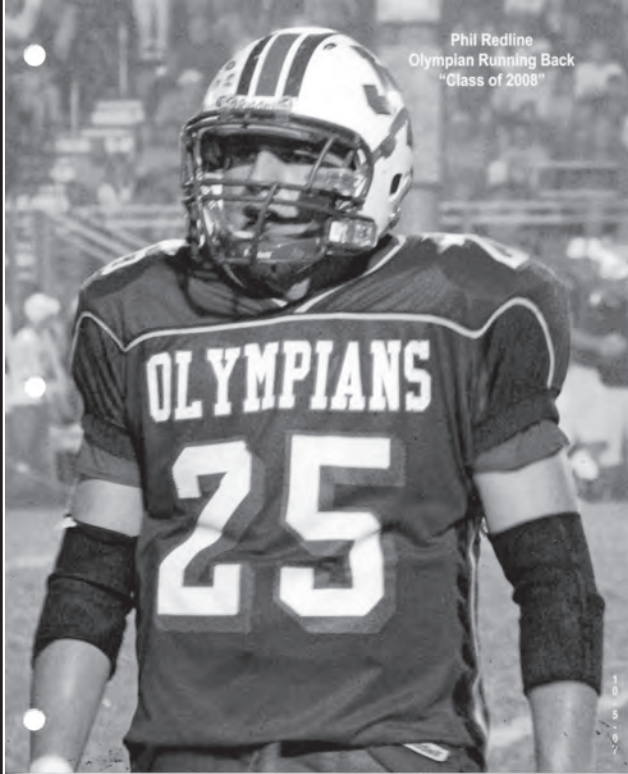




## *JTASHOf inducts All-Around Outstanding Athlete*



Philip Redline graduated from Jim Thorpe Area High School in 2008 and, during his time with the Olympians, earned 4 varsity letters in football, 4 varsity letters in track and was a champion power lifter.

In football, Redline starred on the Varsity Football team for 4 years and started for three of those four years at running back and one as defensive end. As a senior, he was captain of the football team. He rushed for 1,275 yards on 244 carries, had 17 receptions for 210 yards and scored a total of 12 TD's. Defensively, he had 20 tackles and 2 1/2 sacks. He was chosen as the Co-MVP on Offense as a Senior and was named Jim Thorpe's Hall of Fame Scholar Athlete in 2008.

He finished his career as the 2nd leading All-Time Rusher with 2,750 rushing yards and 2nd All-Time Scorer with 244 points. He was First Team Times-News Running Back and First Team Schuylkill County North Running Back in his Junior and Senior years. He was also on the Anthracite League All-Star First team in 2007 and Second team in 2006 and the Republican Herald All-Area second team running back in 2007 and he was recognized as Player of the Week 8 times in his junior and senior years by all of the local news organizations. He and Craig Zurn were

described as "Jim Thorpe's Double Trouble" throughout their senior season.

Redline is already in the Jim Thorpe Area Sports Hall of Fame as a member of the 2004 Undefeated Football Team and the 2007 Anthracite 8 Champions.

Not only did Redline specialize in rushing for touchdowns and breaking down defenders in football but he also excelled in track and power-lifting.

In track, Redline won numerous medals in the 100 meter-200 meter-400 meter dashes and was a part of a championship 1600 meter relay team. He is a former record holder of the 100 and 200 meter dashes and also was a member of the record-breaking 400 meter relay team.

In power-lifting, he placed 1st in many weightlifting competitions and in 2007 was declared the Best Lifter in the 4th Annual Olympian Ironman Lift.

He completed his education at Jim Thorpe by being named to the National Honor Society and finishing in the top 10% of his senior class.

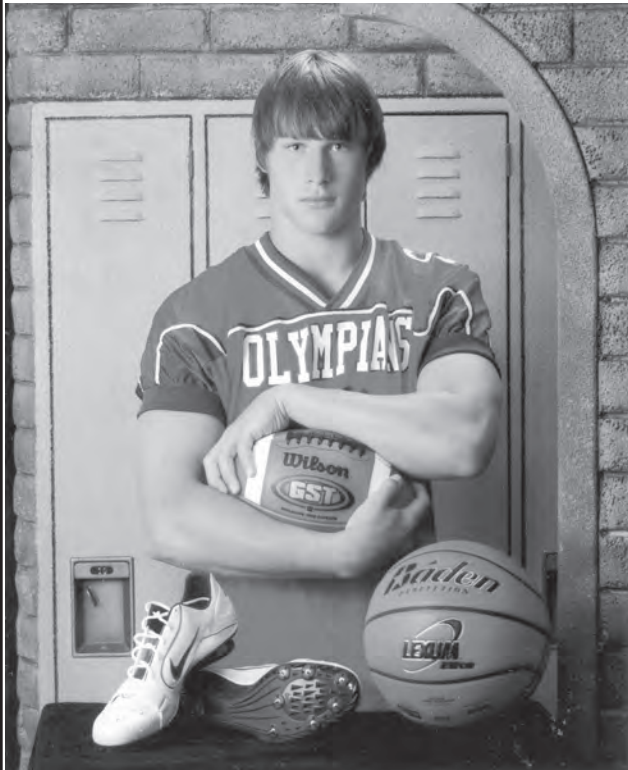
But his scholastic and athletic successes didn't end with the Olympians. Redline attended Moravian College from 2008-2012 where he majored in accounting and was on the Dean's List. He also was a 4-year member of a Greyhounds football team that beat Wilkes in the ECAC Southwest Bowl. He was named to the Centennial Conference Academic Honor Roll in 2009 and served on the Student-Advisory Committee.

He presently lives in Chambersburg, PA where he is employed by IMI as a Senior Staff Accountant.





*Multi-Sport Star, Josh Hontz, is 2015  
Jim Thorpe Area Sports Hall of Fame Inductee*



During his high school career that extended from 2004-2008, Josh Hontz earned 11 total varsity letters: 4 in football; 4 in track and field, and 3 in basketball. He was a standout in both football and track and field.

After his senior season in 2007-2008, Hontz was named Co-Offensive Team MVP with the Olympians and selected as 1st team Wide Receiver by the Anthracite Football league and the Times-News, Pottsville-Republican, Reading Eagle and the Morning Call newspapers. He was named the Offensive Player of the Year by both the Schuylkill County Football Coaches' Association and the Anthracite Football League.

His football career was topped off with him being named to 2nd team All-State in Class AA and then being selected from a group of 34 high school scholar-athletes as the Lehigh Valley Chapter of the National Football Association Scholar Athlete in 2007.

His coach, Mark Rosenberger, said "He's the best overall receiver I've seen in my 10 years coaching here".

Hontz has already been inducted twice into the Hall of Fame; first, as a member of the 2004 undefeated football team and then as a member of the 2007 Anthracite League Football Champions.

His success in football was repeated in track and field where he excelled in the javelin, the 110 High Hurdles and the Long Jump. He was the District XI Champion in the Javelin with a top throw of 184-5 feet and placed 3rd in the 110 meter High Hurdles with a time of 15.44 seconds. He was named MVP of the Jim Thorpe Area Track and Field team and was placed on the Schuylkill League Track and Field Honor Roll after winning the league championship in the javelin.

Hontz carried his success in the javelin with him to East Stroudsburg University. In his freshman year there, he was named to the All-PSAC Conference and the East Stroudsburg Honor Roll in Track and Field.

In 2010, he was named to the United States Track and Field and Cross County Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) All-Academic Team. In 2011, Hontz won the javelin during the PSAC Conference Championship with a throw of 222-6 feet; was named to the All District Academic Second Team, and again to the USTFCCCA All-Academic Team. In 2013 his 5th place finish in the NCAA Division II National Championship qualified him for All-American Honors and he finished his career by again being named to the USTFCCCA All-Academic Team.

Hontz is presently employed as a Chemistry Teacher in the Hackettstown School District in Hackettstown NJ where he also serves as Assistant Track Coach.





*Star Wrestler inducted into the  
2015 Jim Thorpe Area Sports Hall of Fame*



Ryan Bennick graduated from Jim Thorpe High School in 2003 and left with a number of records, awards and achievements.

Bennick wrestled at 145 pounds and won a total of 106 matches in his career. Sixty of those victories came by a fall which is a Jim Thorpe High School record.

In 2002, his junior year, he had a record of 31-11 (18 wins were by falls). As a senior in 2003, he recorded 26 falls (a single season record) and finished with a season record of 35-7. During those two years, Bennick finished first in the Jim Thorpe Tourney; second in the Schuylkill League; third in the 2002 District #11 AA Championships; second in 2003 District #11 AA Championships; third in the Southeast Regional AA round and closed out his senior year by finishing 5th in the PIAA "AA" State finals.

He was chosen as the MVP of the Wrestling team in 2003 and also won both the Bruce Pollack and C&D Awards.

Bennick was a member of the National Honor Society and finished in the top 5% of his class academically. He graduated with Honors and was the top-ranked male member of the class based on his GPA.

He also played football, ran Cross-Country and Track and Field and was a member of the Jim Thorpe Powerlifting Team.

He continued wrestling while attending the Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken, NJ where in 2 years, he achieved a total of 50 wins and closed out his athletic career by running in and completing the Philadelphia Marathon in 2010.

He is self-employed as a web developer/programmer and lives in Boulder, Colorado.





*Multi-talented Genia Cooper Wasilewski  
is 2015 JTASHOF Inductee*



Genia Cooper Wasilewski was one of the most accomplished female athletes ever to perform for the Jim Thorpe Area High School Olympians. She graduated in 2002 and was awarded 10 Varsity letters in 4 sports. In basketball, she received 4 varsity letters; 3 were awarded in Tennis; 2 in Softball, and one in Cross Country.

As captain and point guard on the basketball team, Genia led the Olympians to two straight appearances in the District XI basketball tournament. She was named the 2002 MVP in basketball and, along with being named MVP and All-tournament in the 2001 Lehighon Christmas Tournament, she was chosen to the Times-News All Star 2nd team.

Genia continued to play point guard for Northampton Community College and led them to the 2003 regular season championship with a record of 17-1.

As captain of the 2002 softball team, she led them to the District XI playoffs and during the season she accomplished the amazing feat of

hitting in 18 consecutive plate appearances.

She was also captain of the tennis team. In 2002, she was nominated for the Annual District XI Tennis Scholar Athlete. She also won 3 Silver Medals in the Schuylkill Tennis League Tournaments and was named the Jim Thorpe Girl's Tennis MVP.

In her only year participating in Cross Country, she was a member of the Schuylkill League Division III All-Star team and competed in the District XI Cross Country Meet.

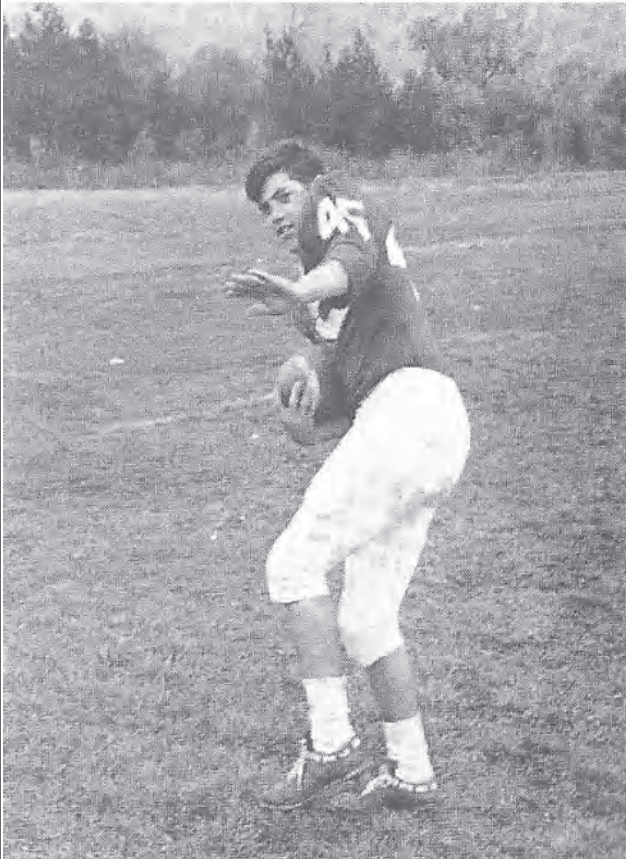
Overall, she was captain of the basketball, softball and tennis teams; MVP of both the basketball and tennis teams and won the Coaches' Award in both sports. She also was the recipient of the Micky Hodor award, given for coachability and fair play; the Babe Ruth award for sportmanship, and was awarded the Presidential Academic Fitness Award.

She has been the recipient of more multiple awards than any other female athlete in Jim Thorpe history.





## *Mike Paulas Named to 2015 Jim Thorpe Area Sports Hall of Fame*



Mike Paulas graduated from Jim Thorpe Area High School in 1966. During that time he earned 7 varsity letters in athletics; 3 in football and 4 in baseball.

Combined with his passion for sports, his burning desire to compete and excel and his being a key contributor on the 1966 Jim Thorpe Area High School Championship Football Team, this helped him achieve athletic success. The above made him more than a worthy nominee for the Jim Thorpe Area Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2015.

In his senior football season (1965), Paulas paired with Ed Jordan (HOF 2014) and the two running backs led the team to a 6-2 overall record and the Panther Valley/Carbon County championship, which was the first in Jim Thorpe Olympian history.

On offense, Paulas ran for 444 yards, scored 48 points and threw 2 touchdown passes. On defense, he led the team in interceptions and the

Evening Record named him the best defensive back in the area.

He lettered in baseball every one of his four years at Jim Thorpe and continued his baseball career after high school, playing for the U.S. Army team in Germany from 1968-1971. After leaving the military, Paulas enrolled in Lehigh-Carbon Community College and played baseball there for two years where he was named All-Conference in the Eastern Pa. Community College Division.

Paulas began officiating basketball and while doing that he turned his focus to golf where he has been the Blue Ridge Super-Senior Club Champion in 2009 and 2013.





*1959 Mountain League Baseball Champs  
are 2015 JT ASHOF Inductees*



The 1959 Jim Thorpe Olympian baseball team was the first in school history to win a league championship. The team finished with an overall record of 10-4 but finished 8-2 in winning the Mountain League Championship.

They were undefeated in first half league play but finished in a second half tie when they lost their only regular season league game to White Haven. They lost a special playoff game to White Haven that decided the second half winner but came back to win the Mountain League Championship game when Phil "Pip" Rader pitched a no-hitter against White Haven, winning 3-0. Rader also led the pitching staff with an undefeated record of 4-0 which included the no-hitter he threw in the Championship Game while Bill Flyte and Charlie McHugh both finished with records of 3-2 for the season.

Gary Hiller led the team in batting with an average of .455 while Paul Hydro finished second with a .348. McHugh hitting .324 and Rader with an average of .302 also finished the season hitting over .300. Jack Heycock coached the team not only to the Championship but also into the PIAA District XI baseball playoffs where his team was defeated by Hazleton 7-1.

Coach Heycock's squad included: Paul Hydro, James Borosh, Bill Flyte, Terry Watto, Gary Hiller, Don Deemer, Phil Rader, Charlie McHugh, Joe Schweibinz, Norman Rimbey, John Brozino, Wayne Reabold, Mike Cibic, Art Guth, George Weiksner, Joe Karper, Stroud Hiller, Jack Utsick, James Billig and Don Becker. The managers were: Bruce Tredinnick, Ron Harris, Don Harris and Robert Balliet.

