

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1977 Ross Graduate

Dan DeLeon won five varsity letters while standing out on the football gridiron and on the track and field oval at Fremont Ross.

Though he earned letters in multiple seasons during his athletic career, it was the senior year of 1976-1977 that DeLeon began to be noticed for his talent. He began the season being named co-captain with fellow Hall of Famer Terry Bates.

Following a 7-1-2 season, DeLeon won first-team All-Buckeye Conference as a defensive back and was named the conference's "Punter of the Year". He followed that by being named to the first-team All-District team as a defensive back. After leading Ross with a 37-yard punt average and in interceptions. He concluded his football career by being selected to the All-Ohio honorable mention list at his defensive back position and as a punter.

He also stood out on the track. As a hurdler and a 400-meter runner. DeLeon finished his senior year holding two records in the high hurdles and as part of the 4x400 relay team. The relay team won a Buckeye Conference championship and qualified for the district meet. DeLeon also advanced to the district meet in the high hurdles as well.

DeLeon attended Otterbein College and participated in football and track. He was part of a football team that finished with a 13-1 record in the Ohio Athletic Conference. DeLeon qualified for the Nationals in the high hurdles with a best time of 14.3. His personal best in the 400-meter dash was 48-7. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Graphic Arts in 1981.

After college. DeLeon served in the United States Army from 1982 to 1990. He earned the rank of Sergeant as an Aviation Specialist. He was stationed throughout Europe, including Germany, France, and Italy.

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Marcy (Reinbolt) Williams was an eight-letter winner at Fremont Ross from 1993-1997. She earned two letters in each of volleyball and basketball, and four in track and field.

In 1996, Reinbolt was a member of a volleyball team that compiled a 22-2 record. That was a team that won a Great Lakes League title, a sectional title, and were district champions. Reinbolt earned All-GLL honorable mention and was team captain.

On the basketball court, Reinbolt was the most improved player and the best defensive player during the 1995-1996 season. During her senior season, she was team captain of the GLL champions. She won first-team All-GLL honors and was named best defensive player and accumulated the most assists.

It was obvious that track and field is where the Little Giant excelled. Reinbolt, as of the 2024 season, still held the 100-meter school record with a time of 11.9. She was a two-time state qualifier as a member of the 4x100 meter relay. Marcy was a three-time 100-meter dash GLL champion and was the holder of the 200-meter GLL record. The 1995-1996 and 1997 squads, of which Reinbolt was a part, were three-peat GLL champions. Marcy won four GLL events her senior year when she sprinted to victories in the 100, 200, 4x100 relay, and leaped to a title in the long jump.

After being recruited by several schools for her track and field skills, she ended up at Youngstown State on a full track scholarship. She continued her exploits on the college track, earning four varsity letters. She was part of the indoor and outdoor 4x400 relay teams and served as a team captain at Youngstown State during her junior and senior seasons. With the success on the track, Marcy went on to earn her biggest prize when she was awarded a Bachelor of Business Administration degree.

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2016 Ross Graduate

Meghan (Moses) Phillipp was a standout athlete in three sports while at Fremont Ross. She won a total of 10 varsity letters. Four in swimming, three in golf, and three in track and field.

Meghan helped to rewrite the school's swim record book. She broke records in the 50 and 100 freestyle as well as the 200 and 400 freestyle relay events. Those same relay teams also broke Hawk-Bucci Natatorium records. Those same teams that Meghan was a member of broke District marks. Then she added the 50- and 100-freestyle events, along with the two relay teams, to the TRAC record book. Along with her TRAC honors. Meghan contributed the most team points as well as to Fremont Ross' first-ever TRAC team Championship in 2013, and then again in 2014 and 2016.

Meghan helped the Little Giant swimmers win their first-ever Northwest Ohio Division I District team championship in 2016, as well as runner-up finishes in 2013 and 2014. During Meghan's time at Fremont Ross, the swimmers had a four-year record of 31-2.

At the state level, Meghan was a 16-time qualifier. She garnered 15 time All-State/All-Ohio Honors. She had 11 top-eight finishes: seven individual and eight relay swims. Meghan contributed the most team points to Fremont Ross girls' overall score in its highest team finish ever at the Ohio High School State Swimming and Diving Championships in 2013 (5th overall in the state) and then again significantly in the 2016 team's sixth-place finish.

Meghan attended and graduated from Rutgers University in 2020. During her college career, she won four varsity letters. She was a three-time captain of her team. She earned Big Ten academic honors and was a four-time qualifier for the Big Ten Championship.

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After excelling at the junior high level of athletics. Greg Brown made his presence felt as a young sophomore for Little Giant teams. Greg ended his high school days while earning seven letters. Two each in football and wrestling, and three in track and field.

Greg's light shone brightly no matter which sport he was participating in. During his football career, Greg was the team's most valuable running back, gaining 1208 yards on 182 carries in 1979. In a game against Mansfield Sr., Greg gained 247 yards for a 15.4 yards-per-carry average. Greg scored 13 touchdowns that season, and his longest touchdown run, a 94-yard run against Mansfield Sr. in 1979, still ranks fourth on the all-time list. His accomplishments earned him first-team All-Buckeye Conference and first-team All-District honors.

Greg's wrestling career saw him compete in the 175-lb weight class. He won the Buckeye Conference Championship at that weight in 1980 and finished fifth at the district meet.

In the spring, Greg walked onto the track. Greg set the 120-yard high hurdles record of 14.1 at the 1980 Mario Relays. The record stood for 30 years until 2010.

Upon graduation, Brown attended the University of Toledo, and he was a member of the 1981 MAC and California Bowl Championship teams. He graduated in 1985 with a BAA in Marketing Management.

Greg has worked for 37 years with various Food Management businesses and is currently working for Hometown Food Company as a Storeroom Coordinator.

Greg has spent his spare time for over 18 years mentoring youth football programs. He has coached Intercity Toledo for grades 2-10.

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When one thought of the name Driftmyer at Fremont Ross, you might have thought of “Biz” Driftmyer, a standout athlete of the 1930s, or Gary Driftmyer, the first athlete ever to attain three MVP trophies in one sport as a dominant tennis player in the mid 1960s. However, last but certainly not least, one of the Driftmyers was daughter and sister Karen.

Karen’s biggest claim to fame was that she was the first woman to letter on a boys’ athletic team. Miss Driftmyer played the top singles on the Ross girls’ inaugural team in 1973, winning MVP honors. Being rated 27th in the Western Tennis Association’s ratings. Karen’s move to the boys’ team was a no-brainer for Hall of Fame coach Pete Michaels.

In her junior season, on the boys’ team, Driftmyer made a name for herself and the Little Giants as a tennis player. She advanced through the sectional preliminary round, beating Mazi Al’Aseer of Toledo Woodward 6-0, 6-0 and Reed Holmes of St. Francis 7-5, 7-5 before she finally lost in the quarterfinals. Coach Michaels said, “They were really applauding her in that match against Holmes. That guy Holmes was a big, strapping 6-2 kid, and she really took a toll on him.”

After becoming the first woman to letter on a boys’ team, she was chosen by Coach Michaels to play second doubles. She, along with Hall of Famer Pete Werling, finished second at the Buckeye Conference meet. At Sectionals, Driftmyer, the only female member of the squad, won her first match of the tourney, 6-3 and 6-4, over “Zip” Segura of Oregon Clay before running into Schmakel of Central Catholic in the quarterfinal round.

Driftmyer was a mainstay on the 1974 and 1975 teams. Those two teams she was part of finished 25-4, and Driftmyer lettered on both teams.

Driftmyer went on to Bowling Green State University, where she played four years of varsity tennis; she was awarded a scholarship once Title IX made it a varsity sport.

After leaving Bowling Green, she was the Mixed Doubles National Champion in 1985. She won the use of a new car for a year. In 1992, she was the USTA 9.0 National Mixed Doubles Champion. She served on the Former Athletic Advisory Council (FAAC) and the Cast of Honor committee for BGSU.

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2016 Ross Graduate

Morgan (Waggoner) McFarland won six varsity letters while at Fremont Ross. The talented athlete won four in swimming and two in golf.

It was in the pool where McFarland found her comfort zone. The four-year letter winner rewrote the school's record book in five events. She was an individual record holder in the 50 and 100 freestyle and the 100 backstroke. She also helped the 200 and 400 freestyle relay teams erase previous records. The relay teams also set records at the Hawk-Bucci Natatorium, at the district level, and during the TRAC championships. McFarland added a district record in the 50 freestyle and a TRAC record in the 100 butterfly.

Her swim talents advanced McFarland to the State Swim and Diving Championships in Canton. She was a 14-time state qualifier. She won 13 All State/All Ohio Honors (top 16, including nine top-eight finishes, five individual and eight relay swims). She was the co-MVP her senior season at Ross and advanced to eight All-American swim honors (6-time relay, 100 free, and 50 free). McFarland also won Academic All-American honors.

McFarland moved on to the University of Akron, where she competed on the Zips' swim and dive team. While there, she won four varsity letters. She was the team captain for two seasons. She won All-Academic MAC honors. McFarland was a four-time MAC Championship team qualifier. First-team All-MAC Honors (Senior Season). 2nd-team All-MAC. Honors (Junior season). Her relay team success continued at the college level, as she was a four-time MAC relay champion. In her final season, she qualified for the NCAA Division I meet as a relay qualifier.