



RONALD ESRANG



Former Postmaster of Jim Thorpe, he signed his first minor league contract in 1951 to play in Rome, N.Y., as a member of the Canadian League. He also played in the Interstate League with the Harrisburg team, with Lancaster in the Piedmont League, and Columbus of the International League. He later committed his time and talent to the foundation and success of the Babe Ruth League in Jim Thorpe.





Paul Skrimcovsky



Paul rushed for over 1,000 yards in only eight games of the 1966 football season. He led his team in scoring (73 points) and was named Most Valuable Player after leading the Champion Olympian team to its only undefeated and untied season.

That same year he was named Captain and MVP of his baseball team, leading the team in batting average, stolen bases, runs, and runs batted in.

Paul was approached by both the Tigers and Pirates to attend Spring Training following his Senior year but instead went on to Bloomsburg

University where he lettered for three years as the starting fullback for the Huskies. He earned Little All-American recognition from the N.A.I.A.





Mr. Randy "RR" Rabenold



Mr. Rabenold graduated from Leighton High in 1948, having lettered in football, basketball, and track and field. He served in the Marines in Korea, and went on to graduate from Kutztown State College in 1956. He coached basketball on the Junior High, Freshman, Junior Varsity and Varsity level at Jim Thorpe from 1963 to 1991. He directed the L. B. Morris Elementary League from 1980 to 1991, and is the Co-Director of the

Summer League in Jim Thorpe since its inception in 1963. Randy was named the Jim Thorpe Booster Club's "Man of the Year" in 1981.





1963 JIM THORPE HIGH SCHOOL EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAMPIONS



The 1963 Jim Thorpe High School basketball team repeated the success of the 1962 Class C State Championship team as champions of the Black Diamond League, Panther Valley/Carbon County Area, and Class C Eastern Champions. During the season they never lost at home (12-0), they established the longest winning streak in the history of the school (13), and they won 22 games for the second season in a row (22-4). Head Coach Ken Kline, Asst. Coaches Daniel Strouse & Garnet Coble, Manager Dennis Tredinnick, TEAM MEMBERS: John Hydro, Fred Bresswein, Ned Reabold, John Maehrer, Tom Sheehan, George Mann, Jack Kmetz, Ron Hydro, Dave Bryfogle, George Armbruster, Larry Morris (Capt.).

