teach health and physical education, and also to coach.

At the end of her 42-year life, Vicki Mauk left behind an astonishing legacy for Elida High School's girl's sports program:

- Vicki was the Varsity Assistant Softball Coach for 18 years
- She was the Varsity Assistant Volleyball Coach for 18 years
- She was the Head Volleyball Coach for 10 years compiling a record of 131-81, one League Championship, and at least one Sectional Championship
- From 1987-2000, Vicki was the Head Girl's Basketball Coach with a record of 228-78, winning 5 League Championships (1990, 1992, 1995, 1997, 2000), 2 undefeated regular seasons (1992, 1995), 7 Sectional Championships (1989, 1990, 1992, 1995, 1996, 1997, 2000), 6 District Championships (1989, 1990, 1992, 1995, 1997, 2000), 3 Regional Championships (1990, 1995, 1997), 1 Regional Runner-up (1989), 1 State Championship (1997), and 2 State Runners-up (1990, 1995)

Vicki Mauk was inducted into the Ohio Northern University Hall of Fame in 1996 and the YWCA Hall of Fame in 1995. She was honored as the Division II Coach of the Year in 1995, the WBL Basketball Coach of the Year 5 times, and the WBL Volleyball Coach of the Year once.

Beyond the amazing statistics/records, Vicki also had an amazing impact on so many of her player's lives. She was a tremendous role model who cared for her players as athletes, as students, and as people. Her motto was one that tells us all about Vicki as a person and as a coach: *DO NOT FOLLOW WHERE THE PATH MAY LEAD – GO INSTEAD WHERE THERE IS NO PATH AND LEAVE A TRAIL.*

RALPH RIEGLE earned 2 varsity letters in baseball, 3 varsity letters in basketball, and 4 varsity letters in football during his Elida High School career. In 1945, he set a state football scoring record (199 points in 9 games) for a team that was undefeated and unscored on! He was named 2nd Team All-Ohio in football that year. Also in 1945, he was a member of the baseball team that was undefeated during regular season play. In 1946, he set an Elida rushing record while scoring 189 points in 9 games and earning recognition as a member of the All-Ohio Football Team (a first in Elida's history).

Ralph won 1st Team League Honors in all 3 major sports and won a college scholarship to Michigan State where he earned a letter for football as a starting running back. Unfortunately, Ralph suffered a head injury in a car accident and was unable to play after 1947.

Ralph helped to incorporate the Elida Boosters Club and was a lifetime member. He was also a lifelong season ticket holder, helping Coach Art Schreiber analyze games.

Ralph continued his love affair with sports by umpiring for many years for the Lima Parks and Recreation Department, coaching Lima Senior Girls GAA teams in 1967 and 1968. He continued to play baseball for Ford and Forest Park Church teams. He served as an assistant coach for a West Ohio Gas midget football. He also coached in the Westwood/Elks Knothole basketball league.

Ralph was a charter member of the Forest Park Church Board of Directors, serving in a variety of offices until his death. He was a finalist for Ford's "Town Crier" Award (for community service). He served as the Vice President of Westwood PTA. He was an assistant group leader for Forest Park United Methodist's Church Boy Scout 102, which won the Klondike Derby.

JIM MARTZ played 4 years of baseball and 4 years of basketball at Gomer High School, winning 4 varsity letters for each sport! He led the 1956 Gomer High School team to the Regional baseball finals with a 13-0 pitching record. In 1956, he was named All-District and All-State in baseball with a .536 batting average. In 1956, he was named to the All-County Basketball Team with an 18.5 PPG average. During his senior year of high school, Jim signed a major league baseball contract with the Chicago Cubs.

Jim went on to work as a major league baseball scout for 32 years. He began scouting with Baltimore, and also scouted for the California Angels, the Major League Scouting Bureau and the Atlanta Braves. He was a contributing member of the scouting staff for the 1970 World Champion Baltimore Orioles and the 1995 World Champion Atlanta Braves. In 2001, Jim was nominated for the Midwest Scout of the Year for his work with the Atlanta Braves.

Jim also was involved in Elida's baseball program in the 1960's, working as a pitching coach for Head Coach Dick Prince.

Jim scouted and reported on over 200 high school and college players that eventually played in the Major Leagues. Jim continues to be an ambassador of baseball in the community speaking to service clubs, high schools and counseling aspiring your baseball players and their families.