

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME NIGHT

January 28, 2005

Welcome Hall of Fame recipients, family members, friends, and Bear fans, young and old. This is the seventeenth year for the St. Joseph High School Athletic Hall of Fame. Athletic Director, Kevin Guzzo, and Principal, Jeff Runser, will be honoring the five new inductees with a plaque at halftime.

St. Joseph High School has a very simple philosophy. Each individual has the right and responsibility to develop and grow as a student, as an athlete, and as a person through a variety of experiences. Athletics has been a positive outlet for our honored guests. Certainly, as you read through the profiles of the inductees, you can see that these people serve as strong role models in all facets of life. They have distinguished themselves as great athletes, but more importantly, as good students and community leaders throughout the United States.

We hope you enjoy tonight's activities and invite you to spend some time with the new inductees, their families and friends, at a reception in the Field House conference room, after the game.

Bart Holubar

Bart graduated from St. Joseph in 1994. While he was in high school, he was a four year letter winner in golf and a three year letter winner in basketball. In golf, Bart was a three-time state qualifier, finishing seventh his senior year; a two-time Big 8 All Conference member; and an individual Regional Champion. In basketball, Bart is St. Joseph High School's all time leading scorer and rebounder. He was a three-time All Conference member, a First Team All State member, and a Big 8 Conference MVP. He was selected to the Herald Palladium's All District Team, the South Bend Tribune's All Area Team, and the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan All Star Team.

Bart continued his athletic career at the University of Indianapolis as a four year starter in basketball and a one year letter winner in golf. During his basketball career at the University of Indianapolis, he led the team to a #1 national ranking in Division II in 1997. He also was a member of the 1000 Point Club, and a two-time team captain.

Bart currently resides with his wife, Angi, and their children, Avery and A.J., in Greenwood, Indiana. He is employed as vice president at Vinylcraft, Inc.

Ron Froeschke

Ron is a 1988 graduate of St. Joseph High School. Ron participated in track and cross country and earned eight varsity letters. In track, Ron was the 1988 State Champion in the one mile run with a time of 4:18. In cross country, Ron was the Conference Champion and the Berrien County Champion in 1986 and 1987, and was an All State member for three years. Ron's individual dual meet record was outstanding during his high school career as he finished 45-4 (26-0 during his junior and senior years). While in high school, Ron also earned two academic letters and was a member of the National Honor Society.

Ron continued his running career at Michigan State University, participating in both track and cross country for four years. Ron is still an avid runner as he competes in many road races. He ran the Chicago Marathon in 1998 and 2003, and the Boston Marathon in 2000.

Ron currently resides in Batavia, Illinois, with his wife, Laura, and their three children, Adam, Nathan, and Emma. Ron is a certified management accountant, and he currently manages an industrial battery product line for Exide Technologies in Aurora, Illinois.

Ron "Wally" Waldvogel

Ron grew up in the South Bend area where he attended St. Joseph Catholic High School. During his high school years, Ron won two varsity letters in basketball and three varsity letters in track. In 1958, Ron was the Indiana State Champion in the 800 meter race, in which he set a record that stills stands. Ron went on to attend Western Michigan University, earning two varsity letters in cross country and four varsity letters in track. He was an All Mid-American Conference selection in track in 1960 and an All Mid-American Conference selection in cross country in 1962.

At St. Joseph High School, Ron coached track from 1966 until his retirement in 2000. During this time, Ron's teams won the State Championship in 1997 and were State Runners-Up in 1998. His teams were Conference Champions six times, Regional Champions five times, and compiled a 177-93 dual meet record. In 1997, Ron was selected Regional Coach of the Year, the Michigan Interscholastic Track Coaching Association Coach of the Year, and was a National Track Coach of the year finalist.

Ron also coached cross country for 30 years at St. Joseph High School and was selected as State Coach of the Year in 1971 and 1988. His teams were State Champions in 1971 and 1997; State Runners-Up in 1968, 1970, 1973, and 1998; Conference Champions thirteen times, Regional Champions 13 times, and Berrien County Invitational Champions 21 times. He compiled a 281-57 dual meet record over his tenure in cross country.

Ron currently resides in Stevensville with his wife Judy.

Geoff "Bubba" Wyngarden

Geoff, a 1990 graduate of St. Joseph High School, participated in baseball and basketball, earning 6 varsity letters. In 1989, Geoff was a member of the State Runner-Up Basketball Team. In baseball, Geoff was both an All Conference and All State member his senior year. In 1990, he was selected as the United States Baseball Federation Michigan Player of the Year. Geoff also was selected as MVP at the Michigan High School All Star Baseball Game in 1990.

Geoff's outstanding high school baseball career led him to be chosen for several state and national teams. In 1987, he was a member of the American Legion State Championship Baseball Team. In 1990, the United States Baseball Federation chose him to be a member on the National Baseball Team. Geoff was also a member of the United States Junior National Baseball Team, and helped lead the team to a bronze medal in the World Championships played in Havana, Cuba.

Geoff continued his brilliant baseball career at the University of Michigan where he played varsity baseball for two years. He currently resides in Hilliard, Ohio, with his wife, Jennifer, and their two daughters, Sydney and Mia. He works in medical sales.

Brett Wyngarden

Brett graduated from St. Joseph High School in 1989. While here, Brett participated in football, basketball, and baseball, earning seven varsity letters. In baseball, Brett was an All District and All Conference member for both his junior and senior years. He was also an All Region and All State team member his senior year. During high school, Brett was also an academic letter winner and a member of the National Honor Society.

Brett continued his baseball career at both the University of Wisconsin and Northwestern University, earning three varsity letters. After college, Brett was selected in the 24th round of the 1992 Major League Baseball draft by the Houston Astros. After playing with the Astros organization for two years, Brett played two years for the Detroit Tiger organization.

Brett currently resides in Cave Creek, Arizona. He is a managing partner of a technical recruiting company.

Brett and Geoff would like to dedicate this honor to their late father, Mike Wyngarden, who passed away in November of 2001. With their father's mentoring, guidance, and ability to be a good father, this honor was made possible. Brett and Geoff know their father would be very proud.