

Tornado Athletic Hall of Fame Ceremony

AHLETES

Steve Allbritton

I am honored and humbled to have been selected for the CHS Athletic Hall of Fame, especially since the Allbritton name has a legacy in CHS Swimming: my brother Dave (now a Clearwater City Council member) swam for CHS in the late sixties, and my Uncle Bill was on the CHS team in 1947!

I must admit it's a bit awkward writing about my high school swimming experiences after all these years (cue up Bruce Springsteen's "Glory Days"), but here goes:

First off, I must give a huge shout-out to two Coaches who had a major influence on my early years in swimming: the first is **Dick Smith**, the legendary Coach at Carlouel Yacht Club on Clearwater Beach. Dick taught me how to swim at age 2. I will never forget him shouting "*reach for the cookie jar!*" when he had me in the pool learning high-elbow arm extension mechanics for freestyle. I developed my high-turnover, hydroplaning sprint technique during those workouts at Carlouel, especially when Dick had us play various competitive games at the end of workouts. My favorite was a one-lap, get-to-the-other-wall- first game called "Monster". Dick would line up sprinters on the blocks in ascending order of speed and start each one of us sequentially. He called it "Weeki Wachee", a reference to the way the mermaids use to dive into the lagoon. I was usually the last one to dive in, and my goal was to catch and beat the other 5 swimmers who had started the race before me. It was my furious turnover and crazed desire to get to the wall first that earned me the nickname "Tazmanian" by Dick (after the cartoon character Tazmanian Devil). That nickname carried over to my years at CHS and ultimately became the mascot for the CHS Swim Team. Another legendary Coach that had a huge influence on me was the great **Don Prokes**. He intimidated the hell out of me when I first joined the team, since he was known for grueling workouts and for not putting up with anything less than total all-out effort during training. Donny was a real trailblazer in sports psychology. He had us read "Psycho Cybernetics", the first book that pointed

out the mind-body connection both in life and in competitive sports. He was a master at getting us psyched-up for big meets. He had us sit under crudely constructed aluminum pyramids at meets to be exposed to the secret powers that the Egyptian pyramids are purported to have.

Well, it must have worked for me: I managed to break the longest-held state record at the time for the 50-yard freestyle and held the fastest time in the country in 1976. Following state meet my Sr. year, I was offered a full scholarship at Florida State University (how bout them Seminoles!!) My Coach there was **John Stafford**, who would go on to have a son named Matthew Stafford, the Super Bowl winning QB for the LA Rams. Coach Stafford's leadership and training resulted in my participation in the 1978 NCAA Div. 1 Championship Finals in the 50 free and earning First Team All American status.

I owe so much to these men for their passionate dedication to the sport of swimming and to their role in my own personal development. The training regime for swimming can be quite brutal, and many times I wanted to quit. It was their undying belief in me that kept me in the sport, and I am so blessed to have had them in my life.

GO TORNADOES!!

Jim Barber

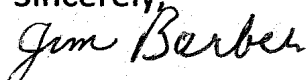
To: CHS Tornado Hall of Fame,

My introduction to Golf was unique to say the least. I had been restricted to the yard as a result of some mischief I had gotten into. My Mother had just begun playing golf and wanted to go to Clearwater Country Club to play. She had to take me with her because of my current punishment situation. She knew that once she left, I was going to head down the street to play with my buddies. We got to the 1st Tee, and she hit her tee shot. I took off running down the Fairway, picked her ball up and ran back to give it to her. I had just learned my first lesson in golf. "Never touch another player's ball"!

Baseball and Football were my favorite sports and continued to be so into High School. While playing JV Football for CHS, I dislocated my right shoulder, which became reoccurring, and without surgery, I would not be able to play sport effectively any longer. I could play Golf without affecting my shoulder. I went on and played Golf for CHS, was twice an All-American at St. Pete Jr. College. I received a scholarship to play for Florida State. In 1971 I entered the PGA Tour Qualifying School, finished 9th and went on to play 5 years on the Tour. I left the Tour with thoughts of changing some things, which included getting married to my Wife Magge and going into the Real Estate business with my Mother in Law at Biltmore Associates. The itch for golf was still there. I entered the 1980 Q School and Qualified. I played 2 more years, and we started a Family with a little girl we named "Kathryn ". We are still in the Real Estate Business and have enjoyed watching the development of Kathryn over the years and our Grandson Jack

I have continued with golf through Teaching, Coaching and playing with friends. I am honored to become a member of the Tornado Athletic Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,



Jim Barber

Dan Flynn

Dan Flynn knew that track and field was his favorite sport at a young age. In the summer when the grass was high at St. Cecelia school next to his home, 13-year old Flynn would take his lawn mower to the school yard and mow a track and organize track meets with the neighbor kids. While at St. Cecelia, Flynn cleared 5'11 in the high jump, one of the best jumps in the US for a 15-year old.

As a Clearwater high sophomore, Flynn became one of the county's top 440 runners, and learned the long jump alongside the great Tornado jumper, Jimmy Page. "Being thrown into a more important role as a sophomore accelerated my development as an athlete and leader, the now 76-year old Flynn related." Flynn continued to play high school football, which he attributes to building strength, speed and confidence in track and field.

In the last two weeks of Flynn's senior year, the team's 880 runner was injured and coach Ed Wells suggested that his quarter miler give the longer event a whirl. In that first attempt, Flynn broke the school record. A week later in a special AAU race against a field of older college runners, the 18-year old won the race and set a new Florida High School record of 1:53.9(One minute, 53.9 seconds). Flynn then won the prestigious Sunshine State Invitational in Miami Florida and was named the winner of the "Outstanding Track Performance." Soon thereafter he signed a full athletic scholarship to Furman University. "I owe a lot to coach Wells and Clearwater High School for not only my track accomplishments, but for my entire life," Flynn quipped.

Flynn finished his high school career anchoring the school record one mile relay, was county champ in the long jump (21'1"), held the school record in the 440 and 880 and anchored both relays at the state championships in which the Tornados finish 2nd in the state as a team. Back at Clearwater High Flynn was awarded the "Most Outstanding Athlete" award.

After a year at Furman, Flynn followed his coach to the University of Florida where he continued a stellar career competing throughout the US.

50 years after college Flynn decided to make a comeback. Competing in Master Track and Field starting in 2015 Flynn has reinvented himself as a jumper and has competed all over the US, Canada, Spain and Finland in the high jump, long jump and triple jump with his wife, Joy, who does the same events. Flynn concludes

with the words, “I’ve won some national titles in my age group and feel like I’m back at the Ed Wells track when I compete with my 70+ age peers. At the world championships in Spain and Finland we wore the actual US Olympic uniforms. Joy and I are now training for the World Championships in Sweden 2024.”

One of Dan’s athletes wrote this about him. I am 58 years old and Dan has been my coach since I was 12. Whereas our relationship has evolved over these past 46 years, notwithstanding, Dan has been the greatest influencer of my lifetime. There are 100's of girls who benefited from his expert coaching in our most formative years.

Harry Hancock - Represented by his children, William Hancock, Sally Hancock Barrett, Jane Hancock Farina and Molly Hancock Rodnite

Harry "Jughead" Hancock was born in Waycross, GA in 1924 and moved to Clearwater with his family in 1926. He attended North Ward EL, Clearwater Jr. High, and Clearwater High School. He graduated from CHS in 1943. While attending CHS he lettered each year in Football, Basketball and Baseball. During his senior year Harry was picked as the center on the Associated Press 1942 All-State high school team. Harry played in various baseball and softball leagues as a teenager, becoming an original member of the Blackburn Bombers softball team in 1940. In 1948, Blackburn became known as the Clearwater Bombers, a team who won many World Championships of which Harry was a part of.

After high school he attended University of Florida for 1 semester on a Football scholarship but ended up enlisting in the Army Air Corp serving as a navigator-radio operator in a B-29, flying 35 combat missions over Japan. Upon returning home, Harry attended Rollins College where he played football, baseball and basketball and was inducted into the Rollins Hall of Fame in 1978. After graduation he came back to Clearwater where he taught American History at CHS and was the Assistant Football coach, Head Baseball coach and Head Golf coach. Harry was proud to be Tornado. He never stopped attending various sporting events for his children, all of which attended CHS even if it meant taking a class that was not offered at Largo HS!

Beth Farmer Lusnia

Competed in basketball, volleyball, cross country and track and field while at CHS

Best Female athlete at the Nash Higgins Relays

After Clearwater High- prepared to be a scholar/athlete at the University of Florida and earned a Master Degree in Special Education in the Pro Teach Program. Holds a Master's in Educational Leadership from the University of South Florida and teaches in Pinellas County.

Walk On at University of Florida in 1981 and earned a full ride scholarship during freshman year in 1981 to 1984. Stayed on as Coaching Assistant while completing Master's degree in 1985.

Four Time track All-American- two-time outdoor track and field, and two-time indoor track

SEC 10K Outdoor Champion in 1982 and 1983- 10K record held for 27 years before being broken by an eighth of a second.

SEC 3K Indoor Champion in 1984 and 1985

Two Time Cross Country All-American in 1982 and 1983

Winner of the Fiesta Bowl Marathon in Scottsdale. Arizona

18th in the inaugural Women's Olympic marathon with a time of 2:36 minutes.

Sponsored by Nike

Inducted into The University of Florida Athletic Hall of Fame in 2015

Thanks to coaches who saw some potential and motivated me to achieve my dreams. Mr. Ewbank was my middle school PE teacher. Miss Balderson was my CHS basketball coach and spotted my potential during the running exercises in basketball as she said I could run to Georgia and back. Coach Dick Lacey, a CHS volunteer with Coach Biddle. Coach Prokes, our swim coach, coached cross country my senior year. It's an honor to celebrate tonight with Coach Balderson and Coach Prokes.

It is also an honor to have my mom, Sheila Farmer and my brother Matt Farmer with me. My brothers were the leaders for the Farmer Family. They ran at CHS for Coach Thurston and both followed up running at CHS by running for Princeton University where Matt was the captain and Chris competed for Furman University.

Doug Mason

Doug Mason was born and raised in Clearwater, FL and graduated Clearwater High School (CHS) in 1949 and earned varsity letters in football, basketball and baseball. As part of Coach Bill Justice's "Bill's Boys," Clearwater's Varsity football team went undefeated in '47 and '48, including a state championship in '48. Doug was CHS's highest scorer and one of the team's four horsemen. Doug married the love of his life, Shirley, in 1953. They were married 66 years and have 5 children, 12 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren. Doug's legacy at CHS lived on in his children and grandchildren. In 2014, at a dinner with the Masons and Justices, many great stories were shared. One special memory was Mrs. Justice vividly remembering the day Coach Justice received the line-up for CHS's varsity team as they left Gastonia, NC for Clearwater. Reading down the list of names he realized the Clearwater boys weren't near the size of his Gastonia boys, and when he got to Doug he read aloud, "Doug Mason, 120 lbs!" Mrs. Justice said Coach looked at her and said, "What have I gotten myself into?!" Coach Justice then looked at the family and said, "Your dad surely wasn't the biggest kid, he wasn't even the fastest, but he was smart, and he had more heart than anyone and that made him one of the best!" In 1949, at the age of 17, Doug began playing for Clearwater Bombers and his career with the team totaled 18 years making him the longest serving Bomber in the team's history. He is still widely considered the finest fielding third baseman in the game of fast pitch softball. Five times Doug earned All-American honors playing in 18 national championships. He was a member of 6 national championship teams and 3 runners-up teams. He was a first-team selection in '59, '63, '65 and '72 and a second team selection in '62. He compiled quite a host of records and awards as player, coach and manager, and was inducted into the ASA Fast Pitch Hall of Fame in 1978. Doug proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps where he played baseball at Quantico and after graduating the University of Florida he returned to CHS where he taught advanced math and served as Dean of Boys. During his 18 years at CHS, he also served 12 years as J.V. Football coach and 14 years as head baseball coach. Following his years at CHS, Doug began a long successful career in real estate. Doug was an active member of Calvary Baptist Church for 70 years and served in many different roles. He continued

his work for the Lord by serving as a trustee and property manager for the Florida Baptist Children's Home for 37 years. He felt his role with the Children's Homes was part of God's plan for his life and was quoted as saying, "Everything I ever did in life seemed to prepare me for this role. Whether it was my experience working with kids as a teacher and coach, or my work in real estate, it all prepared me in some way for my work with the Children's Homes." Doug retired in 2011 at the age of 80. In Coach Bill Justice's own words, "Doug's character was rooted in his childhood and he honored his parents, and the generations before them, by living his life with integrity all while serving his Heavenly Father." From a kid on the ball field to being a great-grandfather, Doug lived his life well and was a devoted husband, loving father and faithful servant. Doug Mason went home to be with the Lord on July 21, 2019.

Joel Parker

Joel is truly a product of the Clearwater athletic system. He started his career with the Clearwater PAL Mustangs football team in the 5th grade. Coaches Valucci and Bouchard instilled the basics of conditioning and toughness necessary for success. Fast forward a few years. Joel, now in 10th grade at Clearwater High is playing is playing Football and Basketball. Coach Earl Brown and Steve Goldman have installed a pass dominate offense which fit Joel's skills. Between the success of the team and Joel's statistics the CHS public relations propaganda machine was able to convince the national media machine that Joel should be a member of the 1969-1970 First team All American football team. As the football season wound down the basketball season was beginning.

Coach Jack Wilson and our 1969-1970 team had great success. After the completion of the season Coach Wilson and the CHS public relations propaganda machine was able to convince the national media machine (again!) that Joel should be a member of the 1969-1970 first team All American basketball team.

Fast forward again. Joel wanted to continue his dream of playing at the college level. Choosing between Football and Basketball was difficult but in the end his physical skills for Football won out and Joel signed a scholarship offer with The University of Florida Gators. The college years 1970 through 1974 went by in a blur. Coach Dickey was a very wise coach and the team had moderate success. Probably his greatest success was graduating with a BSBA /finance degree. After the 1974 season Joel was invited to play in the All American Bowl in Tampa, Florida.

Spring of 1974 started with good news. Joel was drafted by the New Orleans Saints in the 5th round. After playing four seasons with the Saints and catching touchdowns in the Super Dome (and multiple other NFL fields) from Archie Manning Joel retired from the NFL.

After retiring from the NFL Joel returned to Clearwater where he lives with Mary K, his high school sweetheart and wife of 51 years. Joel and Mary K have three grandkids, Pitzer(21), Parker(20) and Stokes(13). Joy, Joel and Mary Ks beloved Daughter and her husband Dr. Pit Gills reside on Clearwater Beach.

Kay Walker - representing Kay are her sister and brothers Melanie, Donnie and David

Kay Baby - Kay Walker was born a Clearwater native and future Tornado on November 7, 1947 of Olive and Charles Walker, both of which were Clearwater High School alumni and athletes.

Kay Child - Considering her less than auspicious start, it was a wonder that Kay ever went into swimming at all. She disappeared when she was quite young when her mother found her by the ribbons of her pigtails floating in the waters of Lake Tarpon, and determined that she needed to learn to swim and she and her two older brothers were enrolled in swim classes sponsored by the Red Cross at Clearwater Beach.

Kay Youth Swimming - When Kay was ten years old, she got into the AAU summer swimming program and won first place in the Florida state swimming competition for backstroke. She took off from there and was continually winning competitions from there on.

Kay High School Swimming - Kay and her older brothers, Donnie and Bobby, all swam for Clearwater High School, with the Clearwater High School swimming pool being named after Bobby Walker following his fatal automobile accident. Kay placed first for the State of Florida her sophomore and junior year, and second her senior year and then went on to compete in the Pan American Games.

Kay High School Homecoming - Kay was also elected Homecoming queen her senior year and was also appointed most athletic in the senior year awards. Kay was also a cheerleader for the Tornados.

Kay Mother - After high school, Kay raised three sons all of which also became Clearwater High School alumni. But Kay also continued to compete in swimming, tennis and softball while raising her three boys.

Kay Grandmother - Kay also immensely enjoyed her grandchildren and they her as her youthful and fun demeanor continued throughout her entire life.

Kay Free Spirit - Kay's free-spirited and adventurous life continued to the very end when she suddenly died of cancer at the very young age of 58. Coincidentally and sadly, several of Kay's closest friends with whom she cheered and competed with at Clearwater High School also died of cancer within a few years of her passing.

COACHES

Anne Balderson

Anne was raised in Wisconsin Rapids, a small papermill town in central Wisconsin. She and her family moved to Florida in 1975 and she began teaching and coaching basketball at Clearwater High School in 1977. Mrs. Balderson began coaching volleyball when it was added to their athletic program in 1978.

Anne has two lovely daughters, Amy and Meg. She is extremely proud of her six grandchildren; Ellen, Richard, Alexander, Calvin, Thomas, and Benjamin. Mrs. Balderson is a very proud graduate of the University of Wisconsin in Madison.

Shortly after beginning at Clearwater High, she realized how special this high school is. The staff was so welcoming, immediately, and she quickly grew to love this place.

Through the years, she had similar thoughts about all the volleyball and basketball teams she was able to coach. She felt that every single team was special. All of our girls were very willing to work, and to go the extra distance to be successful. Anne felt fortunate to coach these dedicated Clearwater High School girls.

Two middle school coaches contributed so much to our programs, and a great deal of thanks need to go to them. They are Clara Borum of Oak Grove Middle School and Pam Barnaky of Skycrest Christian School.

Following are basketball and volleyball accomplishments:

Girls Basketball Coach – Clearwater High School: 1977-1988

Conference Champions: 1987, 1988

District Champions: 1983, 1985, 1986, 1987

State Final Four: 1986

Final Overall Record at Clearwater High School: 216-99

Larry Parks was a great contributor to our basketball program

Girls Volleyball Coach – Clearwater High School: 1978-1997

15 Conference Championships: 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1990, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997

15 District Championships: 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1991, 1995, 1996, 1997

11 Regional Championships: 1979, 1980, 1985, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1991, 1995, 1996, 1997

5 Sectional Championships: 1979, 1980, 1988, 1996, 1997

5 Final Four appearances: 1979, 1980, 1988, 1996, 1997

2 State Runner-Up Finishes: 1980, 1996

1 State Championship: 1997

Final Overall Record at Clearwater High: 478-68

During the 20 year volleyball program, when the team did not win the conference championship, they always finished as runner-up.

Within this same period, 32 girls in the combined programs of basketball and volleyball received scholarships to play at community or four year colleges.

1988 West Volleyball Coach for the annual Florida East-West Championship

Pinellas County, Florida: Basketball Coach of the Year, 2 years

Pinellas County, Florida: Volleyball Coach of the Year, 7 years

It was a privilege and honor to coach at Clearwater High. I was so fortunate to be able to work with outstanding coaches and athletes and I am thrilled for this prestigious honor. Thank you so much, I loved it all.

Kathy Biddle representing Kathy is her husband Bob

Kathy grew up in Clearwater and graduated from Clearwater High School in 1974. Four years later she graduated from Florida State University. She met her husband Bob in 1979 and they married in 1980. Kathy joined the CHS faculty and spent the next 42 years teaching, coaching and mentoring generations of students. She took on many roles during her four decades at the school, some of those roles included: Physical Education teacher, Social Studies teacher, Girls Cross Country coach, Girls Track coach, Athletic Coordinator, Graduation coach, Senior Class sponsor, Official Score Keeper for the State Champion Boys Basketball team, JV Girls Basketball team coach, Freshman and JV Cheerleader coach, and a second Mom to so many. As a coach, Kathy and her student-athletes achieved success in both Girls Cross Country and Track. The Cross Country Team earned three conference titles, three district titles, two regional titles and was State runner-up once. Her track teams earned two conference titles, three district titles and one regional title.

Her tireless efforts, her passion and dedication to her school, her students and student-athletes did not go unnoticed by her peers. She received multiple honors during her career and Kathy was always gracious and humble. Some of those honors included: In 1992: Kiwanis Track and Field Hall of Fame. 2006: Social Studies Teacher of the Year. 2007: Induction into Clearwater High School's Varsity Basketball Hall of Fame. 2011: Pinellas County Schools Commitment to Excellence in Athletics. 2014: Suncoast Football Conference Association Administrator of the Year. 2018: First recipient of the Pinellas County Athletic Administration Leadership Award. Honorary Thespian for Drama. Pinellas County Schools Cross Country or Track Coach of the Year, 8 times. In 2021, she received maybe the biggest honor, when Clearwater High School's athletic field was named after her: Katherine H. Biddle Field. She became the first woman in Pinellas County and possibly the first woman in the state to receive such an honor.

Don Prokes

Of all the achievements, Swim Coach Donald Prokes has garnered in his long and distinguished career, none matter so much, he says, as the time spent at this school, first as a student athlete, then as coach-teacher, and now a member it's Sports Hall of Fame.

Don grew up on Clearwater Beach. When he graduated from CHS in 1965, he had been a three year letterman and had served as Captain of the Tornado Swim Team. Upon graduation, he headed for Gainesville the university of Florida, where he lettered on the Gator seem team, while majoring in Business Administration.

Upon graduation. Don returned to Clearwater and in 1970 joined the faculty at his alma mater to teach Business Math and to coach theTornado girls and boys swim teams. Once here, he applied his natural talents, athletic prowess and leadership skills to the development of his student athletes. During his ten year tenure at the school his teams amassed the following record:

262-8 win loss record

Many All American Swimmers

Many All American Relays

Numerous Invitational Championships

Won every Conference and District Championship

Won the first and only State Swimming Championship along with two State runner up titles

After leaving CHS, Don continued his teaching and coaching career and with similar success. When combined with the CHS successes, Don's lifetime achievements as a high school swim coach are the following lofty numbers:

702-16 won loss record

56 All American Relay Swims

142 Individual All American Swims

151 Invitational Swim Championships

45 Conference Conference Swim Championships

43 District Swim Championships

15 State of Florida Swim Championships

In the course of his career, Don's work did not escape the notice of the world of high school swimming. or even the Florida Department of Education for that matter.

Her was elected to the National High School Athlete Coaches Association Hall of Fame and the Florida Athlete Coaches Hall of Fame.

He was recognized as the National High School Athlete Coaches Association as Coach of the Year; the association also bestowed on Don the Distinguished Service Award.

He was awarded the flood High School Athlete Coaches Association's Meritorious Service Award and its Professional Service Award.

He served eight years as the Executive Director of the National High School Athlete Coaches Association.

He also served as the President of the National High School Athlete Coaches Association and the Swimming Chair for six years.

At the state level, he served as Florida Athletic Coaches Association District Director for four years, Its Swimming Chair for ten years and its Clinic Director for ten years.

Don served as the President of the Pinellas County Coaches Association.

Scholastic Magazine honored Don with the Select Circle Gold Award.

He was the first High School Coach to officially by the Florida Department of Education.

While those achievements reflect well upon him, perhaps an even greater tribute the respect and fondness that many of his former student athletes have for him, the man they affectionately call the "The Head Water Coach" No achievement is more important to Don than tonight's Hall of Fame honor.

As he puts it,

I graduated from Clearwater High School. I swam here, I coached here and began my professional career here. I am heartened to know that in some small way I positively impacted the lives of my student athletes.

STATE CHAMPION TEAMS

1968 State Champion Golf Team

Team members - Mark Alwin, Bill Barber, Jim Smith, David Terhaar

Our golf team went undefeated in the regular season and won the Pinellas County Conference 10-0. Four players played in each match and all scores counted. In those days they didn't play six players and throw out the worst two scores, all four players' scores counted. Our best highlight match was played against Lakewood High at Clearwater Country Club, with the following record scoring led by Dave Terhaar's 31. The total and individual scoring by Dave was considered a record.

Dave Terhaar 31

Mark Alwin 34

Jim Smith 36

Billy Barber 36

We also won the district title in Sarasota. I don't have an article or picture but the scoring was as follows on a course we had never played before in very windy conditions::

Jim Smith 76

Mark Alwin 76

Billy Barber 76

Dave Terhaar 78

We then won the state title in Port St. Lucie setting a record for 1st day scoring. Listed below is a summary of the scoring for our team.

Jim Smith 70 - 71 - 2nd place individually

Mark Alwin 68 - 74 - tied for 5th individually

Dave Terhaar 72 - 78

Billy Barber 72-83

Team total 588 won by 3 shots finishing our entire season undefeated in every event.

1976 State Champion Girls Cross Country Team

Team members - Lisa Beck, Michele Dunaway, Michelle Gross, Tammy Franklin, Jane Hancock Farina, Sally Hancock Barrett, Carol Hoopes and Lula Jacobs Coach Ellen Smalling Miller

1976 Girls Cross County Team

State held at Plantation Golf Club - 1 1/2 mile course - 19 total team members that year

Pinellas Co. did not recognize girls cross country as an official sport - no money, not subsidized, no coach's stipend, no uniforms or money to travel, etc., but still won Class 4A Girls Cross Country State Championship becoming only the 2nd team in Clearwater High School's history to win a state title (1st girls team to win state title)

1st place CHS 63 pts, 2nd place McArthur HS 99 pts

Michele Dunaway (JR)- 7th place 9:03

Michelle Gross (Soph) - 10th place 9:04

Lula Jacobs (Sr) - 15th place

Sally Hancock Barrett (Sr) - 20th place

Lisa Beck(FR) - 28th place

Jane Hancock Farina

Tammy Franklin (Soph)

Carol Hoopes (Soph)

1977 Co State Champion Girls Track and Field Team

Team members - Michele Dunaway, Tammy Franklin, Michelle Gross, Jane Hancock Farina, Sally Hancock Barrett, Lula Jacobs, Cindy Keehn, April Stickler Stout Coach Pat Borowicz

The State Meet was held at Showalter Field in Winter Park - Clearwater won last event of the meet, the mile relay, to tie for team championship with Jacksonville Ribault (mainly their points were scored by Olympian Chandra Cheeseborough/21 of their 27 pts) - CHS 27 pts & Jax Ribault 27 pts

25 member team with 8 members going to states

Set state record in the Mile Relay with a time of 3:59.3

Set a school record in the 880 Medley Relay with a time of 1:47.6

6 of the team members won 2 state titles (cross county and track) in the same school year/'76-'77

Michele Dunaway(JR) - 880 yd run/2nd place/2:17.2, mile run/5th place/5:07.6(personal best), mile relay/1st place/3:59.3(state record)

Michelle Gross(Soph) - 2 mile run/5th place/11:45.2

Lula Jacobs(SR) - mile relay/1st place/3:59.3(state record), 880 medley relay/2nd place/1:47.6(school record)

Sally Hancock Barrett(SR) - mile relay/1st place/3:59.3(state record), 880 medley relay/2nd place/1:47.6(school record)

Jane Hancock Farina(FR) - mile relay/1st place/3:59.3(state record)

Cindy Keehn (SR) - 880 medley relay/2nd place/1:47.6(school record)

April Stickler Stout (JR) - medley relay/2nd place/1:47.6(school record)

Tammy Franklin-Wagner(Soph) - 220 yd dash - prelim race did not qualify for final

Distinguished Service

Capogna's Dugout

In 1973, Artie and Margie Capogna opened Capogna's Dugout. Located on Gulf to Bay, "The Dugout" as most people call it, has served as a Clearwater staple ever since. Artie and Margie opened this restaurant with the intention of creating a place for people to gather and create community. They created a restaurant with not only the best wings and pizza in town, but also a place that has been the heart of Clearwater. Artie was passionate about getting the youth involved in sports and made that Capogna's mission. Since its opening, Capogna's has employed hundreds of high school students while encouraging them to maintain their grades and get involved in sports. Capogna's has also been the pregame meal for many local high school sports teams. It is always the go to restaurant for sports teams and their families to celebrate the end of a season. Throughout the years, Capogna's has worked closely with Clearwater For Youth, raising over \$400,000 in scholarships to give to student athletes. Sadly, Artie and Margie Capogna are no longer with us, but their four children gladly took over the family business. Al, Chris, Mike, and Stefani have worked hard throughout the years to keep their parents' legacy alive. In March, Capogna's will be celebrating their 50-year anniversary. Over 50 years, the family, employees, and customers have become a family. That was especially apparent during the pandemic when all of their customers came together to support Capogna's Dugout through difficult times. Capogna's knows that most their success is because of their loyal customers and they want to thank all of the people who have supported them throughout the past 50 years.

Ed Evans representing Ed is his wife Sally

Ed moved to St. Petersburg in 1944 from South Carolina. His elementary years were at several schools in St. Pete. He attended Boca Ciega High School, St. Petersburg College (as it was called at the time) and FSU for his Bachelor's degree. He received his Master's of education from USF. He was married to Sally Bachman in December of 1958. He has three sons, seven grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

His early years in education were teaching P.E. and Science at Madeira Beach Middle School. During that time he was a JV football coach for Seminole High School.

He became Varsity Basketball coach at Northeast High School in 1966 upon the retirement of Lee Benjamin. His administrative years began at NEHI, then Countryside High School until he became principal at Clearwater High in 1984. He retired in 1996. He and Sally were then able to travel, but he spent many hours playing golf and tennis. Ed passed away in December 2021.

As principal at Clearwater High Ed was always supportive of his coaches and their teams. He seldom missed home events for all sports. He travelled to many away games and tournaments too. He was respected by all of the schools in Pinellas and was a great ambassador for Clearwater High School. He represented our school with dignity.

Bill Justice - representing Bill are his children Julie and Garry

Bill was born in Asheville NC where he developed his work ethic and athletic abilities. He was the middle child of a family of incredibly talented athletes. He received a football scholarship to Rollins College in Winter Park FL. While at Rollins, Bill met his great love, Marian Russ, and following graduation in 1943, they married in Marianna, FL.

Bill served in the US Marine Corps during WWII. He saw active duty in the Pacific and received a Purple Heart for injuries received in combat on the island of Tinian. He continued to serve in the Marine Reserves, was active in organizing the Jr ROTC/USMC at Clearwater High School, and retired with the rank of Colonel.

Following WWII, Bill and Marian moved to Clearwater with son Garry. He began his career at Clearwater High School teaching math and coaching (among other sports) football. In 1947, '48 & '49, "Bill's Boys" excelled in the Conference, bringing home the championship in 1948. He and his "Boys" have kept in touch for the past 70+ years. Bill also played for the Clearwater Bombers Softball Team during the same years.

Bill was called back to active duty during the Korean War and was stationed in Quantico VA. The family, now including daughter Julie, returned to Clearwater, and after a brief stint at Hillsborough High, he resumed his career at Clearwater High as football coach, teacher, Dean of Boys, Assistant Principal and Principal. In addition to his teaching and administrative skills, he was well known for his true concern for all students – and for playing his harmonica at student assemblies! Bill retired from education as Assistant Superintendent for the Pinellas County Schools in 1981.

Bill was active at Trinity Presbyterian Church as deacon, elder and Sunday school teacher for senior adult classes. He was also the one who opened the doors and turned on the HVAC every Sunday morning!

After retirement, Bill was elected to the Clearwater City Commission and served on many boards and committees, including the Parks and Recreation Board. He was named Mr Clearwater and Citizen of the Century by the Clearwater City Commission.

Through the years, Bill served in numerous civic organizations, including the Lions Club, Springtime Kiwanis Club (Lt. Governor), Military Order of the

World Wars, The Clearwater Historical Society, Clothes to Kids and served on the boards of the Salvation Army and UPARC. His professional associations included FEA/NEA (pre-strike), Florida Administrators Association, Phi Delta Kappa and FREA.

Bill is preceded in death by his wife of 77 years, Marian; parents PW and Nell (Foster) Justice; siblings Dale, Jack, Frances, Joe, Charles and Neil. He is survived by son Garry (Carol), granddaughter Molly Wainscott (Derek) and daughter Julie Griffith and grandson Boyce Griffith.

Even as his health declined, Bill continued to sing his favorite song to anyone who asked him how he was doing:

“I’ve been sitting here thinking back over my life
All of the good things, the trouble and strife
Well, my share of heartaches, yes, so many I’ve had
But I still think the good things outweigh the bad.”

Bill served his community with love, passion and humility for 98 glorious years.

Harold Reddick

Before each kick-off in Jack White Stadium, jump ball in Jack Wilson Gymnasium, and the first pitch on the softball diamond, someone must schedule the bus drivers, hire the referees and umpires, arrange for police and EMTs to be on site, and most importantly, confirm the eligibility of each player dressed out for the Tornadoes. That person is the Activities Director, and for 19 years, that person was Harold Reddick.

Harold started his career at CHS in 1960 as a math teacher and the coach of the JV football and basketball teams. During his early coaching years, Harold coached two of the best athletes in CHS's history, including Jimmy Sever and fellow Hall of Fame inductee Joel Parker. Jimmy recently said "Coach Reddick was my favorite coach. I would have run through a wall for him!"

In 1969, he left CHS briefly to become the Head Coach of the Largo Varsity basketball team before returning to Clearwater in 1972. In 1974 he stepped up to become CHS' first Athletic Director. He took the AD role just as the Federal Title IX law began expanding opportunities for girls' athletic teams. Among the many preparations required to launch girls' teams including basketball, volleyball, softball, track, cross country, and soccer teams, included finding and hiring coaches, purchasing uniforms and equipment, and securing locker rooms and practice facilities. The most difficult challenge proved to be balancing demands for equal practice times and facilities between girls' and boys' teams; as you can imagine, negotiations with long tenured boys' team coaches required a great deal of diplomacy.

As a result of Harold's hard work to launch the girls' athletic programs, the CHS Lady Tornados have succeeded at every level of competition. The Girls' Volleyball team made it to the State 4A tournament in its inaugural season. When he struggled to find a qualified coach for the first-year girls' softball team, Coach Reddick stepped in to coach rather than let the program struggle, leading the team to compete in the regional tournament in only its second year as a team.

During Harold's tenure as the AD, the Tornadoes enjoyed a stranglehold on Pinellas County sports. Fueled by winning State Championships in Girls track, cross country, swimming, and Boys basketball CHS won the prestigious Pinellas County Superintendent's Trophy, recognizing the top athletic program in the county, in 15 of Harold's 19 years as AD.

Both the girls and boys athletic programs prevailed over their opponents during Harold's tenure because he made sure they had the best equipment available and qualified coaches to lead them. Among the endless behind the scenes tasks of the AD, Harold made it his priority to ensure every athlete wearing a Tornado uniform was eligible to play, that they lived in our district and met the academic standards required to play. Harold frequently said "I check, double check, and re-check everyone, every grade."

In the 1980's the role of Athletic Director expanded to include all non-academic activities at the school. As the re-titled Activities Director, Harold's span included all CHS clubs from the French and Chess Clubs to the yearbook, choirs and bands. Each activity and club needed a teacher to lead it, space to meet and opportunities to fund raise and give performances. He also ran the school store selling basic school supplies, Tornado fan gear and event tickets.

In 1992, budget cuts across the state forced Pinellas County to cut the AD position; the responsibilities of the AD were distributed across 4 assistant principals at CHS. Yes, it took 4 people to pick up the duties Harold had been handling for the past 19 years. Harold moved back into the classroom teaching math at CHS for the next few years before retiring in 1994.

Harold and his family are honored that he is being inducted into the Tornado Hall of Fame for over thirty years of outstanding service.