

Ross Hall of Fame inductee. 2006

David Brocksieker

David Brocksieker won seven athletic letters while competing on four teams at Fremont Ross High School from 1939 to 1943. While giving 100% during his athletic days at Ross High School, David gave his life in 1945, dying during World War II in Okinawa. At Ross, David lettered three times in track and field and twice each in basketball and football. He served as a co-captain for the 1942-43 basketball team. The Brocksieker Trophy was in honor of David and was awarded to the boys' best free-throw shooter each season. He was the basketball team's top scorer in 1942-43 with 163 points. In track, David was the Buckeye League champion in the 100-, 220-, and 440-yard dashes. David was known as a fine athlete and a loyal friend. David was regarded as a well-rounded student by both students and faculty.

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David Kovaleski

David Kovaleski won 8 letters in three sports for the Little Giants from 1983 to 1986. Three in basketball and track, and two in football. Dave won the district title in the high jump his senior year and held the school's high jump record of 6'8" for several years. He placed ninth at the State track and field meet as a junior while finishing second in the regional meet. He won the district and Buckeye Conference titles in the high jump, also as a junior. As a sophomore, he won the conference crown and finished second at the district meet. In basketball, he was named second-team all-conference his senior year.

On the gridiron, David was a second-team All-Ohioan his senior year after being named to the first-team All-Northwest district as a defensive end. He was a first-team selection on both offense and defense for the Buckeye Conference. After his senior season, David played in the Ohio High School Coaches Association North-South game. "Kovo" was the winner of the Baron-Sherman Award, symbolic of the top senior athlete of the year.

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Tom Manahan

Tom Manahan gets things done for Fremont Ross. Though Tom was a letterman for Ross, he has been honored for his work since his 1957 graduation. He's won numerous awards while being an integral part of the Fremont Ross Boosters Club. Tom has served as president of the Fremont Ross Boosters Club three times and vice president once. He started the 50/50 drawing, which has raised many thousands of dollars for Ross athletics. Along with Jim Hiser, he started the 200 club in 1982. He volunteers to sell Ross memorabilia at basketball and football games. He started, along with former Ross Athletic Director Dick Sherman and Don Logan, and continues to chair the Ross Jack and Jill Las Vegas night. Another fundraiser that raises significant funds for Ross athletics. Tom was honored in 1997 by the Ohio High School Athletic Association for exemplary contributions and service to Ross High School. He has received the Friends of Fremont Ross award for volunteer services from 1978 to present. Tom has received the Fremont Eagles Boosters Award for his support of Ross activities. He started the senior banquet and volunteered at Ross awards programs. He and his wife, Luanne, were honored by the Friends of Ross in 1998

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Molly O'Connor

Molly O'Connor won 12 letters as one of the more versatile female athletes in the history of Ross High School.

Molly won letters in swimming, track, and cross-country.

She was especially outstanding in swimming, qualifying for the Ohio High School State meet in 11 events from 1994-98. She won the All-Ohio designation in six events. She was a four-time high school All-American in the 50-, 100-, and 200-freestyle events. Molly was a first-team All-American her senior year in the 100 and 200 freestyles.

In the state meet, Molly finished 24th as a freshman in the 50 and 100 freestyles; 12th in the same events her sophomore year; ninth in the 50 free and fifth in the 100 free as a junior; and as a senior, second in the 100 free and third in the 200 freestyle. She was a four-time district qualifier and a three-time district champion. She was the first female Ross swimmer to win a district event.

Molly set school records in the 50, 100, and 200 freestyles and the 100 butterfly in her high school career. She was a member of the Ross relay teams that held school records in the 200 medley, 200 freestyle, and the 400 freestyle.

She was the Ross captain her senior year.

Molly was an outstanding student, earning academic All-American honors with a 4.6 high school grade-point average and four academic letters. She was the Ross Scholar-Athlete winner in her senior year.

She won an academic scholarship to the University of Kansas, where she was a four-year member of the swim team, was named Jayhawk swimmer of the year as a junior, and served as captain her senior year.

She graduated from college with a B.S. and an M.S. in civil engineering.

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Casey and Dena Schepflin

Cousins Casey and Dena Schepflin were the best girls' doubles tennis team to have played at Fremont Ross. The duo had a four-year record from 1992-1995 of 113-9 while qualifying for the state tournament in 1993 and 1995 and placing in the top eight.

They earned first-team All-Great Lakes League honors in the first doubles slot all four years. The Schepflins won the Sandusky, Michaels, and GLL titles all four seasons.

As freshmen, the duo was 26-1, winning the sectional tournament and qualifying for the district tournament, and finished the season 28-1. As juniors, the Schepflins team was runner-up in the sectional and finished fourth in the district tournament. In their senior season, they qualified for the state tournament, finishing second in both the sectional and district tournaments. The team helped Ross finish second in the 1995 State Tennis Coaches Association Tournament.

Casey earned seven letters at Ross, four in tennis and three in softball. She was honorable mention All-GLL in softball in 1994-1995.

Dena was also a seven-time Ross letter winner – four in tennis and three in basketball. She was honorable mention All-GLL in basketball in the 1995-1996 season.