

2002 Inductees

Katie (Kauffman) Beach – (Class of 1992) – Field hockey is Katie's biggest claim to fame, but at Wilson, she also was a member of the track and field team. Katie received All-Division and All-County honors in field hockey and was captain of both teams her senior year.

Earning a full scholarship to the University of Maryland, Katie became a two-time 1st Team All-American and was a member of Maryland's 1993 NCAA Championship Team. She was Maryland's captain in 1995 and 1996 and was a finalist for the Honda Broderick Field Hockey Player of the Year.

After graduating from Maryland, Katie went on to become one of the USA's premier players. She became Wilson's first female Olympian, playing in the 1996 Atlanta Games where the USA finished fifth.

Katie was also a member of the USA World Cup Teams of 1998 and 2002, winning Silver in the Pan Am Games and the America's Cup. She also served as captain of Team USA.

In 2004, after retiring from play, Katie became Head Field Hockey Coach at Columbia University.

Kristin (Overturf) Faison – Class of 1992 – 'Turf' was Wilson's first two-time PIAA State Champion, winning the discus throw in both 1991 and 1992. In her sophomore year, she was also a cheerleader and member of the basketball team. The next fall, she became a student athletic trainer for the football team.

During her senior year, she not only defended her state discus title, but set a Berks County record as well. She continued her academic and track career at Bucknell University. There, Kristen won the Patriot League discus title three times and was on the Patriot League Academic Honor Role.

Jason Gibble – (Class of 1991) – Jason compiled an excellent record in wrestling from 1989 through 1991 winning 91 matches while losing just 13 with two ties. He was a three-time Schuylkill Valley Tournament Champion, a three-time PIAA District 3 Sectional Champion and finished in the top eight in his weight class in his last three years of high school and has the distinction of never having lost a match to any other Berks wrestler.

In his senior season, he went 13-0-1 in dual meets and an overall record of 32-2-1. He would later coach in the Wilson wrestling program.

Mandy Kauffman – (Class of 1991) – Mandy's greatest success came in track, where she became Wilson's first female premier hurdler. She topped of her track career with a fifth place finish in the 300m Intermediate Hurdles at the PIAA State Meet, setting a Berks record, after having won Berks titles in both the 100m and 300m hurdles races. The same year, she was second in the 300m event and fourth in the 100m event.

Mandy was also an excellent field hockey player, starting for three years and being named All-Division her senior year. She was the recipient of the Brumbach Award in 1991 honoring her leadership and school spirit.

Jeff Niedrowski – (Class of 1992) – Jeff starred in both football and track & field for the Bulldogs. At running back, Jeff piled up first-team All-Berks and All Lancaster-Lebanon League honors his senior season. He set a single game rushing record of 319 yards, a record 6 TDs in a single game and piling up 2824 career rushing yards along with 41 TDs and 261 points and played on the state runner-up 1989 team.

In track, Jeff was the District 3 Javelin Champion in 1992 and 1994 and PIAA State Javelin Champion in 1992 with a school and county record throw of 227'11".

Following his Wilson graduation, 'Rocky' went on to a successful track and academic career at Syracuse University.

Jim Sandor – (Class of 1984) – Jim was Wilson's premier tennis player of the early 1980s achieving, as a senior, the highest individual placing of any Wilson player at the time. Jim won three Berks Singles titles from 1982-84 and played number one on the team for four years, leading the Bulldogs to four straight Berks titles and to the PIAA District 3 Team Title in both 1983 and 1984.

He topped off his senior season as the PIAA State Individual Runner-Up.

Robert S. Shaak – (Coach/Teacher) – Bob spent the years from 1951 through 1961 as Head Coach for Wilson football, compiling a 44-43-5 record. He came to Wilson after an outstanding career at Lebanon High and Lebanon Valley College. His best season came in 1959 when his team went 8-1-1.

In those early days, the Bulldogs used second-hand equipment and uniforms and built their own blocking sleds. (The total gate receipts for the 1959 season were around \$800!)

One notable accomplishment during Coach Shaak's tenure was Wilson's first-ever football game played under the lights, albeit temporary, portable lights. Coach Shaak was indeed a pioneer and set the stage for the John Gurski era.

Tom Ulrich – (Class of 1945) – Tom was a four-sport participant for the then-Wilson 'Prexys'. He competed in basketball, baseball, soccer and track. He held the 100 yard dash record and in soccer, led the team in scoring.

Tom also served as President of the Wilson Athletic Association. He entered the US Army after graduation and served until 1953. Upon returning to Berks, he became a successful competitor in several local baseball, softball and basketball leagues while working for Arrow International. He retired in 1988.