

BCAM 2010 “Retro” Mr. Basketball Selections

(Winners are listed first in ALL CAPS, followed by those selected as nominees by the committee in alphabetical order.)

1980

TIM MCCORMICK – CLARKSTON

6-10½ center, McCormick earned 2nd team *Parade* Magazine All-American honors. Earned top All-State honors from the Detroit Free Press, the Detroit News, and the Associated Press. Averaged 24.7 points and 17.6 rebounds per game as a senior.

M.C. “Tony” Burton III - Grand Rapids Catholic Central

The son of former Muskegon Heights and University of Michigan star M.C. Burton, the 6-6 Burton was selected as a 1st team Class B selection by AP and the Free Press and earned Dream Team status from the News.

Randy Morrison – Olivet

Earned All-State honors in both his junior and senior season at Class C Olivet. Scored 479 points in 14 games.

Anthony Scott – Grand Rapids Creston

6-4 forward, averaged 22 points and 13 rebounds a game as a senior.

1970

RICK DREWITZ – GARDEN CITY WEST

Averaged 29 points a game, the 6-7½ Drewitz scored 42 points in the Class A semifinals as West fell victim to Pontiac Central and Campy Russell, 84-79.

Dave Freeman - Battle Creek Central

A 60 percent shooter from the floor, Freeman averaged 20 points per game for the Bearcats.

George Kubiak - Carrollton

Top ballplayer for the Class B runner up. Averaged 25.5 points per game as a senior, scoring over 1,000 points in his two season with the varsity.

Larry Tatum – Muskegon

Shot .723 from the floor and averaged 24 points for the Big Reds.

1960

PETE GENT – BANGOR

“Accumulated a 22.6 scoring average shooting with either hand,” noted Hal Schram in his Free Press All-State write-up. The 6-2 Gent scored 21 as Bangor knocked off top-ranked Grand Rapids Lee, 57-45 for the Class C state title. An author, he penned several books, including “North Dallas Forty” following a pro

career in the NFL.

Bill Chmielewski – Detroit Redeemer

Standing 6-10, Chmielewski 23.4 points and 18 rebounds per game for the Class B state champs. A 4th team *Parade Magazine* All-American.

Doug Herner – Lansing Sexton

Member of the 1959 and 1960 Class A state champions. Scored 290 points in 22 games as a senior.

Fred Thomann – Taylor Center

Scored 415 points in 19 games for a 21.9 average

1950

CHARLIE PRIMAS – DETROIT MILLER

A three-year veteran for Coach Will Robinson's Trojans, the 6-2 Primas earned top All-State recognition from the Detroit Times, the Free Press and the News as a senior. He led Miller to two consecutive Metropolitan League titles. Played college ball at Wayne State.

Milton Mead – Bay City Central

Established a new Saginaw Valley League scoring mark with 269 points in 12 contests. Played at University of Michigan.

Jim Plecas – Detroit Catholic Central

Three-letter winner, established a new Parochial League record as a senior with 232 points in 12 games. Led Catholic Central to the Class A semifinal round of the tournament in 1950. Attended Yale.

Art Spoelstra – Grand Rapids Godwin

Top player in the Grand Valley League, the 6-8 center received 1st team All-State kudos from the Detroit News and the Detroit Times, and second team honors from the Free Press. Led Godwin to the Class B state semifinals in 1949, and the finals in 1950, where the unbeaten Wolverines were upset by Ishpeming. Attended Western Kentucky, then played in the NBA.

1940

RALPH GIBERT – FLINT NORTHERN

Honorary captain of the Free Press All-State team. An honor-roll student, he scored 101 points in 18 games as a senior. Led Northern to back-to-back Class A titles in 1939 and 1940.

Roy Clark – Pontiac Central

According to the Detroit Free Press article covering the All-State team, "many persons considered Clark the best basketball player ever to play at Pontiac. Scored 206 points in 18 games.

Jack Fultz – Keego Harbor

Earned 11-letters during his high school career in basketball, football and track. Scored 287 points in 22 games for the Class C state runner-up squad. Outstanding passer..

1930

JOHN TOOKER – KALAMAZOO ST. AUGUSTINE

Captain and center on for coach Harv Freeman's Class C State Champs. Dominated his position, and his ability to take the tip-off on nearly every occasion in the title game led to Augustine's 40-9 win over Lansing St. Mary in the title game. Also a state track champion.

Hank Ceasor – Port Huron

A top all-around athlete in Port Huron, Ceasor earned 1st team All-Tournament honors for the Class A quarterfinalists.

Emanuel Fishman – Detroit Northern

Known for his one-handed push shot, Fishman hit the game winner with 35 seconds remaining as the Eskimos defeated Kalamazoo Central 16-14 for the Class A state championship. (Detroit Public League schools dropped from state tournament competition the following year, and wouldn't return until 1962.) Co-captain at Northern, he was considered the city league's outstanding performer for the season.

1920

HARRY KIPKE – LANSING CENTRAL

A 12-letterwinner, including three in basketball, Kipke served as captain and guard in his senior year. Was honored on the All-Tournament team where his team advanced to the semifinal round of the Class A tourney. Later played and coached at the University of Michigan.

Bruno Smokiewicz – Detroit Northwestern

Starred for Coach Bert Maris on league championship teams in 1919 and 1920, state title squads in 1917 and 1920, and a State runner-up in 1919. Named to the 1920 All-Tournament team. Later played pro ball for ABL's Detroit Lions and the ABL's Detroit Pulaski Post.

William Springsteen – Detroit Northwestern

One of six Honorable Mention players on the 1919 All-Tournament team, Springsteen earned 1st team all-tournament team honors in 1920. Also All-State in football as a center in the fall of both 1918 and 1919. Played college football and basketball at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, PA. Played professionally for the Frankfort Yellow Jackets of the upstart National Football League in 1925-26.