2013/2014 Elida Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees



KEN ROETHLISBERGER

Ken is a 1974 graduate of Elida High School. During his high school years, Ken earned 4 varsity letters in baseball, 3 in football and 2 in basketball. He was voted the Lima News Most Outstanding Scholar Athlete in 1974.

FOOTBALL: Ken earned First Team All-City honors and was the recipient of the Golden Helmet Award, both in 1973. He played in the Ohio North/South All-Star Football Game in 1974.

BASEBALL: Ken played for the state Acme baseball championship team in 1973 and he received WBL First Team honors in 1974.

BASKETBALL: Ken garnered both First Team All-City honors and First Team WBL honors in 1974.

Ken was one of the most recruited athletes in Elida history. After high school graduation, Ken went to Georgia Tech as a scholarship athlete to play football. After 2 injuries (a knee and appendectomy), he played baseball for Georgia Tech. He pitched a pre-season game against the Atlanta Braves.

Ken is now retired and living in Pennsylvania, outside of Pittsburgh. He and his wife, Brenda, enjoy following their son Ben, their grandson Ben Jr., and their daughter Carlee.



Denise M. Stemen

Denise is a 1984 graduate of Elida High School. During her high school years, she played 3 years of volleyball and basketball and 4 years of softball. She was a Co-Captain of each team for 2 years. She was named All-Sports Queen in 1984. She was recognized by the Lima Area Chamber of Commerce as a winner in both the volleyball and basketball categories. At the time, she was the second athlete to receive the honor in 2 categories.

VOLLEYBALL: Denise was the recipient of the following honors: District 8 Honorable Mention 1982, WBL Honorable Mention 1982, District 8 First Team 1983, WBL First Team 1983, District 8 All-Star Match 1983, MVP 1983, and All-State All-Star Match 1983. At the college level, Denise won a full 4-year athletic scholarship to Ohio University where she was a 3-year letter winner and 3-time MAC Player-of-the-Week.

BASKETBALL: Denise garnered many basketball awards including: All-City Honorable Mention 1983, WBL Special Mention 1983, All-City First Team 1984, City Scoring Leader for 8 weeks (198 points), WBL First Team 1984, District 8 First Team 1984, District 8 All-Star Game 1984, Team MVP 1984, and was selected for the Nancy Rehm Memorial All-Star Game, Ohio/Indiana All-Stars 1984. Team honors included WBL Champs 1983, Sectional Champs 1983, and District Runner-Up 1983. Denise currently holds the record for the most rebounds in a single game (24).

SOFTBALL: Denise's softball awards included: WBL Second Team 1982, WBL First Team 1983 and 1984, and Team MVP 1984. Team honors included WBL Champs 1981, 1982 and 1983, State Finalist 1982, and District Runner-Up 1983. At the college level, Denise was a 3-year letter winner at Ohio University and was also the Team Captain.

Denise went on to teach at the high school level for 10 years in Broward County, Florida. She also coached girls' volleyball for 10 years, boys' volleyball for 5 years, and girls' golf for 3 years.

In 1999, Denise became a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. She is currently a Supervisory Special Agent in the Miami Field Division, investigating domestic terrorism, weapons of mass destruction and bombing matters. She received the FBI's most dedicated award in 2009 and the FBI Director's Award for her work on an International Cyber Intrusion Investigation.