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Hoover Football Welcomes a new Head Coach.

Hoover High School has had three ultra-successful Head Football Coaches. The string started with Don Hertler, Sr. His record at Hoover was 163 wins, 43 losses, 3 ties and 7 Federal League Championships. Next came Ed Glass. Ed's record at Hoover was 107 wins 54 losses and 6 Federal League titles. The third in the string was Don Hertler, Jr. who won 136 games and lost 75 with 8 Federal League Championships. Those three have set the bar high for incoming Coach Brian Baum.

The Hoover High School Community welcomes new Coach Brian Baum. Coach Baum brings enthusiasm, dedication and a true love of the game to North Canton. His vision for the program is to continue to increase participation in the sport and growing the love of football from the youth level on.

Baum served in Iraq in 2005-2006. He spent the past five years as the head football coach at Fredericktown High School where he posted a 40-16 record including two 10-0 seasons. His teams made the OHSAA playoffs and were conference Champs in 2010 and 2014. Baum did not apply for other open coaching positions citing his desire to coach at Hoover with high caliber student athletes. He recognized the respect, appreciation and support the program receives from the North Canton Community.

Baum is a graduate of Dalton High School and Urbana College. He and his wife, Bethany, have an infant son, Brian. Good Luck to Coach Baum and GO VIKINGS !



Coach Brian Baum

In this issue we'd like to feature a sister/brother combo. Lorrie (nee Radcliff) Ford graduated from Hoover High School in 1993. She played basketball for 4 years and participated in track also for 4 years where she threw the shot put and discus. She was a sports statistician for 3 years and was in band for 2 years.

After high school, Lorrie went to Baldwin Wallace College where she was on the track team for 1 year and then was a student athletic trainer for 3 years. As a senior student trainer she had the opportunity to work the Cleveland Browns Flashback game against the Pittsburgh Steelers. She graduated from B-W with a degree in Sports Medicine with a concentration in Athletic Training, Fitness Management and Health Education.

After college, she went to graduate school at Wagner College in Staten Island, New York where she worked as a graduate assistant in Athletic Training working with Division I womens' soccer, wrestling, softball, womens' cross country and track and mens' tennis. She graduated with a Master's Degree in Elementary Education. After graduate school, she worked as the Assistant Athletic Trainer for 18 Division sports at Moravian College in Bethlehem, PA for 11 years. She was accountable for all aspects of athletic health and safety including preventing, treating and rehabilitating athletic injuries. As well as being an athletic trainer, she was also an adjunct professor of fitness and wellness classes and the Learning in Common Freshman Experience class; freshman athletic advisor; athletic training clinical instructor for student interns; advisor for the Student Athletic Advisory Committee and Student Athlete Mentoring; and sophomore Athlete leadership Coordinator.

She also worked as an athletic trainer for the USA U-19 Womens' Developmental Rugby Camp in 2003, 2004 and the USA U-23 Womens' Rugby All Star tournament in 2006. She also played for the Lehigh Valley Rugby Club. Lorrie moved back to Ohio 3 1/2 years ago because she wanted to be closer to family. She currently works at the North Canton YMCA as a lifeguard, swim instructor, swim team coach and water fitness instructor. She married Aaron Ford in May, 2013 and has an 11 month old boy. She enjoys running, working out, photography and being active in her church. She currently resides in Plain Township.

Tim Radcliff also graduated in 1993. He was in cross country, track, band, basketball, drama, ski club and VICA. He attended Stark Tech. Tim married in 1997. They moved to Foley, Alabama (20 miles North of Gulf Shores Beach) in 2000. He works at Doug Ward Marine Construction as a heavy equip-ment operator. There are no children but they have dogs, cats and a cockatoo named Allie.

In their spare time, they love to swim in their pool, go fishing, boating and go to the beach and enjoy relaxing in their pool. God is good, life is good.



Lorrie (Radcliff) Ford, Tim Radcliff

This is the 14th in a series of articles by local historian Jim Holl.

Harold Burton Warstler (Rap).

Born: September 13, 1903, New Berlin, Ohio.

Died: May 31, 1964, North Canton, Ohio.

Always called Rap by his hometown friends, Warstler was probably the best known North Canton athlete in the pre-World War II era. His major league baseball career spanned eleven years (1930-1940) with the Boston Red Sox, Philadelphia Athletics and Chicago Cubs.

Warstler honed his early baseball skills on local sandlots with the Hoover Sweepers, North Canton Dairy and other area teams in the early 20's. He started his professional career at Quincy, IL (Three-I League) in 1927. After two years with Indianapolis in the American Association, he made his major league debut on July 24, 1930 playing shortstop and getting two hits in an 8-5 Red Sox win over the St. Louis Browns.

Primarily a middle infielder known for his smooth defensive skills, the slightly built Warstler compiled a lifetime batting average of .229. His best year was 1935 with Philadelphia when he batted .250 in 138 games. Following his 1940 season with Chicago, Warstler played in Los Angeles (Pacific Coast League) in 1941 and briefly with Minneapolis (American Association) and Fort Worth (Texas League) in 1942 before retiring for good.

Rap always maintained his North Canton residence throughout his baseball travels. He played basketball and bowled at the Community Building during the winter months to keep in shape. After retirement he worked at the Hoover Company, managing and playing for the company team briefly after World War II. He also remained active in Canton Old timer baseball circles until his death in 1964.



Harold "Rap" Warstler

Ex-Hoover track star Ashley Muffet Duncan has joined the Ohio State University track and field staff, she will work with throwers. She was a state champion at Hoover in both the shot and discus.

Rebecca Maj recently won the high jump for the University of Dayton at the Atlantic Ten Indoor Championships.

Jacquelyn Misanik helped the Xavier swim team finish strong in the Big East Swimming Championships.

Kelsey Peare and Julie Worley had outstanding seasons in helping the Ashland University Womens' Basketball Team.

Jenna Lilley is having an outstanding freshman softball season for the #1 ranked Oregon Ducks. She is among the team leaders in batting average and RBI's.

Congratulations to Stan Strausser (Class of 73) on his retirement from the North Canton Police Department after a 30 year career in law enforcement.

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Recent Deaths– Bill Boyce (58), Dick Boyce (58), Sandra Cross Coppolino (67), Bill Evanich (59), Reta Wise Ensinger (57), Margaret (Messerly) Forster (39), Ralph Kirkland Gable (52), Paul Himes (48), Jon Keefer (74), Kathy Bolek Lafferty (76), Wyatt Meek (04), Glen Miller (40), Judy Morgan (58), Rodney Murphy (51), Patricia (Hookey) Nesbitt (85), Steve Pinder O.D. (74), Darra Romick (61), Gary Ruby (66), Walter Schiltz (31), Trent Schooley (07), Donald Snyder (47), Bob Sonnhalter (44), Jim Sumser (54), Wayne Surbey (48), Jack Teagle (68), Marcia Sommersceild Turify (57). Former Teachers Dale Kitzmiller, Ken Martz, Norma Morath and Bob Kistler . The Alumni Assn. also joins the N. Canton Community in mourning the loss of freshman Gabi Sabatino.

Recent Donations– Jim Strauch in memory of Connie Danner and Doug Umbenhour. Jim Strauch also to the scholarship fund and in the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge.

The Hoover High Class of 1958 will be having a Reunion on the Weekend of Aug. 14-15, 2015 at Prestwick Country Club. For more information contact Carol (nee Fisher) Young at dyoung981@neo.rr.com or call (330) 499-5731.

The Hoover High Classes of 69, 70, 71 will be gathering on Sat., July 18. For Questions or information contact Kathy Weida at (330) 494-0990 or kweida@att.net.