

2005 Inductees

Bob Bright – (Coach/Teacher) – Bob retired as Head Coach of the Wilson Girls Swimming Team in 2010 after 28 years at the helm, capping his tenure with his second PIAA State Team Championship. Bob finished with a dual meet record of 300-41-1 with 19 straight CPL and 9 District 3 Titles.

In all, Bob coached various Wilson teams for more than 50 seasons. He taught science at the former Wilson Central Junior High School for more than 30 years as well.

Jim Gehman – (Coach/Teacher) – Jim came to Wilson in 1967 after four years of teaching in New Jersey. At Wilson, he coached junior high football for 19 years where he was integral to the success of the high school program.

Jim is most noted for his contribution to track & field beginning in 1991, especially in the jumping events. Over the years, Jim coached on numerous Berks championship teams has coached innumerable BCIAA champions, District 3 Champions and PIAA State Meet medalists.

Jim retired from his teaching position in 1996 but continued coaching in the subsequent years.

Glenn Hare – (Class of 1968) – Glenn was the quarterback for Wilson's first undefeated football team in 1967. In his career, he threw 25 TD passes and piled up 1526 yards and was the first Wilson QB to throw three TD passes in a single game.

Glenn held most of Wilson's QB records for a number of years as well. In addition to his football accomplishments, Glenn was a two-year varsity letter winner in basketball.

Tom Houck – (Class of 1994) – For four years, Tom was Wilson's premier distance swimmer, setting numerous Wilson and Central Penn records and one Berks & District 3 record in the 500 freestyle. Captain of the team his junior and senior seasons, Tom won seven PIAA District 3 Gold Medals and eight PIAA State medals, three of which were silver.

Tom was also a water polo player; earning 1st Team All-State honors three times, All-Eastern honors twice, he and was chosen to the National All-American Team twice. He also won the Berks County River Swim six consecutive times from 1992-97.

Tom went on the swim for the University of Tennessee and later Penn State. He would return to Wilson as Head Coach of the Wilson Girls Swim Team.

John Piscitelli – (Class of 1995) – Wilson’s Outstanding Male Athlete of 1995, John was a three-year starter at linebacker for the football team. He was selected as Linebacker of the Year in Berks County his senior season and ranks in Wilson’s list of most career tackles.

John also starred in baseball, starting at 3rd base for three years. He earned All-Berks honors his junior and senior seasons and won the first-ever Baseball Hitting Derby in 1995.

John continued playing baseball at DeSales University. He started at 3rd base all four years at DeSales.

Roy Snyder – (Coach/Athletic Director) – Roy Snyder and Wilson Aquatics began together when Roy came to Wilson in 1964 to open what was the first school pool in Berks County – a pool that was later re-named the *Roy G. Snyder Natatorium*.

Twenty years later, Roy would leave the classroom to become Athletic Director, a position he held until 2002. His tenure as a swim coach continued.

Over the years, Roy has coach innumerable Central Penn, District and State Champions, both individual and team. His swimmers have set national scholastic records and earned All-American honors that number well in excess of 100. His teams went undefeated for seven years at one point, winning 97 straight dual meets.

One highlight for Roy was watching three Wilson swimmers compete in the 2000 USA Olympic Trials with one – Kristy Kowal – earning a silver medal at the Sydney Games.

Bernie Stoppi – (Coach/Teacher) – Bernie arrived at Wilson in 1964 to teach English and Social Studies and to become an assistant to Coach John Gurski. Bernie was instrumental in establishing the weight training program that has proven so successful at Wilson.

He continued coaching under Gerry Slemmer and Jim Cantafio and was part of a Wilson program that recorded 319 wins over 38 seasons. He retired from teaching after 31 years.

In addition to his athletic duties, Bernie served as advisor to both the Model UN and Ski Clubs at Wilson.

Scott Troy – (Class of 1994) – From 1990 through 1994, Scott was an outstanding water polo player and swimmer. He earned 1st Team All-American honors in water polo in both 1992 and 1993 and was the East Coast MVP in 1993.

Scott was the PIAA State Champion in the 100 yard breaststroke in 1992 setting a Berks record and having a third best in the nation time. Overall, Scott won seven gold medals in PIAA District 3 competition and was named All-American in swimming five times. He also held two Central Penn swimming records.

Scott continued his swimming at the University of North Carolina where he was a three-time ACC Champion and the 1995 Male Rookie of the Year and earning NCAA Division 1 All-American Honorable Mention.

Scott has coached at both Governor Mifflin HS and the Reading YMCA.

Dan Witman – (Class of 1961/Coach/Teacher) – Dan was a golf player in his student days at Wilson and added tennis to the list when he went off to Millersville University. He returned to Wilson in 1966 after a year at Tulpehocken and took on the job of tennis coach in 1969. From that point, Wilson boys won numerous BCIAA Division and County Championships and quite a few District 3 Championships as well, in team, singles and doubles play.

Dan was Berks County's first Boys Tennis Coach of the Year in 1997.

In addition to coaching tennis, Dan was the varsity football videographer for 26 years and scoreboard operator for Wilson Central basketball for 20 years.

Ellen Wolf – (Class of 1995) – Ellen was Wilson's Outstanding Female Athlete in 1995. A four-year letter winner in field hockey, she won All-Berks honors her junior and senior years as well as being named All-State in 1994.

In soccer, Ellen won four varsity letters and was All-Berks her senior year. She also earned a varsity letter in basketball.

Ellen continued playing field hockey on the collegiate level. She had an outstanding career at the University of Maryland.