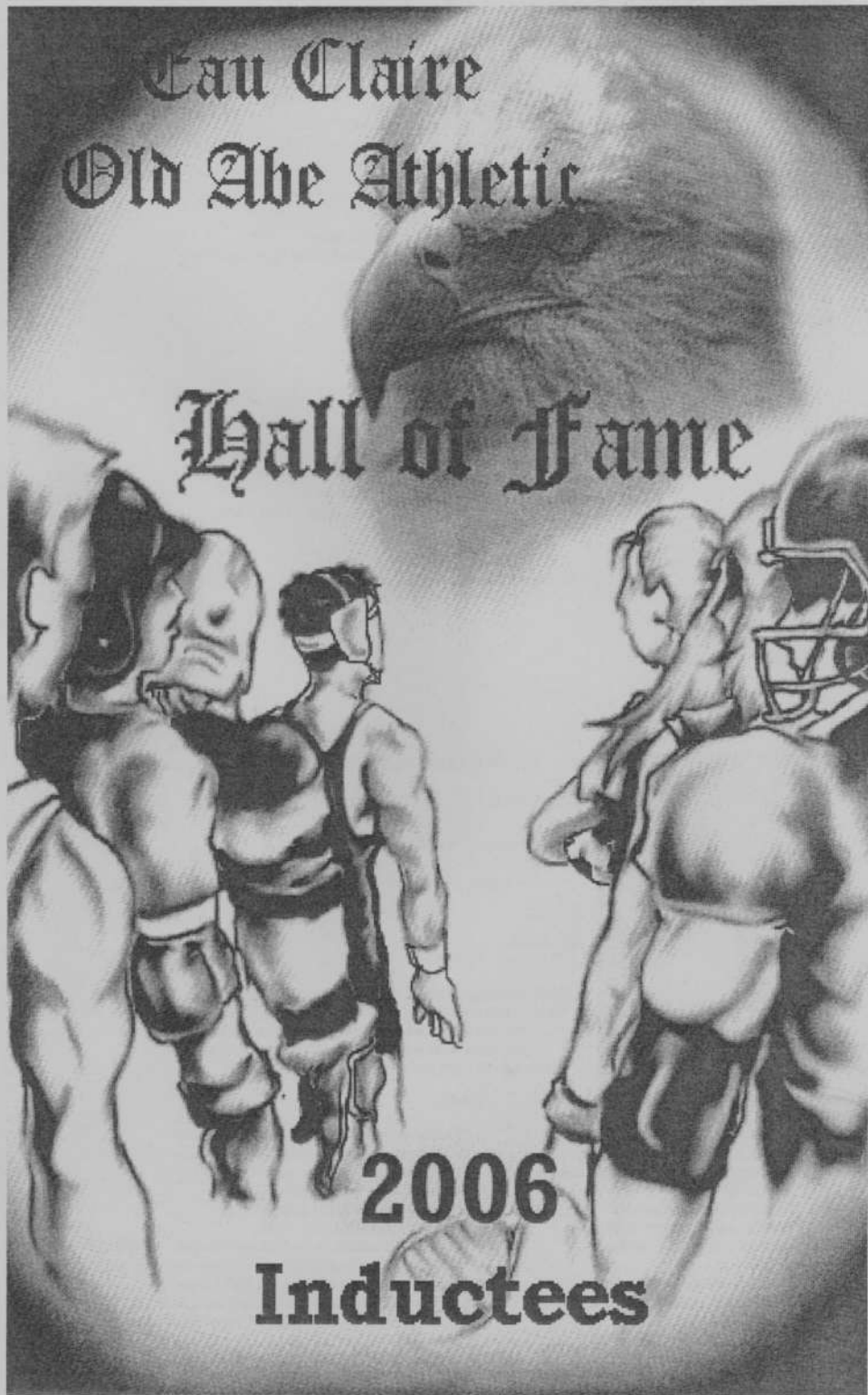


Eau Claire
Old Abe Athletic

Hall of Fame

2006

Inductees





BEN BERKEY - CLASS OF 1995

High School:

Diving

- *BRC All-Conference - 1993, 1994, and 1995
- *Sectional Diving Champion - 1995
- *WIAA State Meet:
 - 1993 - 17th place
 - 1994 - 9th place
 - 1995 - 1st place
- 1995 State Diver of the Year
- 1994 and 1995 All-State Diving Team member

Football

- *1991 and 1992

College: U of Wisconsin-Madison

Diving

- *Varsity diver: 1995-1999
 - 1996 - Most improved diver
 - 1997 - Most valuable diver
 - 1998 and 1999 - Received Badger Pride Award
- *Co-captained men's swimming and diving team - 1998-1999

Other:

- *Diving Coach - UW-EC - 2000-2002
- *Received Army Reserve Athletic Award in high school



DENNY BOHMAN - CLASS OF 1959 (Algoma, WI)

High School:

Basketball

- *2 year starter *Leading scorer as a senior

Baseball

- *2 year starter as shortstop and pitcher

College:

Basketball

- *Lettered - 4 years

Athletic Director: 1988-1998

- *Introduced athletic code signing
- *Created one Memorial Booster Club by consolidating - all individual sport booster clubs into one generating \$70,000-\$80,000 per year

Coaching:

Basketball - 20 years

- *1 yr. Soph coach: 1964-65
- *19 years JV & varsity assistant coach: 1965-1984
- *JV record about 290 wins and 40
- *Went to state 12 times in 20 years
- *Worked with 4 head coaches

Baseball

- *JV coach and varsity assistant 1964-67
- *Won 2 state tournaments
- *Head Coach 1967-72
- *Record 84-41 (No conference)
- *State champs - 1968
- *Lost in State Semi's - 1970
- *Lost in State Semi's 2-1 in 16 innings - 1972

Other:

- *Helped establish E.C. Old Abe Hall of Fame
- *Charter and present member of E.C./Seymour Lions
- *President - 3 years
- *Chaired major fund raisers
- *Received their highest awards
- *Birch Strum and Melvin Jones
- *Officiated football, basketball and baseball - for over 30 years
- *Officiated state tournaments in all three sports (9 total)
- *President/Director of Seymour Ball League
- *Coached T-Ball, Little League and Babe Ruth
- *Coached Senior Babe Ruth for City of Eau Claire.

JIM BOWMAN - CLASS OF 1953



High School:

Football

- *Captain as senior *Played defense as a sophomore
- *Started both ways junior and senior years *Defensive back
- *Offense: halfback as junior *Fullback and end as senior
- *First team All-Northwest - 1952 *Key Career Stats
- *Caught pass in last minute for a 7-0 win
- *Had 99 yard kickoff return for TD and made pass reception for extra point in 7-6 win
- *Had 2 TD passes, two key tackles and fumble recovery in game
- *Punted: Had 68 yard punt

Track

- *Lettered 4 years *Captain as senior
- *Held school shot put record from 1952-1966 *Qualified for state
- *Sophomore - 880 relay *Junior - Shot put and 100 yard dash (placed 5th)
- *Senior- Shot put and long jump

College:

Football

- *Had scholarship to Montana State, but attended UW-EC
- *Played on year and joined the army
- *Played on the UW-EC championship team after the army - 1956
- *Health reasons ended his football career
- *Track team number in 1955 and 1956

Other:

- *31 year career teacher, counselor and administrator
- *Served on many committees and projects

JOHN COGGINS - CLASS OF 1959



High School:

Football

- *Varsity 1958-1959 *Co-captain - 1959
- *Quarterback and defensive back *Team record 6-2: 1959
- *Passed for a school record 167 yards with 3 touchdowns against Chippewa Falls

Basketball

- *Varsity 2 years *Captain - 1959 *Team assist leader - 1959
- *First Team All-Conference and All Northwest - 1959
- *Played in State Tournament 1958 and 1959
- *Second Team All Tournament - 1959
- *Second Team All-State - 1959

Track and Field

- *Lettered 2 years *Ran hurdles, relays and long jumped

College: UW-LaCrosse

Basketball

- *Captain 1964 and 1965
- *Lettered 4 years *Conference Champs - 1964 and 1965
- *All-Conference - 1965 *Set school assist record for season (116)
- *Most valuable player -1965 *First Team All-Conference
- *NAIA All-District 14 Special Mention - 1965
- *Played in NAIA Tournament - 1964
- *Selected to Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges
- *Inducted into UW-LaCrosse Wall of Fame - 1996

Other:

- *YMCA youth and physical director in Fond du Lac - 1965-1970
- *Served on Eau Claire YMCA board of directors - 1965-1970
- *Strong Kids Campaign volunteer
- *Served as YMCA coach and adult men's basketball supervisor for several years

GREG DICK - CLASS OF 1975



High School:

Basketball

- *Undefeated in BRC: 1974 and 1975.
- *Leading rebounder
- *Ranked as number 1 team in the state.
- *Lost in Quarter-Finals

Golf

- *WIAA state medalist by shooting a course.
Record 67 in final round-1974
- *Team won the WIAA State Championship-1974

College: Northern Illinois University

Golf

- *Selected Playboy All-American: 1977
- *Padre Island Intercollegiate Champion: 1977 and 1978
- *Mid-American Conference Individual Champion: 1978
- *NCAA Division I All-American: 1978 and 1979

Other:

Golf

- *Wisconsin State Junior Champion-1973
- *Wisconsin State Amateur Champion-1980
- *Wisconsin State Open Champion - 1983
- *Was one of 2 in Wisconsin golf history to win the State High school, State Amateur and State Open Championships.

STAN DUFRANE - CLASS OF 1949



High School:

Football

- *Played 3 years
- *Starting end on offense and defense - 1948

Basketball

- *Played 4 years
- *Starting guard as junior and senior
- *Captain
- *Was one of the leading scorers
- *Took 2nd in state 1948 and lost in semi-finals, 1949

Baseball

- *1 year

Tennis

- *Played 3 years *Captain *Won the regional each year

College: UW-EC 1949-1953

Basketball

- *Started 4 years
- *Co-captain
- *9th all-time scorer
- *Held record for most points in game - 40 (also had 35 and 38 points)
- *Held free throw records - 1953
- *Most in game (19) and most in two games (37)
- *Most in single season (169 in 21 games)
- *Shot two handed until senior, then shot 80% one handed
- *Team won District 14 Championship and played in the NAIA National Tournament

Tennis

- *Lettered 4 years
- *Captain

Coaching: 30 years

- *Coached basketball, tennis, football, track, cross country and golf
- *Coached at Port Washington, LaCrosse Central, Janesville Craig High Schools and UW-Platteville

Basketball (at Janesville)

- *Won several conference titles
- *Voted coach of the year each time
- *Second in state twice

Tennis

- *Won 7 of 8 conference championships

Other:

- *Very active competitively in tennis since retirement
- *Won more than 50 tournaments between 1986-2006
- *Inducted to the Janesville, UW-EC and Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Halls of Fame

JEFF ELLENSON - CLASS OF 1965



High School:

Basketball

- *Was a swimmer and would have gone out for the swim team but Coach Gibbs recruited him for basketball
- *Chosen the first and only captain under Coach Gibbs 9 year career
- *As junior averaged 16 points and 12 rebounds per game
- *Selected 2nd team All-Conference
- *As senior averaged 20 points and 16 rebounds per game
- *Team took 2nd place in the WIAA State Tournament
 - *Leading scorer (66 points) and rebounder (48) in three games
 - *Lost Finals 74-71: Scored 31 points and had 13 rebounds
- *Voted All-City, All-Northwest, All-Conference, and All-State (as senior)

College:

Basketball

U of Minnesota-Duluth

- *Leading scorer and rebounder
- *All-Conference one year
- *Transferred to UW-EC
- UW-EC
 - *As a junior was scoring leader (1972)
 - *Voted All-Conference and NAIA Third Team All-American
 - *Senior year was scoring leader again (1973)
 - *Team MVP
 - *Voted All-Conference
 - *Voted All-District
 - *Voted Honorable Mention All-American

Other:

Basketball

- *Toured Europe playing for the Gillette
- *Professional Team: 2 years
- *Played 10 years semi-pro in Australia
- *Averaged 27 points and 14 rebounds
- *Coached at E.C. Regis

REGAN FIELDS - CLASS OF 1998



High School:

Swimming

- *Member of an All-American relay team
- *First woman swimmer to achieve All-American in an individual event
- *Leterred 4 years
- *MVP 4 years
- *All-Conference all 4 years
- *All-State 4 years in several events
- *Placed in the top 5 in seven individual events at state (between 1994-1997)
- *Broke team, meet and pool records across Wisconsin and Minnesota
- *Held many BRC records
- *Held the top 10 times in 10 different events as an Old Abe

College: 1998- 2000 at U of Iowa

- *Two years on scholarship
- *Helped break 3 team relay records
- *Listed in 4 individual and 4 relay teams that recorded times in Iowa history of Top 20 All-Times Big Ten Championships:
 - *Qualified for finals in events in 1999 & 2000
 - *Medaled on relays in 1999 and 2000
- *Received the U of Iowa Bronze I & II Awards
- *Gave up scholarship to pursue academic excellence

Other:

- *YMCA: History of breaking team and pool records as early as 10 years old
- *Earned several 1st place finishes at YMCA State
- *YMCA Nationals qualifier in 7 events by 8th grade
- *Midwest Senior Regional Championship Qualifier
- *Central Zone Championship Qualifier (1997)
 - *Received a 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 6th in her events
- *Junior National Championship Qualifier (1998-99) Placed 2nd
- *Speedo Phillips National Championship Qualifier (1999) Placed 17th
- *High School Valedictorian (1998)
- *Earned several academic awards in high school and college



HARRY GIBBS - CLASS OF 1944 (MADISON EAST)

High School:

- *Four year letter winner in football, basketball, track and golf
- *Outstanding senior athlete: 1943-44

College: UW-River Falls

Basketball

- *4 year player. *League champs all 4 years
- *Team played at the NAIA Tournament in Kansas City each year
- *Member of their Athletic Hall of Fame

Coaching:

Basketball

- *Darlington H.S.: 1950-1955 *Eau Claire Memorial High School: 1955-1965
- *Assistant 2 years *Won or tried for the Big River Conference Title each year as head coach (9 titles)
- *Season record: 136-26 (84%) *Teams played in the state tournament 7 of 9 years
- *Placed 2nd twice *Tournament record 47-18 (78%) *Total record 184-39 (79%)
- *Golf-Eau Claire Memorial (1957-1960) *Won all matches in Eau Claire
- *Qualified for state tournament every year *State champs - 1959

Other:

- *Coached many years of Little League and Babe Ruth Teams
- *Member of Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame - 1982
- *Officiated football and baseball *Umpired many baseball state tournaments



STAN HILLESTAD - CLASS OF 1951

High School:

College: UW-EC

Tennis

- *Lettered

Tennis

- *Played 3 years as #2 singles: 1955-57
- *Finished 3rd in conference doubles

Football

- *Played one year

Coaching: ECM

Girls Tennis - 11 years (1979- 1989)

- *3 conference championships *7 sectional championships
- *Compiled a 143 - 25 dual meet record
- *All 11 years had qualifiers for state, Best finish- 14th

Boys Tennis - 28 years (1963-1990)

- *13 conference championships *15 sectional championships
- *Qualified for state 20 times
- *3 teams finished in the top 10 at State, Best finished: 4th (1976) (5th also)
- *Had 43 consecutive dual wins: 1973-1978
- *Won 66 consecutive conference dual wins: 1982-1990

Curling - 3 years (1962-1965)

- *Qualified for state in 1964

Other:

- *Elected to Wisconsin State High School Tennis Coaches Hall of Fame
- *Served on WIAA Tennis Advisory Board - 15 years
- *Member of WIAA seeding committee
- *Presenter at the Madison Tennis Coaches Clinic in Madison
- *Had many non-school tennis achievements as a player:
 - *Ranked as high as #1 in mixed doubles in NWTA
 - *Ranked as high as #2 in men's singles and doubles in NWTA
 - *Won many singles tournaments in and out of the state
- *Head tennis instructor for E.C. Park and Rec Dept. - 1962-1990
- *Numerous community services in the Eau Claire area

JIM HOWE - CLASS OF 1968



High school:

Football

- *Lettered 2 years
- *Was wide receiver and defensive back

Basketball

- *Lettered 2 years *Undeclared in BRC
- *First team to go undefeated in BRC *Team record 22-3
- *Fourth ranked team in state
- *Big Rivers Conference MVP - 1968 *State Qualifier - 1968
- *Had 523 career points *First team All-Northwest
- *Second team All-state

Baseball

- *Lettered 3 years *Team Record 9-5 - Lost in Sectional - 1967
- *Team Record 15-6 - 1968 *Pitching record 6-3 - had 6 straight wins
- *Batted over .300 - played outfield when not pitching
- *Won 2 WIAA championships *Was reserve - 1966
- *Pitched two complete game wins - 1968
- *Selected MVP of State Tournament

College: UW-EC

Basketball

- *Lettered 3 years
- *Conference champions- 1969-1970
- *Team finished third in 1971 and second in 1972 at the NAIA National Tournament

Baseball

- *Lettered 3 years
- *Career pitching record was 7-5 with 3.84 ERA
- *Pitched a 5-1 complete game victory the day after his father passed away
- *Career batting average-.322

Other:

- *City Babe Ruth champions -1965
- *Legion baseball
- *Finished third in state - 1966
- *Finished second in state - 1968
- *City Athlete of the Year - 1968
- *Coached Babe Ruth Baseball

JIM JOHNSON - CLASS OF 1951



High School:

Football

- *Lettered four years *Team record as senior 6-2
- *Scored 15 touchdowns *Totaled 97 points
- *Held Old Abe rushing record until 1980's
- *Had 7.6 yard rushing average *Senior highlights
- *Scored 4 touchdowns against Superior
- *Scored 3 touchdowns against Regis
- *Included 73 yard touchdown *Gained 173 yards
- *Scored 4 touchdowns against Duluth Denfield
- *Gained 187 yards or 12.5 average
- *Scored 2 touchdowns against Chippewa Falls
- *Included 60 yard punt return

Track

- *Lettered 3 years *Ran the 880 relay at state
- *Scored the highest team points every meet as a junior and senior
- *Won most of the time in his events *Ran the 100 and 200 dashes

College: - UW-EC

Football

- *Lettered 2 years *Was a wide receiver, halfback, punt and kick-off returner
- *Leading rusher *Member of the conference championship team - 1956
- *Went to navy four years *Came back to college but got hurt ending his athletic participation

Basketball

- *Lettered 1 year: 1956-1957

Other:

- *Outstanding career as head football coach at Fond Du Lac High School (11 years) *Record 87-23-1
- *Won 6 conference championships at a school which never won a title
- *Won 2 state championships 1969 & 1974
- *Nine years teams ranked in the top 5 in state *Coached 22 All-State first team players
- *Thirty-five players received major college scholarships

MICHAEL LA BARBERA - CLASS OF 1999



High School:

Football

- *Varsity starter 3 years
- *Forty yard dash was a good 4.6, but acceleration was great
- *Quarterback and defensive back
- *Broke Old Abe single game rushing record: 1998-293 yards
- *Broke Old Abe rushing record: 1,912 - 2 year total
- *Held second place in total offensive yards for two years - 3,226 yards
- *Scored 34 touchdowns in 2 years (Many more than 20 Yards)

Football Honors

- *Second team All-City and All Conference Quarterback - 1997
- *All- Conference and All-Northwest Player of the Year as quarterback - 1998
- *Honorable Mention All State quarterback - 1998
- *Shrine Bowl participant and captain - 1999

Basketball

- *Varsity starter 2 years *Point guard
- *All Conference Honorable Mention - 1998
- *Honorable Mention All Northwest - 1999

High School (cont):

Baseball

- *Varsity starter 2 years *Shortstop and pitcher *Batted .394 for career
- *As senior batted .416 *Pitching record over two years 15-5 with 9 complete games and 3 saves

Baseball Honors:

- *All-Conference Honorable Mention - 1998 *First team All-Conference and All-District shortstop -1999
- *Second Team All-State Shortstop- 1999 *Wisconsin Baseball Coaches All-Star Classic participant

College: UW-EC

- *Football *Four year starter *Team went 27-13 in his four years *Captain - 2003
- *Defensive back *Second team All-WIAC Defensive Back and All-Purpose Player - 2002
- *First team All-WIAC Defensive Back - 2003 *Team Defensive Back of the Year - 2003

Other

- *Voted Old Abe Distinguished Athlete Award - 1999

TED LAHNER - CLASS OF 1954

High School:

Football

- *3 years Varsity
- *Elected captain - 1953
- *Team was undefeated: 7-0-2
- *Two years running back and Senior year quarterback
- *Exceptional signal caller and running the split-T where faking and executing the option were essential

Career highlights

- *Threw 2 touchdown passes against La Crosse Central
- *Rushed for over 100 yards against Regis, which was considered the game of the year
- *Kicked extra points
- *Played defensive back
- *Exceptional at tackling and as a cover man



Basketball

- *Sixth man on 1953 school team.
- Because of conflicting schedules, the coach asked him to choose between basketball and ski jumping (Chose ski jumping)

Ski Jumping

- *Won Central U.S. Championship and many more while skiing for the Flying Eagles
- *Won Jr. Class title: 1952
- *Won several national tournaments in the U.S. and Canada in Class A
- *Placed 7th in an international tournament on Squaw Valley's Hill (Year before the Olympics)
- *Won Central U.S. Championship and placed third in the Class A Nationals (1958)
- *Voted into Eau Claire Ski Jumping Hall of Fame

Baseball

- *Played semi-pro as Freshman and Sophomore
- *Varsity 2 years (as junior and senior)
- *Shortstop and lead-off hitter
- *Batted over 400
- *Played on the 9-1 baseball team (1954)
- *A great base stealer *A relief pitcher

Other baseball highlights

- *Played 2 years Legion baseball: 1953 and 1954
- *Played 1 year professional baseball for the Milwaukee Braves organization in the Texas League
- *Was voted the All-Star shortstop
- *Had a hit, walk, RBI and scored winning run in a 3-2 victory
- *Then had to go into the military
- *Played several more years of semi-pro baseball

(To view complete listing of Ted Lahner's accomplishments see last page.)

NATE MOCH - CLASS OF 1999



High School:

Diving

- *Lettered 4 years *Captain senior year
- *Most Valuable Diver - 1999 *All - State - 1998 and 1999
- * Big River Diving Champion: 1997, 1998, 1999
- *Diver at state 3 years *Placed 4th in 1998 and 3rd in 1999
- *Elected to All - American Academic Team

Soccer

- *Lettered 4 years *Captain senior year
- *Most valuable - 1996, 1997 and 1998
- *Broke school record for most career goals (78) and had 41 assists
- *All Conference First team: 1997, 1998 and 1999

Track

- *Lettered 4 years *Most valuable - 1999
- *Broke school records for 300m hurdles and pole vault

College: DePauw University - 1999 2003

Diving

- *Most decorated diver in Souther Collegiate Athletic Conference history *Four times SCAC Diver of the Year
- *Earned conference titles all 4 years on the 1m and 3m boards *Was first every conference meet he attended
- *NCAA Division III Honorable Mention All - American 3 times: (twice on 1m and once on 3m boards)
- *NCAA Division III First Team All - American - 2003 *Verizon Academic All - American First Team - 2003
- *Academic All - Star by National Swim Coaches Association of America

Soccer

Played one year

Other:

- *WIAA Scholar Athlete finalist
- *Valedictorian with a 4.0 GPA as an Old Abe
- *All State Scholar - 1999
- *Principal's Leadership Award - 1999
- *US Army Reserve Scholar Athlete Award - 1999
- *National Merit Scholarship Letter of Commendation - 1997

WENDY MOCH - CLASS OF 1996

High School:

Diving

- *Lettered 4 years
- *Captain 1994 and 1995
- *All Conference - 4 years
- *Selected most valuable 1994 and 1995
- *Conference and sectional diving champion: 1993-1995
- *Broke several pool and conference records in 1 meter dive
- *Sectional diving champion: 1993, 1994 and 1995
- *All-state diver - 4 years
- *Placed 7th - 1992
- *Placed 3rd - 1993
- *State Champion: 1994 and 1995
- *Broke the record for points scored at a state diving meet (387.30)
- *(Broke record held by earlier Old Abe diver)
- *WIAA Woman's Diver of the Year: 1994 and 1995
- *Swim Coaches Association Diver of the Year: 1994 and 1995



High School(cont):

Gymnastics

- *Lettered 4 years *Captain as junior and senior *All-around Big River Conference champion as a senior
- *Won all four events and all around at sectionals as a senior *Participated at state all four years

Other:

- *Valedictorian with 4.0 as senior *First Old Abe to be awarded the WIAA Scholar Athlete Award
- *Coached Twin City Divers in Minneapolis *Taught springboard diving course at U of Minnesota
- *Graduated magna cum laude from U of Minnesota *Attended medical school at University of Washington
- *Became Doctor of Obstetrics and Gynecology

AUBREY D. OLSON - CLASS OF 1950



High School:

Football

- *Played every quarter of every game for three years both defense and offense
- *Captain as a senior
- *All-State honorable mention sophomore and junior years

Basketball

- *Captain as a senior
- *Played in State Tournament as a junior and senior
- *Made winning basket with 2 seconds on clock to put Eau Claire in finals

Tennis

- *Number. 1 singles player on tennis team
- *Captain as a senior

*Voted the Athlete Player of the Year - 1950

Other:

- *Mastered many other sports before and after High School
- *Won an ice skating race as 12 year old
- *Won a intermediate decathlon in Eau Claire
- *Won an Eau Claire tennis tournament to go to Milwaukee Journal tennis tournament when he was young
- *Won some swimming and diving events as 13 year old in East Palestine, Ohio
- *After high school went in the service and upon completing his tour he continued his athletic endeavors
- *City tennis champ for 20 years *Won other tournaments all over the state *Played top caliber ping pong
- *Won 4 state tournaments in singles and doubles *Won a tournament in 1999 in the 50 and over category
- *Played national competition in paddleball *Won the National Doubles Master Championship - 1973
- *Won many area golf championships (mainly flight tournaments) *Set 2 course records at area courses
- *Judged gymnastics around the state
- *Taught and refereed swimming and diving at the high school and the YMCA

JENNY POSTLEWAITE - CLASS OF 1989

High School:

Basketball

- *Lettered 3 years
- *Awards:
- *All-City - 3 years
- *All-Conference
- *Second team as sophomore
- *First team as junior and senior
- *Conference Player of the Year as junior and senior
- *All-Northwest as junior and senior *All-State Third Team as senior
- *WBCA Academic All-State as senior

Track

- *BRC high jump champion as junior and senior
- *Held school record



College: Michigan Tech: 1989-1993

- *Four year scholarship *Earned 4 letters *Played in 118 games with 700 rebounds and 1856 points
- *Team's 4 year record: 92-27 *Won conference 3 years *Led team in free throw percentage for 3 years
- *Left ranked second for career *Led team in 3-point percentage for 2 years
- *Led team in assists for 1 year *Ranked 6th in career assists
- *Led team in steals for 2 years - 259 *Ranked 3rd in career steals *Led team in rebounds 1 year
- *Ranked 3rd in career rebounds *Led team in scoring for 4 years *Ranked 1st in career points
- *Season scoring ranked her 5th, 2nd, and 1st *Played in NCAC Division II Final Four - 1993
- *Voted to All-Tournament team *Left holding more then 20 school records
- *Awards:
- *Terry Wilson Award *Conference outstanding freshman *Team MVP - 2 years
- *All-Conference First Team - 4 Years *Academic All-Conference First Team - 3 Years
- *Conference All-Defense First Team - 2 years *Superior National Bank Player of the Year - 3 Years
- *Kodak All-American Honorable Mention - 1993 *In 2000 selected as a Sliver Jubilee Team Member
- *Top 25 female student-athletes of the first 25 years *In 2005 nominated to the MTU Sports Hall of Fame



BILL PRIEST - CLASS OF 1983

High School:

Football

- *Lettered 3 years
- *Tied school record for rushing yards (982 yds) - 1982
- *Tied school record for most TDs in a season (22) - 1982
- *Tied school record for most points in a season (132) - 1982
- *Held record for most career TDs (25)

Honors (Football)

- *All-City and All-Conference Honorable Mention defensive back - 1981
- *Team MVP - 1982
- *Big Rivers Conference Player of the Year - 1982
- *Northwest Player of the Year - 1982
- *AP and UPI First Team All-State running back - 1982

Basketball

- *Lettered 3 years
- *Two year starting guard
- *Big Rivers Conference Honorable Mention - 1982-1983

High School (cont):

Track

- *Lettered 2 years *Team MVP - 1981 and 1982

Baseball

- *Lettered 1 year - 1983 *Outfielder on state tournament qualifying team

College: Mankato State University

Football

- *Walk-on, but received an athletic scholarship after freshman year
- *Lettered 4 years
- *North Central Conference Honorable Mention as defensive back - 1986
- *Bob Otto Coaches Award - 1986 For dedication and optimizing athletic talent

Other:

- *Leading Rusher in North/South Shrine Bowl - 1983
- *Graduate assistant defensive back's coach at Mankato State - 1987
- *Won first Conference championship in school history
- *Finished Gamma's Marathon 4 times



MIKE L. REETZ - CLASS OF 1966

High School:

Football

- *Starting quarterback and defensive back (2 years)
- *Defensive co-captain as senior
- *Led team in tackles and interceptions as senior
- *Returned punts, kick-offs and played some flaker
- *All-City and All-conference

Basketball

- *Starting point guard (2 years)
- *Captain as senior
- *Voted best defensive player
- *Led team in assists, steals and field goal % as senior
- *State runner-up as junior
- *All-City first team and All Conference honorable mention as senior
- *All-Northwest as senior (5th team)

Track and Field

- *Lettered in sprints and relays

Coaching: ECM

- *Girls Basketball Coach:
- *5 years as JV coach
- *12 years as varsity coach: 1983-1995
- *Varsity record: 237-53 or 82%
- 9 conference championships
- 5 holiday champions
- 12 regional and sectional championships
- 5 state tournament appearances
- 8 times voted BRC Coach of the Year
- 2 undefeated regular seasons
- Won 52 straight BRC games
- State runner-up -1990
- *Coached 10 academic all-state players
- *Inducted into Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame - 1996
- *Old Abe Softball coach

Other:

- *Does numerous volunteer community services
- *Started Old Abe Girls Basketball Camp
- *Wisconsin All-Star basketball coach 1987 and 1989
- *Scholastic Magazine Coaching Award 1989 and 1993
- *Coached several Junior H.S. Sports

GUY ROSSOATO - CLASS OF 1974



High School:

Basketball

- * Lettered 2 years *Had exceptional jumping ability
- * 39" standing-48" on the fly

High school stats

- * Senior: shot 53% and scored 419 points
- * Two year totals (playing time averaged two and half quarters)
- * 19.1 points *47% field goals *77% free throws
- * Team record: 36-7
- * Beat state champs Superior twice: 1974
- * Average 27 points in the 2 wins

Honors:

- * First player to be named Big Rivers Conference MVP 2 straight years
- * Voted All-City and All-Northwest(2 Years) *Fourth Team All-state - 1973
- * First Team All-state - 1974 *Honorable Mention All-American - 1974
- * Voted one of the top 100 player in the U.S by Prep All-American
- * Recruited by Division I schools - Minnesota, Washington State, Utah and many others.

College: UW-EC

Other:

Basketball

- * Lettered 4 years
- * Leading freshman scorer (24.4 points)
- * Co-captain: 1977-1978
- * Received Player of the Week in Conference
- * Voted All-Conference
- * College record 122-30(over 4 years)
- * Century Club - 122 straight free throws

- * Pro contract to play in Italy
- * Continued to play basketball after college
- * Won many MVP and all tournament awards in YMCA leagues and tournaments
- * Was able to dunk at 47 years old



JOHN SCHAAF - CLASS OF 1959

High School:

Basketball

Senior year:

- * Team leading scorer with 316 points
- * Was 15th on the all-time list
- * Leading free throw shooter for season- 88%
- * Leader in field goals for season - 125
- * Selected All-Conference and All- Northwest
- * Lost in state semi- final
- * Led in scoring
- * Selected to All-State Tournament team
- * SchAAF and Coggins were called the best guard combo in the history of the Old Abes

Baseball

- * Played shortstop and second base

College: UW-EC

Basketball

- * Played 1 year at Macalester College *Transferred to UW-EC for 3 years
- * Two years captain and leading scorer *Three years led team in assists
- * Scored 843 points and made 235 free throws

Baseball

- * Lettered 1 year - 1963

Other:

- Handball:*City champion 12 years *Played in many national tournaments
- Paddleball:*Played in national tournaments *Was Golden Masters Doubles Champion
- *Played Class A fast pitch softball *Played semi-pro baseball *Ran marathons
- *Inducted into the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame as an official
- *Executive Director of the Eau Claire YMCA - 23 years
- *Served on many civic and religious board of directors
- *Played in the inaugural Eau Claire Little League and Babe Ruth League programs



JOHN SUPPON - CLASS OF 1969
(ST. PAUL - GEORGE WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL)

High School:

- *Participated in football, swimming and track

College:

- *Swimming
- *4 year letter winner
- *Captain - senior year

Other:

- *Served as WISCA Treasurer and Regional chairperson
- *Served on WIAA swim rules committee
- *Started the summer swim outdoor program: (YMCA Marlins and Express Swim Teams)
- *Helped start the annual Fairfax Long Course Swimming Invitational
- *Elected to the Wisconsin Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association Hall of Fame-2005. 28th Inductee

Coaching: E.C. Memorial H.S.

Men's Swim

- *23 years 1973-1996 *Dual meet record: 162-55-2 or 74%*7 undefeated dual meet seasons
- *Coached 2 state champions *Coached 2 All-Americans
- *Won 11 Big Rivers Conference titles out of 16 (No BRC until 1980)*Won 12 WIAA sectional titles
- *Best state finish 3rd - 1994 *Voted Wisconsin Swim Coaches Association *Coach of the Year - 1994
- *Numerous athletes placed in the top 6 places at state

Girl's Swim

- *Assistant coach 1975-1977 *Head Coach 1978-1988 *Dual meet record: 80-15-1 or 83%
- *Never defeated in BRC dual meets his entire career *Won conference every year: 9 titles (Girls conference started in 1979)
- *3 - WIAA Sectional Titles *2 - 2nd place finishes at sectionals *Every year had at least 1 state qualifier
- Over 100 former swimmers and divers competed in college
- *1 became a college All-American *4 qualified for NCAA-I Championships
- *2 swam in the Olympic trials *3 became college swim captains



DICK TORNOWSKE - CLASS OF 1958

High School:

Basketball

- *4 years
- *Junior: Averaged 5 points per game
- *Senior: Co-captain and averaged 10 points per game
- *Team played at state

Baseball

- *2 years
- *Junior: Batted .513
- *Team won State Championship - 1957
- *Voted on All-Tournament Team
- *Senior: Batted .360 and co-captain
- *Voted on All-Tournament Team

Football

- *Played 2 years and then got injured

Track

- *2 years

College: U of Wisconsin

- *Attended on a baseball scholarship
- *Played 2 years

Other:

- *Athletic Director at ECM: 1975-1988
- *AD of the Year in District III-1983

Coaching:

- *Head football, basketball and baseball coach at Baldwin- Woodville: 1963-1965
- *Football record: 18-6
- *Head football coach at EC Memorial: 1967-1975
- *5 Big Rivers Championships
- *Undefeated - 1971
- *Record: 51-23-2
- *Assistant baseball coach at EC Memorial: 1967-1971

LINK WALKER - CLASS OF 1943



High School:

Football

- *Played 4 years
- *Lettered as guard and QB

Basketball

- *Played 3 years

Baseball

- *Played 4 years
- *Second baseman

College: UW-EC

- *Navy delayed his college and football career (WWII)

Football

- *Earned 4 letters
- *Quarterback of the 1948 conference championship team
- *First outright school title

Baseball

- *Earned 4 letters

Coaching:

Football

- *Coached in 4 high schools
- *Combined records were 65-29-2
- *One Antigo team ranked second in state
- *Coached as assistant at U of Northern Colorado and UW-EC

Became head coach at UW-EC - 1968

- *Coached 19 years
- *Left as winningest coach in Bluegold history: 104-85-3
- *Conference champions 1981 and 1983
- *Once won 20 consecutive home conference games
- *Produced 5 first team All-Americans and 6 Academic All-Americans
- *Twice was voted Conference and District 14 Coach of the Year
- *Combined coaching career record: 169-114-5

Other:

- *Elected to Blugold Hall of Fame - 1987
- *Elected to Wisconsin Coaches Hall of Fame - 1999

ADE WASHBURN - CLASS OF 1945



High School:

Football (4 years)

- *Played Varsity as Sophomore.
- *Played offensive and defensive end and fullback.
- *As Senior, was part of the most powerful backfields in school history.
- *Punted and kicked (outstanding punter)

Basketball (4 years)

- *1944 team record: 12-4. *Leading scorer: 127 points.
- *Captain. *1945 team record: 16-5.
- *Went to state in 1944 and 1945. *Lost in finals: 1944 and semi finals: 1945.

Track

- *Freshmen and Sophomore. *Events: Pole vault, javelin and long jump.

Baseball

- *Junior and Senior. *Catcher and great hitter.
- *Received the Old Abe Outstanding Athlete Award: 1945.

College: UW-EC

Football

- *Played offensive and defensive end. *Outstanding punter.
- *Senior captain and team won the conference: 1948. *Made All-Conference.

Basketball

- *Senior captain *Selected All-Conference as a guard.

Track

- *Events: pole vault, discus, javelin and shot put.

Baseball

- *Catcher.

Coach

- *Coached basketball and baseball at Fall Creek (1950-1956).
- *Coached at Stanley-Boyd (1956-1963): Basketball, baseball, and assistant football.

Other:

- *Elected to the UWE-EC Hall of Fame. *Played semi-pro football for the Chippewa Marines (Quarterback).
- *Athletic Director at Fall Creek and Stanley-Boyd. *Avid golfer and fisherman after athletics.
- *Musky Guide-Chippewa Flowage. *The press labeled him a local legend. *Sports was his passion.

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Softball

- *Played major league softball in Eau Claire for 30 years.
- *Played successfully against national teams.
- *Played with Eau Claire on 9 state championship fast pitch teams.
- *Received many best defensive player awards and one best hitter award in major tournaments.
- *Coached softball for two years.
- *Inducted into Wisconsin American Softball Association Hall of Fame.

Other:

- *Eau Claire Male Athlete of Year: 1954
- *Did volunteer work on hills and coached junior ski jumper.
- *Coached Legion Baseball
- *Played several years of YMCA basketball
- *Did officiating and coaching for YMCA

