

Ross Hall of Fame inductee, 2000

Robert “Archie” Biggs

Archie Biggs won six letters – three in football and three in track and field for Ross from 1949-1952. In his senior season, Archie set a school record in the discus, breaking Hall of Famer Bob Shaw’s record by nearly 7 feet with a toss of 150’ 9.5”. He was undefeated in the regular season in the discus. Archie qualified for the state meet in the event. In football, Archie starred on both sides of the ball, serving as team captain in the 1951 season. Archie was ranked as the number two lineman in Ohio in his senior season, earning All-Ohio honors on four wire services or coaches’ teams. Collegiate: Archie attended the University of Tennessee and Bowling Green State University, earning his B.S. from BGSU. A veteran of the Korean War, he returned to coach and teach in the Fremont system for 22 years.

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Terry Bork

Terry Bork was a three-sport star for the Fremont Ross Little Giants. Terry won seven letters – three in football and two each in basketball and baseball. In basketball, Terry scored over 30 points in a game four times and in one game made 16 consecutive free throws. He was a second-team Buckeye Conference selection in 1966.

A standout pitcher in baseball, durability was his trademark. In one game, he pitched 17 innings. HE was named to the all-conference first team in 1966. Collegiate: Terry played baseball at Bowling Green State University and was a second-team Mid-American Conference selection in 1969. In football, Terry was named to the Ohio Coaches Association North-South Game in 1966. At the end of his high school athletic career, he was named the Outstanding Senior Athlete at Ross High School.

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Amy Ritzman Laughlin

Amy Ritzman Laughlin was a girl on the go at Fremont Ross. Amy won 10 letters – four in track and field and three in cross country and basketball. Amy was the first Ross girl to qualify for the state cross-country tournament and the Buckeye Conference champion as a sophomore.

In track and field, Amy set the 3200-meter record for girls, completing the metric two miles in 11:59. Amy added a conference long jump title as proof of her track-and-field versatility. Amy was a three-year starter on Coach Sue Wolf’s basketball team.

Collegiate: After graduating from Ross, Amy ran cross-country for four years at Cleveland State University, lettering all four years. She was named CSU’s “Most Valuable Runner” three years and was the first CSU finisher in every race she ran.

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Mike Mowry

If there was a “Mr. Swimming” at Fremont Ross, Mike Mowry would have claimed that crown regularly. Mike broke or set school, pool, and district records 20 times for the Aqua Giants before he graduated in 1981. In 1981, Mike was undefeated in dual meets and qualified for the National Junior Olympics, the first Ross swimmer to accomplish that feat. He earned three letters in swimming and three more in track and field. Mike qualified for the district meet all three years on the varsity, winning the 200-yard freestyle title in 1980 and returning to set the district record while winning the 200-yard freestyle in 1981. At the state meet his senior season, Mike finished seventh in the 200-yard freestyle and placed third in the 100-yard freestyle, earning All-American honorable mention. Mike was named the Ross “Most Valuable Swimmer” in 1980 and 1981. Collegiate: Mike attended Wright State University, winning Division II All-American honors in two events.

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David “Hoss” Rhodes

David Rhodes won eight letters at Fremont Ross. Carrying the nickname “Hoss,” David won three letters in both football and track and added two more in wrestling. In track and field, David held the school record in the shot put with a toss of 55’10” in 1969. He was the Buckeye Conference shot put champion in 1969 and finished second in 1968. “Hoss” qualified for the state meet in the shot put his senior year, where he finished 11th.

In football, David was All-Buckeye Conference two years, and would likely have won the honor a third time had he not been injured in the season’s fourth game, which sidelined him the rest of his senior season. Collegiate: David won a full football scholarship to Morehead State University, winning three letters and earning All-Ohio Valley Conference honors two times. He also competed on the college track team. While traveling back to college in his senior season, David tragically died in an automobile accident. Morehead State University retired his football jersey in 1973.

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Jon Zink

Jon Zink was a versatile athlete at Fremont Ross, earning varsity letters in football, swimming, and tennis.

In football, Jon was a two-way performer, playing tackle and end. He was named to the all-conference, all-district, and all-Ohio teams.

Jon captained the tennis team, playing both singles and doubles. He was a member of the team that held the record for the most victories in a single season.

In swimming, Jon was the team captain and all-events winner during his senior year. He competed in the 50- and 100-yard sprint events and was part of several record-setting relay teams. He qualified for the state swim meet three consecutive years.

Collegiate: After graduating from Ross in 1968, Jon attended Ohio University, where he earned a varsity letter in swimming. He graduated from OU in 1972 with a degree in journalism.