

HALL of HONOR INDUCTEES

MEDIA * DON BADCON * Grand Haven Area

The late Don Badcon was the sports editor in his hometown of Grand Haven. Don was a one-man sports department from 1953 until his retirement in 1983. He covered all the sports at Grand Haven High School and in the 1960's added Spring Lake and Fruitport as they had their first graduating classes. Girls' sports were added with the advent of Title 9.

Don was a dedicated volunteer record keeper. Each week he would deliver a sheet of league stats to each AD and coach. He continued this practice after retirement until his health would no longer allow him to do so.

Don wrote with passion, but also with compassion. He cared about the kids, coaches and programs. It was important to Don to promote sports in the Tri-City area: Grand Haven, Fruitport and Spring Lake. He wanted to give kids the chance to become an individual in sports. He loved to see kids progress and get the credit and recognition they deserved.

Don had great respect for history and always ran follow-ups on great Grand Haven High School teams.

In the community he helped organize the first Tri-City's Youth Baseball program as a charter board member. In 1964, Don was a charter member of the UNICA and assisted in bringing that organization to Grand Haven. In 1985, Don was a charter board member of the Muskegon Area Sports Hall-of-Fame.

Don was always a concerned, caring and supportive person and sports writer. His heart was always with the kids!