

Wilson Athletic Hall of Fame 1990 Inductees

Robert Ford – (Class of 1977) – Bob was an outstanding basketball player and golfer for the Bulldogs. He started for two years in basketball and captained the Bulldogs to a County championship his senior year. He was named All-County and set a record for assists in a season.

On the links, he was a four-year letter winner and again, captained the Bulldogs to a County championship his senior year.

Bob continued in both sports at Albright College, where he was a four-year starter on both teams. He scored a career total of 1852 points for the Lions and was named the ECAC Player of the Year for Division III in 1981.

Dr. Aaron Miller – (Teacher, Coach, Administrator) – It was Dr. Miller who brought the Wilson Athletic Program into the modern era, as he oversaw a major expansion of both programs and facilities – among them, Wilson’s natatorium. It was Dr. Miller who instituted what are now our Middle School athletic teams and many of our girls teams as well. It was he who established the full-time positions of Athletic Director and Certified Athletic Trainer. He also recommended that Wilson establish soccer and water polo teams and helped Wilson Football gain entry into the Lancaster-Lebanon League. He also was instrumental in the creation of intramural programs as well.

Dr. Miller also coached football, basketball and swimming from 1947 through 1960 as well.

Robert Mitzel – (Class of 1952) – Bob was a three-year starter in football, a two-year starter in basketball and Berks 100 Yard Dash Champion in track.

Bob was Wilson’s first 100 point scorer in football and has numerous plays on the list of longest plays made. He also set multiple scoring and yardage records in running and returns.

On the track, he was a member of Wilson’s first County Championship team. His 100 Yard Dash Berks record of 10.2 seconds stood for 20 years.

Thomas O’Neill – (Class of 1950) – Tom was a four-year starter in football and a two-year starter in basketball and baseball from 1947 to 1950. He also ran on the track team.

In football, he was a leading defensive back and once returned a kickoff 84 yards for a TD. He was a solid basketball player and played both catcher and outfield in baseball. He was also one of the fastest sprinters in the county.

Randy Simcox – (Class of 1979) – Randy was one of the 1970's finest athletes at Wilson. A three-year starter in football, he was named All-County in 1977, 1978 and 1979 and was selected on the All-State first team. He was also selected for the Big-33 Game, all as a defensive back. He ranks high on the Wilson interception and scoring lists.

On the baseball diamond, he was a three-time All-County shortstop and is high on the list in career RBIs.

Randy went on to Penn State University where he won four letters in baseball and captained the team in both 1983 and 1984.

Dr. Gerald Slemmer – (Class of 1970) – Gerry was a two-year starter in football and a three-year member of the wrestling team.

In football, Gerry was captain of the undefeated 1969 team and was an All-County selection at tackle. He was also selected to play in the Big-33 Game. He would later play at Arizona State University which was ranked in the top 20 his junior and senior years.

Upon returning to Wilson High School as a teacher, Gerry served as a longtime assistant to John Gurski before becoming Head Coach upon Coach Gurski's retirement. During that time, Gerry had been a part of every undefeated Wilson football team. He coached the team to the runner-up spot in the PIAA State Tournament in 1989.

In wrestling, Gerry was the Berks heavyweight champion in 1970 and later served as Head Coach.

Gerry retired from coaching to become Principal of Wilson High School and retired as Assistant Superintendent.

Dewey Troutman – (Sinking Spring HS Class of 1948) – Dewey was one of Sinking Spring's outstanding basketball and baseball players. He was the captain and leading scorer on Sinking Spring High School's Western Division champs in 1948. He was also the first SSSH player to score 50 points in a single game.

Dewey played third base for Sinking Spring and was among the leading hitters on the team. He would later excel in basketball at East Stroudsburg and returned to Berks County to coach at Conrad Weiser HS for 25 years. He also officiated basketball games in Berks over parts of five decades.