

Ross Hall of Fame inductee, 2013

Mike Mezinger

Mike Mezinger was a standout wrestler for the Ross Little Giants, winning three letters. He showed his versatility by also winning three letters in cross country and one letter in track.

In wrestling, Mike was a three-time Buckeye Conference champion in the 105, 112, and 119-pound weight divisions. He also won three sectional titles and was a three-time placer in the district tournament. He was a state tournament alternate in 1983 and 1984 and qualified for the state tournament in his senior season, 1985.

Mike won the "Outstanding Wrestler" award in the 1985 Mal Mackey Wrestling Tournament.

Mike has held the single-season takedown record for the Little Giants.

After high school, he served his alma mater as an assistant wrestling coach for 10 years before becoming head coach. He is credited with restarting the youth wrestling program after it had been dropped 20 years earlier. He guided the youth teams to state championships in 2011 and 2012.

In cross country, Mike was a member of the first Ross team to post a winning record.

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Aaron Opelt

Aaron Opelt earned 10 varsity letters in football, basketball, and baseball while wearing the purple and white.

As of 2022, Opelt ranks seventh on the single-season passing list, completing 112 of 260 passes for 1,747 yards during his senior season, as he threw for 16 touchdowns. He and Adam Wilhelm remain tied atop the longest passing touchdown in Ross history, covering 88 yards against Tiffin Columbian. Opelt, a four-year performer, is third in career passing yardage with 4,521 yards. He was first-team All-GBC his junior and senior seasons and was tabbed as the "Back of the Year" in the conference in 2005.

On the hardwood, Opelt was part of a team that won the Greater Buckeye Conference Championship in 2006.

On the baseball diamond, Opelt helped lead the Little Giants to a GBC title during his senior season, as Ross finished the season with 20 wins and only 6 defeats. Opelt finished his final season as he led the team with 38 runs, 23 walks, 13 stolen bases, six home runs, and was second with a .423 batting average. Opelt was second-team All-Ohio in 2005 and again in 2006.

Opelt went on to become the starting quarterback at the University of Toledo.

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Clarence Parks

Clarence Parks won seven varsity letters during his time at Fremont Ross High School from 1975-78. Parks lettered three times in football and wrestling and added another letter in track and field.

In wrestling, Clarence won the Buckeye Conference championship twice while wrestling in the 155-pound weight division. He also won sectional and district titles in 1976 and 1977 and qualified for the state tournament in 1977.

Clarence wrestled for the Northwest Ohio All-Star team that competed against Central Pennsylvania his senior year. Also, as a senior, he competed on the Ohio All-Star team against the Michigan All-Stars in a prior match to the World Cup in Toledo in 1978. After high school, he wrestled for the Bowling Green State University team, placing third in the 167-pound weight division in a Mid-American Conference tournament.

He was an All-Buckeye Conference first-team selection at linebacker in football as a senior. He also played offensively at fullback for the Little Giants.

Clarence captained both the football and wrestling teams his senior year.

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Richard Pence

Richard Pence won four letters in swimming and two letters in football for Ross from 1941 through 1944.

Richard was a member of the 1941 and 1943 state championship Ross swim teams. He competed on the state champion medley relay team in 1942 and 1944, and he won the state title in the 100-yard breaststroke in 1942 and 1943.

After graduating from Ross, Richard attended The Ohio State University and Bowling Green State University, winning two letters in swimming at BGSU. He was a member of the 1945 Ohio State National Collegiate Athletic Association national swim champions.

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Jennifer Schaaf

Jennifer won nine letters in swimming, softball, and tennis at Ross from 1996 to 1999. She won four letters in swimming, three in softball, and added two in tennis.

In swimming, Jennifer qualified for the state meet in 1996 and qualified for the district meet all four years.

She was on the All-Northwest Ohio District softball team in 1998-1999. She was named to the All-Great Lakes League first team her senior season while leading the league in hitting with a .500 average.

In 1997, Jennifer batted .328 and was named the team's most improved player. She had 21 hits and drove in 17 runs, helping Ross to a 16-4 record while winning the GLL title and the sectional championship. The following year, she again hit .328, scored 28 runs, and helped the Little Giants win the sectional title. She was a first-team All-GLL pick.

She topped off her high school softball career by winning the team's Most Valuable Player award as the Little Giants finished 20-4 with a league co-championship. She had 41 hits, three home runs, three doubles, eight triples, and drove in 16 runs while scoring 37 times.

Jennifer had 85 hits, five home runs, five doubles, 11 triples, 42 RBI, 27 stolen bases, scored 65 runs, and batted .385 in her high school softball career.

In 1999, she was named the Ross Girls Athlete of the Year.

After high school, Jennifer went on to earn four softball letters at the University of Toledo, setting records for home runs, runs batted in, batting average, and slugging percentage as a UT freshman.

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Erica (Wolfe) Cobb

Erica Wolfe earned eight letters while competing at Ross, 2000-2003. She lettered four times in tennis, twice in basketball, and twice in softball.

In tennis, Erica had a career singles record of 107-33 and qualified for district play four times. She was a district tournament finalist three times, her sophomore through senior years, the same years she was named the team's Most Valuable Player. She played first court singles in her last three seasons.

Erica was an honorable mention in district tennis as a freshman and first team as a sophomore, junior, and senior. In Great Lakes League play, she was second-team all-league as a freshman and first-team all-league from her sophomore through senior seasons. She was the GLL Player of the Year as a junior.

In softball, Erica played second base and was an all-league honorable mention as a senior. She served as the team captain her senior year.

In basketball, Erica was named the Maumee Basketball Academy Sportsmanship Award winner.

She was named the Top Female Athlete at Ross her senior year. She was also a News-Messenger All-Star in 2003.

After high school, Erica lettered four times in tennis at Bowling Green State University. She was named the BGSU captain her senior year, the first time a non-scholarship player had received that honor in 17 years.

She has coached seventh-grade girls' basketball in Fremont and served as an assistant basketball coach for the junior varsity and varsity girls' teams at Woodmore High School. Erica has been an assistant coach for her mom, Lisa Wolfe, on the girls' and boys' Ross tennis teams.