



“Ossie” Maehrer



Maehrer coached Basketball for 21 years at Mauch Chunk and Jim Thorpe High. His post WW II record was 124-100. His teams won the Mountain League Championship in 1952, and again in 1955.

A WW II Navy veteran, he served with Halsey's Third Fleet. A standout athlete, Maehrer played football, basketball, baseball, and ran track for Inter Chunk High School. He also ran the half mile and played football at East Stroudsburg College.

He was a Scoutmaster, a Sunday School teacher for 25 years at St. John's Lutheran Church, a physical education teacher, baseball, track, and football coach, as well as a recreation supervisor at Kemmerer Park.





## Stroud Hiller



Hiller earned ten varsity letters in four years of sports at Inter-Chunk High School. He led the Carbon Schuylkill Basketball League his senior year with a 15-point per game average.

He played Semi-Pro Baseball for 11 years, and Semi-Pro Basketball for the Blue Bell Athletic Club, The Irish Athletic Club, and Cossman's Chryslers. In 1938 Hiller had a tryout with the Pittsburgh Pirates.





## Ken Kline



Kline was an All-State basketball player at William-Allen High School and All-State at Millersville College. He led his college team in scoring in both his Junior and Senior years. His coaching record at Jim Thorpe in seven years was 101-66.

His Olympian teams won 13 Championships including 2 Smith Hall Christmas Tournaments, (2) Black Diamond League Championships, (4) District XI Championships, and (2) Eastern Pennsylvania Championships.

His 1961-62 team won the only State Championship in Mauch Chunk/Jim Thorpe history, defeating Clarion 51-40 for the Class 'C' State Crown.





**1971-72 Jim Thorpe Eastern Finalist  
Basketball Team**

Coach Chuck Hanna's "IRON FIVE" compiled a 21-8 mark enroute to a third place State Tournament finish. They averaged 62.1 PPG while holding their opponents to 54.3 PPG. No starter was over 6 feet tall. Led by Co-Captains Don Herman and Jim Zurn the team defeated St. Clair for the District XI crown, 51-50. They swept through New Oxford, Northwest, and Darby Township in Inter District play before losing to State Champion Mount Penn in the Eastern Final. In the consolation game they defeated Laurel Valley, 49-42. Rounding out the "IRON FIVE" were Dan Albeck, George Albert, and Jim Kmetz.

