

Clair Wilhelm

Clair Wilhelm, 69 years old, started his coaching career in 1959 at Marlette High, located in the state's thumb area. He also had stints at Sault St. Marie, Southern Indiana, Dowagiac, Mason and Dansville, where he coached the girls' varsity and served as athletic director until he had to have surgery for which he is still recuperating. He plans to return to coaching next season.

"It's an unbelievable feeling and tremendous honor to be going into the Hall of Fame," said Wilhelm, who also coached former Michigan State standout Edgar Wilson while at Dowagiac. "To think I'm going to be joining previous coaching greats such as Lofton Greene of River Rouge, Paul Cook of Lansing Eastern and Danny Hovanesian of Holt, it's absolutely a thrill."

Wilhelm's varsity record is 329 wins and 188 losses, and is total overall record is 524-284, which includes two League, seven District, three Regional, and one Semifinal Titles.

Clair Wilhelm was also Coach of the Year -Lansing State Journal - All Area Class B, as well as Coach of the Year - Ingham County News - All Area Class B. He was also B.C.A.M. (Reg. 6) Regional Coach of the Year.