



JTASHOf inducts All-Around Outstanding Athlete



Ben Flizack excelled in 3 sports during an All-Star career that ended in 2007. He received 4 letters in Tennis, where he was a two-time Captain and undefeated in Doubles in 2006 and 2007. He earned two letters in basketball where he served as Captain in 2007. And in football, due to 7 knee surgeries during his years as an underclassman, he only played one year as a senior in 2007.

As a member of the Jim Thorpe Tennis Team from 2004-2007, Flizack captained the undefeated doubles team and the tennis team to undefeated regular seasons in 2005/2006 and led the team to the District XI semi-finals in 2005/2006. In 2006/2007 he captained the doubles team to another undefeated season and led the team to another 2nd place finish in the District XI tournament while being named MVP.

While playing basketball, Flizack was named Captain of the team and in his senior year they qualified for the District XI basketball tournament.

In his only season playing football, Flizack performed beautifully and was named 1st team All-Conference on Defense; 2nd team All-Conference Offense and was awarded the Most Valuable Lineman Award.

He was so impressive as a senior end in Football, that he received scholarship offers from Holy Cross, The University at Buffalo and Lehigh University, which he accepted. He had a star-studded career at Lehigh as a defensive end and along with his personal accomplishments, was part of a Lehigh football team that won 2 Patriot League Championships and played in NCAA tournament playoff games in 2010 in Iowa and 2011 in North Dakota.

He received the Lehigh University Scholar Athlete Award in Fall, 2007, Spring 2009 and Fall of 2010 and was named to the Patriot League Academic Honor Roll in 2010. In 2011, he was a 3-time recipient of the Lehigh University "Defensive MVP Game Award" against Colgate, Bucknell and Holy Cross and was named Outstanding Defensive Lineman" for the 2011 season. He also was named the Patriot League Defensive Player of the Week during that 2011 season.

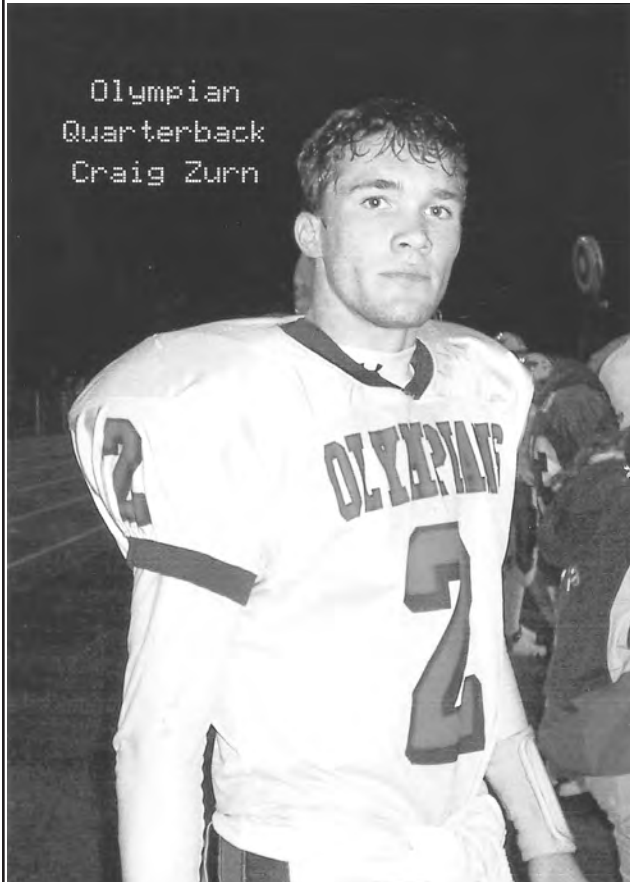
Flizack graduated, with honors, from Lehigh University in 2011 with a B.S. in Earth and Environmental Studies and is presently employed by Melick-Tully & Associates as a GeoTechnical & Environmental Engineer & Consultant.

He currently resides in Verona, NJ with his girlfriend, Kelsey and their new puppy, Zorra.





JTASHOF inducts Craig Zurn •••One of Jim Thorpe's Finest



Olympian
Quarterback
Craig Zurn

Craig Zurn graduated from Jim Thorpe Area High School in 2007 as one of the most outstanding, fastest and exciting football players ever to appear on the gridiron at Jim Thorpe Area High School.

He lettered for 4 years in football and 4 years in baseball and served as Senior Class Treasurer and a member of the National Honor Society in 2007.

In 2004, Zurn began his career as a member of the only regular-season undefeated 10-0 team in Jim Thorpe history. This team won the Anthracite 8 Football Championship and were runners-up in the District XI Class 3A playoffs.

In his senior year of 2006, the team finished with an 8-3 record and, again, won the Anthracite 8 Football Championship and qualified for the District XI playoffs.

During his high school football career, Zurn rushed for 2,007 yards, passed for 1,659 and had 678 receiving yards. He had 43 TD's; 19 rushing, 16 passing, 2 receiving, a 92 yard kickoff return vs. Tamaqua, 3 punt returns and 2 interceptions.

As a result of these achievements, Zurn earned a dazzling amount of personal awards: He was named to play in the Pennsylvania East/West Football Game (the only football player in Jim Thorpe history to receive this honor).

He was named to the WNEP-TV Super 16 Dream Team (only the 2nd player to be named from Jim Thorpe).

Along with those two awards, he also was named to the Reading Eagle All-Anthracite Small School Football Team; the Republican & Herald All-Area Football Team First Team Defense; the Schuylkill County Football Coaches Association North All-Star 1st Team Defense; PA Football News All-Academic Gold Team 2006-2007; 2006 Anthracite League 1st Team Offense and 2nd Team Defense; the Jim Thorpe High School MVP; the Jim Thorpe H.S. Offensive MVP and to the Anthracite 8 League's All-Decade Team (2001 to 2011).

He received college scholarship offers from Lafayette, Holy Cross, Albany, Colgate, Georgetown and Lehigh which was the school he selected to attend.

While at Lehigh, Zurn lettered for 3 years as a kick returner/slot receiver. During the 2010 season, Lehigh went undefeated in the Patriot League and finished with a season record of 10-3. They defeated Northern Iowa in the first round of the NCAA FCS (College Football Series) playoffs and lost to Delaware in the second round.

Zurn graduated with a B.S. in Business and Economics with a major in Management. He is currently employed by Nike as a manager in Tannersville, PA and lives with his parents, his brother Jake and two sisters, Tricia and Lauren.





Record Breaking Running Back Joins the JTASHOF



Ed Jordan graduated from Jim Thorpe High School in 1966. During his senior year, Jordan became the first Jim Thorpe football player to lead the Carbon County Area in scoring with 102 points.

He achieved that total playing in an 8 game season in 1965 while most of the other Carbon County teams were playing 10 games. He rushed for 16 touchdowns (an average of 2 TD's per game) and 6 extra points. He rushed for a total of 789 yards during the season with his best games coming against Marian (159 yards rushing and 3 TD's), Pleasant Valley (116 yards rushing and 2 TD's), Pocono Mt. (114 yards and 3 TD's), Tri-Valley (122 yards and 3 TD's) and Northwestern (139 yards and 3 TD's). Jordan became only the 6th player in Carbon County history to score over 100 points in a season and the ONLY player to ever score over 100 points in an 8

game season.

Jordan also played baseball and basketball during high school and was elected Vice President of his class in 1964 and to the National Honor Society in 1966.

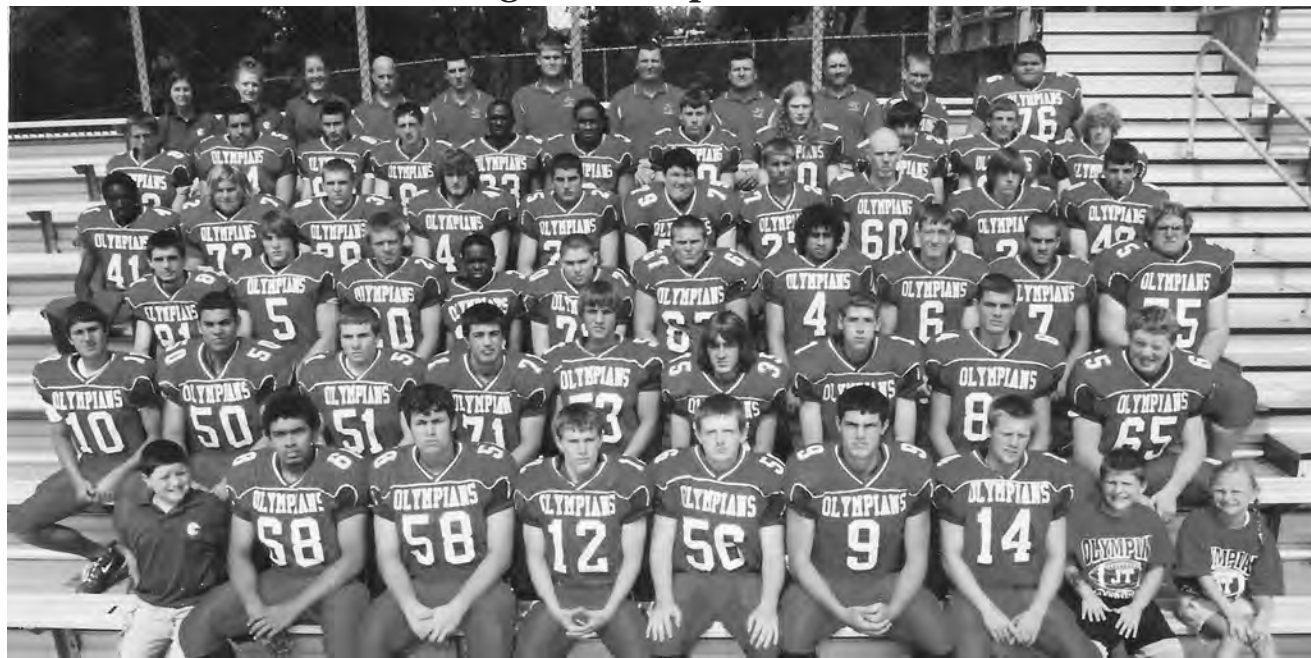
He attended Albright College after graduation and transferred to Western Carolina in Cullowhee, NC where he graduated in 1970 with a BS in Chemistry. In 1970, he was chosen the Outstanding Senior Chemistry Student at Western Carolina and received the Sigma Xi Research Award in 1970.

Jordan retired in 2003 as Quality Control Manager for BASF in Anderson, SC. He wife, Jean, is also retired and both are enjoying their retirement together.





2007 Anthracite League Champs Inducted into JTASHOF



The 2007 Jim Thorpe Area Olympian Football Team, led by long-time successful coach, Mark Rosenberger, finished with an overall record of 9-3 that included winning the 2007 Anthracite League Championship and being the first team in Jim Thorpe Area High School football history, dating back to the inception of football in 1955, to win a District XI football playoff game.

The 2006 team finished in a 3-way tie for the Anthracite League Championship with Marian, and Shenandoah Valley. Jim Thorpe lost 20 seniors from that team. However, with a solid core of returnees, the Olympians were optimistic about the 2007 season and the team didn't disappoint their faithful fans.

The 2007 team finished with a regular season record of 8-2 and won the Anthracite 8 League in impressive fashion, losing only one league game (7-1). Overall, the Olympian's offense scored 296 points and averaged 24.7 per game, scoring over 21 points in 10 of the 12 games. The defense was even more impressive. Their opponents only scored 9.5 points per game and the Olympians only allowed two teams to score more than 14 points in a game against them.

Jim Thorpe entered the District XI-I Class 2A subregional playoffs playing Northern Lehigh, who they easily beat 42-14. The next game was against Lansdale Catholic. They lost to them 28-7 and Lansdale Catholic went on to win the PIAA Class 2A State Championship.

Many members of the team and Coach Rosenberger were recipients of post-season awards:

2007 Anthracite League Major Awards

1. Mark Rosenberger (coach) being named Anthracite Coach of the Year;
2. Josh Hontz (wide receiver) was named as Offensive Player of the Year and,
3. Lance Malatak (offensive guard) selected as Lineman of the Year.





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Named to the 2007 Anthracite League All-Star team were:

First team - Lance Malatak, Josh Hontz, Corey Cinicola, Phil Redline, Scott McGonigal, Nathan Schmidt, Kyle Poremba and Eric Busocker.

Second Team - Nate White, Eric Busocker, Josh Hontz, Anthony Mistretta and Jacob Zurn.

The Pottsville Republican & Herald selections to their All-Area Football Team:

First team - Corey Cinicola, Josh Hontz, Scott McGonigal and Eric Busocker.

Second Team - Phil Redline and Lance Malatak.

The Schuylkill County Football Coaches Association All-Stars North Team:

First Team Offense - Corey Cinicola, Lance Malatak, Josh Hontz, Phil Redline and kicker Nathan Schmidt.

Offensive Player of the Year - Josh Hontz

First Team Defense - Lance Malatak, Scott McGonigal, Kyle Poremba and Eric Busocker.

Co-Defensive Player of the Year - Scott McGonigal

Co-Coach of the year - Mark Rosenberger

The Times-News All-Area Team:

First Team - Corey Cinicola, Phil Redline, Josh Hontz, Lance Malatak, Nathan Schmidt, Kyle Poremba, Scott McGonigal and Eric Busocker.

Second Team - Nate White and Jacob Zurn.

Morning Call All-Area Team:

First Team - Josh Hontz and Corey Cinicola

Members of the team were:

Head Coach: Mark Rosenberger

Asst. Coaches: Gregory Harrison, Frank Miller, Patrick Morgans, Anthony Russo, Brian Schwartz, Anthony Vecolitis

Freshmen/Junior High Staff: Joseph Halenar, Travis Andrews, Shawn Kopp, Dave Marino.

Trainers: Heather Kline and Mindy Sando

Managers: Jill Andrews, Dylan Bradley, Mackenzie Rosenberger, Ashley Tillou, Serena Tillou, Harold Baker.

Team Members: Nate Schmidt, Pat Janecki, Leon Sutton, Nathan Jones, Josh Hontz, Jake Zurn, Kyle Busocker, Eric Busocker, Corey Cinicola, Chris DeMuro, Anthony Mistretta, Trevon Sullivan, Thomas Ferguson, Joe Garland, Kysheem Lynch, Phil Redline, Patrick Popovitz, Stephan Ormiston, Tom Butts, Shawn Lignore, Jonathon Espilco, Ian Grant, Kristian Koehler, Scott McGonigal, Carl Lehman, Kyle Poremba, Chris Zayas, Greg Simmons, Billy Rieck, Daniel Salas, Thomas Hartman, Lance Malatak, Carlos Santos, Andrew Calhoun, Tyler Mangold, Roy Walker, Nathan White, Gianpaolo Samelli, Brandon Zeigler, Mike Carpenter, David Easterday, Brandon Peterson, Matt Taylor, Zach Miller, Jim Nunez, Tony Brown, Brandon Stella and Collin DeVries.

