



John "Bud" Eiler



John "Bud" Eiler's successful career as a coach, teacher, and administrator began at the East Mauch Chunk Public High School in 1936. A 1930 graduate of Schuylkill Haven High School, where he was a three sport scholastic standout, he received his B.S. from East Stroudsburg Teachers' College in 1936, a M.A. from New York University in 1947, and did Post-graduate work towards his doctorate at the University of Pittsburgh (1948-1955).

From 1936 to 1942 he was a member of the faculty of East Mauch Chunk High School where he taught Physical Education and General Sciences. During this time he coached Basketball, Gymnastics, and Soccer and his teams won three consecutive Mountain League Championship in Soccer (1939-1940-1941); the 1941 Mountain League Basketball Championship; and, the Gymnastics Marching Championship at East Stroudsburg State College.

He served in the U.S. Navy from 1942 to 1946. Following military service he became a member of the faculty at Slipper Rock State College. In 1956 he took a position at East Stroudsburg University and remained there until his retirement in 1978.

Mr. Eiler was inducted into the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame in 1986, the Carbon County Chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame in 1994; and the National Collegiate Soccer Hall of Fame (Santa Clara, California) in 1994





James "Buck" Rader



James "Buck" Rader, a resident of Glen Burnie, Md., graduated from East Mauch Chunk High School in 1953. From 1950-53, he played four years of varsity baseball and basketball. During his high school baseball career he batted .303 - .352 - .482 - .418.

He played five years of American Legion Baseball, making the Legion team when he was only an eighth grader. In his third year he made the All-Star Team, and, during his fourth year he played in the All-East Classic at Schibe Park in Philadelphia. In his final season, he played in the East-West All-Star game in Ephrata, Pa. It was during this latter game that he became the first player selected by major league baseball scouts. In his four years of Legion

Baseball, Rader batted .327 - .340 - .349 and .389.

During his high school and Legion careers he played two years with Lake Harmony in the Pocono Mountain League, where he batted .450 and .430.

Following high school he received offers from the Brooklyn Dodgers, the St. Louis Browns, the Pittsburgh Pirates, the Philadelphia Phillies, and the Baltimore Orioles. He elected to go with the New York Yankees. He played for their "farm team" in Paris, Ill., of the Midwest League.

From 1958 to 1960 he played Division level baseball in Korea where, as co-captain, he helped his team win the Eighth Army Title and he was selected to the All Eighth Army Baseball Team. He also played football for the Eighth Army and was on the 1959 championship team.





George "Stinky" Hewitt



George "Stinky" Hewitt played basketball for the Mauch Chunk High School Bruins from 1950 to 1953 during which time he scored 1,358 points. Hewitt tied the Mountain League scoring record of 45 points against the Trojans of East Mauch Chunk and within a week scored 49 points against Rock Glen to set a new single-game regular season scoring record for the Mountain League.

The Bruins, coached by Ossie Maehrer, won the 1952 Mountain League Title. In 1953 Hewitt finished second to the legendary Frank Romano of Weatherly in the Mountain League scoring race, averaging 31.6 points per game to Romano's 33.3 points per game. Hewitt scored more field goals than Romano (136 to 121), however, the Weatherly ace

converted more free throws (91 to 14).

Hewitt received All-State Honorable Mention in 1952 and was selected to the Second Team All-State in 1953. He was also a member of the Mountain League All-Star Team.

The son of Mildred Hewitt of Jim Thorpe, George is married to the former Lois Nester of Orwigsburg. They are the parents of three daughters. Hewitt was employed in the construction trades in New Jersey for 26 years prior to returning to Jim Thorpe.





Jackie Morgan



A 1962 graduate of Jim Thorpe High School, captained the 1962 Class "C" State Championship team. The high scorer of the team, he led the Olympians to a 21-3 record as the first and only state championship team in the annals of Jim Thorpe athletics. In the Class "C" Regional Championship win over Sharon Hill, he tallied 27 points and hit for 20 points in the State Championship game. During the 1961-62 season he scored 411 points in 23 games for a 17.8 points per game average, hitting for 25 or more points in 10 of the 23 games he played.

His numerous honors during his career include the following: the 1958 American Legion Scholarship Medal Winner (Immaculate Conception); the 1958 Carbon County-Panther Valley Parochial Basketball League Scoring Champion; MVP of the 1962 Class "C" State Championship team; selected to the 1962 Panther Valley All-Stars in the annual B'nai B'rith Scholastic Invitational Tournament; named as an "Alternate" on the All-State High School Basketball Teams (A,B and C schools); and, named to the Second Team of the Little All-State Basketball Team (B and C schools).

Jackie is the son of Allen and Mae Morgan of Jim Thorpe.





Joe & Fran O'Donnell



Joe and "the late" Fran O'Donnell were renowned basketball players and coaches for the Mauch Chunk Catholic High "Cougars." They played varsity basketball for Catholic High from 1937 to 1940. During their Junior year they led their team to a record of 15-7 season and the Anthracite Parochial League title, the first championship in the history of Mauch Chunk Scholastic sports.

The O'Donnell's were the only two to return the following year from the previous team and went on to a 18-6 record and won the championship for the second year in a row.

Graduating in 1940, they had a brief coaching stint at Catholic High but, eventually, they both were called to service in World War II. On their return they resumed coaching in 1946 and led the team to a 31-7 record (the most wins of any team in the history of Mauch Chunk/Jim Thorpe sports). Winning 18 in a row and 24 of 25

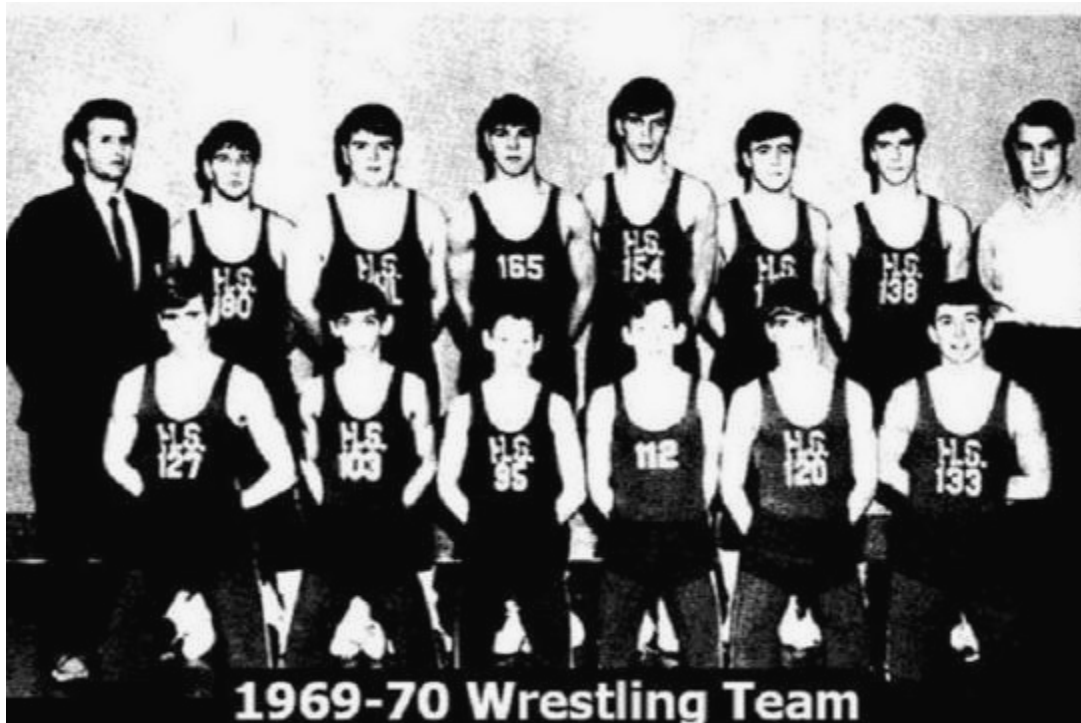
games, they won; the Anthracite Parochial League championship; the Philadelphia Diocesan Parochial Class "B" Championship and the Eastern Pennsylvania PCIAA Class "B" Championship (the first time in the town's history that a local basketball team advanced to the State Finals). In that game they lost to St. George High School, 43-41.

The two were outstanding baseball players in high school and played for the Mauch Chunk Athletic Club and Milan's Pacesetter baseball teams for several years. They coached Little League Baseball for three years and in 1958 retired from playing and coaching athletics.





1969-70 Jim Thorpe High School Wrestling Team



Coached by Angelo "Angie" Konstas, compiled the finest record of any wrestling team in the history of Jim Thorpe High School. After losing its first two meets to Leighton (27-21) and North Schuylkill (30-17), the team went on to 10 consecutive victories in winning the Championship of the Northern Division of the Tri-County League. The majority of the opposition were "quad A" and "triple A" schools which had long established programs.

No starting Varsity wrestler had a losing record! Starting Varsity wrestlers and their records are as follows: Bernard Bott (7-5); Robert Gigliotte (8-3); Joseph Bott (11-1); Patrick Crowley (12-0); David Mueller (11-1); Peter Susko (11-1); Charles Bott (9-3); Michael Gerber (8-3-1); Michael Kowatch (8-4); Joe Micko (9-1); John Olsen (6-6): and, Ed Hawk (10-2).

