



## Vince Gilotti



Vince Gilotti was a 1960 graduate of Jim Thorpe High School and was the first All-State Football selection in the history of the school. He started three years at the defensive and offensive guard positions and he was selected Co-Captain of the team in 1959. He particularly excelled on the defensive line and at the conclusion of the 1959 season he was named by the Associated Press to the Pennsylvania All-State Honorable Mention Team. He also played on offense and defense in the UNICO All-Star Football game in 1960.

He lettered two years in varsity basketball and was an invaluable member of the 1959 District II Class C Championship Team that reached the Eastern Semi-Final of State Playoffs.

In 1960 Mr. Gilotti received the "Babe Ruth Award" for being Jim Thorpe Area High School's outstanding athlete for sportsmanship and fair play.

An avid skier, he has been a Certified Ski Instructor since 1968 and was a racing coach at the Blue Mountain Ski Area in the 1980's. Mr. Gilotti has won many individual gold medals and qualified numerous times for the nationals in NASTAR ski racing competitions.

He graduated from Bloomsburg University with a BS in Business Education in 1964 and in 1971 received his Masters Degree in Business Education. Mr. Gilotti taught in the Palmerton Area School District until 1974, when he became a real estate broker. Since that time he has developed a successful career in real estate sales and appraisals.

Vince is married to the former Mary Lou Diehl since August 1968 and resides in Lehighton. They have one son, who teaches in the Lehighton Area School District.





## Dale Burnhauser



Dale Burnhauser graduated from Jim Thorpe Area High School in 1962 and, despite playing only two years of organized football; he was named to the Associated Press All-State Honorable Mention Team at the tackle position at the end of 1961 season.

During his junior year he played defensive tackle and had an outstanding season on defense. His senior season he was elected the team MVP and he played both defensive tackle and fullback, excelling at both positions. In addition to his All-State selection he was named to the Sporting News Wig Wam Wise Men of America National High School All-American

Football Team Honorable Mention. This honor was bestowed upon only 48 of the 15,000 plus high school football players who were eligible for selection. Mr. Burnhauser was recruited by the legendary coach, Ben Schwartzwalder, of Syracuse University.

He also played basketball for the Olympians his junior and senior seasons.

Dale resides in Jim Thorpe and retired from Dugan & Marcon Company of Bethlehem this year. He has two sons, Dean and Wayne.





## Art Guth Jr.



Art Guth, Jr. graduated from Jim Thorpe Area High School in 1962 and during his high school career he distinguished himself on both the gridiron and basketball courts. On the football field he played guard and tackle his Sophomore and Junior year until he was switched to the right end position for the last three games. In those games, he caught seven consecutive touchdown passes, which still a record in Olympian football history. The first four were against Summit Hill and the next two against Lansford, one of the topped ranked teams in the State of Pennsylvania, which the Olympians defeated 13-7.

At the conclusion of the season he was selected to the Honorable Mention All-State Football Team.

In basketball, he lettered his junior and senior years. During his senior season he played center and was the leading rebounder on the 'Class C State Championship Team.' He was named to the Honorable Mention All-State Championship Team at the conclusion of the season.

His inclusion as a member of both the Honorable Mention All-State Basketball and Football Teams, during the same year, places him in the record book as the only athlete in the history of Jim Thorpe Area High School to be so honored.

After high school, Art began a 26 year career as a Football Head Coach (1984-1988) and Assistant Coach (1990-1994) to Assistant Coaching jobs at Palmerton and Panther Valley. An outstanding softball player, he teamed with his father and Hall-of-Famer, Art, Sr., playing 15 years of "fastpitch" softball as a second baseman, center-fielder and catcher. In 1966, while playing for the Palmerton Legionnaires, he assisted the team in winning the 'Class A' State Championship Title." Art is married to the former Bernice Herman and they have three children – Art, Allan and Wendy – and five grandchildren. He is retired from the US Postal Service since 1999 but still works for the Jim Thorpe Area School District.





## Chuck McGowan



Chuck McGowan graduated from Jim Thorpe Area High School in 1980 and during his athletic career he excelled at football and basketball and led the team in rebounding during his Sophomore, Junior and Senior seasons. He scored 1,048 points and grabbed over 1000 rebounds during his career. He was selected the team captain for his Junior and Senior seasons and received the following recognitions: Honorable Mention to the Anthracite Coaches' Team and Harrisburg Patriot Anthracite All Star Basketball Team his junior year and was a second team pick on these teams his senior year. He was voted the MVP in the 1980 Carbon County All Star Game.

Mr. McGowan captained the football team for two years and at defensive end he was the team's leading tackler during those years. His Junior season he was named the team's MVP and selected to the 1978 All-East Central Regional Football Team. He won the Phil Herrity Award his senior year and was a Big 33 Nominee. Quoting his Coach, Bruce Krasley, "Chuck McGowan is the best football player that I ever coached."

Chuck was offered full athletic scholarships from the University of Virginia, University of Cincinnati and North Carolina State University. He graduated from York College with a B. S. in Engineering Management in 1994.

He resides in York and has six children: Chad, Sara, Chase, Justin, Emily and Katie. He is currently employed by OTSUKA Pharmaceutical Development and commercialization.





## Ben Warren



A 1995 Jim Thorpe Area High School graduate, Ben Warren, has an outstanding wrestling career for the Olympians but also performed admirably on the gridiron and running cross country. He began wrestling in the Knee-Hi program and made it to the Mid-Atlantic Eastern Regional Nationals. As a Freshman, wrestling Junior High, he had an undefeated season. During his Sophomore season, wrestling at 189, he took 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Jim Thorpe Christmas Tournament, 3<sup>rd</sup> place in PIAA District 11 AA, 4<sup>th</sup> place in the Schuylkill League and qualified for the PIAA Southeast Regional's. Junior year brought another 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the Christmas Tournament, 4<sup>th</sup> Place finishes in PIAA District 11 and the Schuylkill League and, again another South East Regional qualification. His senior season,

despite a nagging shoulder injury, he placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Christmas Tournament, 4<sup>th</sup> in District 11 and 4<sup>th</sup> in the Southeast Regional. Also, during that year, he placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Mid-Atlantic Regional Nationals. His overall varsity record was 72 wins and 25 losses.

Besides wrestling, he ran cross country for two years and played offensive guard and defensive tackle position on the Olympian football team for two years – scoring two defensive touchdowns in one game.

Upon graduation from high school he matriculated to Bloomsburg University, where he wrestled for two seasons. Mr. Warren also has some coaching experience – he assisted with the Knee-Hi wrestling program in his Junior and Senior years and, 1999-2001, was a volunteer, Assistant Wrestling Coach at Panther Valley High School. Currently, he is the Junior High Wrestling Coach at Jim Thorpe.

Ben graduated from Bloomsburg University in 1999 and is pursuing a Masters Degree at Wilkes University. He resides in Jim Thorpe and teaches 6<sup>th</sup> grade at the LB Morris Elementary School.





## Geoffrey Kelowitz



Geoffrey Kelowitz graduated from Jim Thorpe Area High School in 2000 and Towson University in 2005 – at each institution he had outstanding careers in both baseball and golf. As an Olympian pitcher he had an 8- 3 record in games that he started and finished and had a very low earned run average of 1.6. He holds the all-time record for strike-outs over three years – 271 and the record for the most wins in games in which he pitched – 22. He threw several no-hitters in high school. He also pitched for the Lehigh Township Tri County League. In 2000 Mr. Kelowitz's team-leading battering average was .517 and had a .648 on-base percentage. He was the team's MVP in 1999 and 2000, the Eyewitness News Times News Baseball Player of the Year in 2000. Also, in 2000 he was named to the Morning Call's All-Area second team, the Pottsville Republican All-Area 1st team and the All-State Supreme Team. He played at Towson University for two years as a relief-pitcher and was the leading 'relieve' as a sophomore. Geoff's golf career also

began at Jim Thorpe Area High School where he was selected as a three-time team MVP and the Times News Golfer of the Year in 1999 and 2000. In 1999 he captured 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in the following non-league tournaments – PA Junior State Amateur, the Keystone Games, the Anthracite Jr. Golf Assoc. and the Lehigh Golf Assoc. (at five different country club tournaments throughout the area.) In 2000 he captured 1st Place in ever high school league match that he played and 1st Place in the League Championship. He placed 7<sup>th</sup> in the National High School Open and was named an All-American. After matriculating to Towson on a golf scholarship in 2000, he finished in the top ten of the ECAC, and made the All-Tournament Team at the St. Andrews College Golf Championship in Scotland. In 2005 he took 1<sup>st</sup> Place in both the Lehigh Valley Medal Play and the Stroke Play Tournaments and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in the Northeast Stroke Play Championship. He has won the Mahoning Valley Club Championship in 2001, 2002, and 2004m where he holds the course record of 63 (10 under par.) He also holds the course record of 65 at the Allentown Municipal Golf Club.

Geoff turned Pro in 2005 and has played on the Hooter's Professional Golf Tour in Florida and will be playing the Tar Heel Golf Tour in NC and SC this summer. He graduated from Towson University in 2005 with a degree in Sports Management and currently resides in Palm Harbor, FL..





# 1967 Jim Thorpe Championship Football Team

