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Class of 2015
Women's Athletic Inductee
Amy DeLong – Class of 1994

Career Statistics – University of New Orleans

Year	Games	Kills	Assists	Digs	Aces
1994	123	74	1244	239	37
Total	123	74	1244	239	37

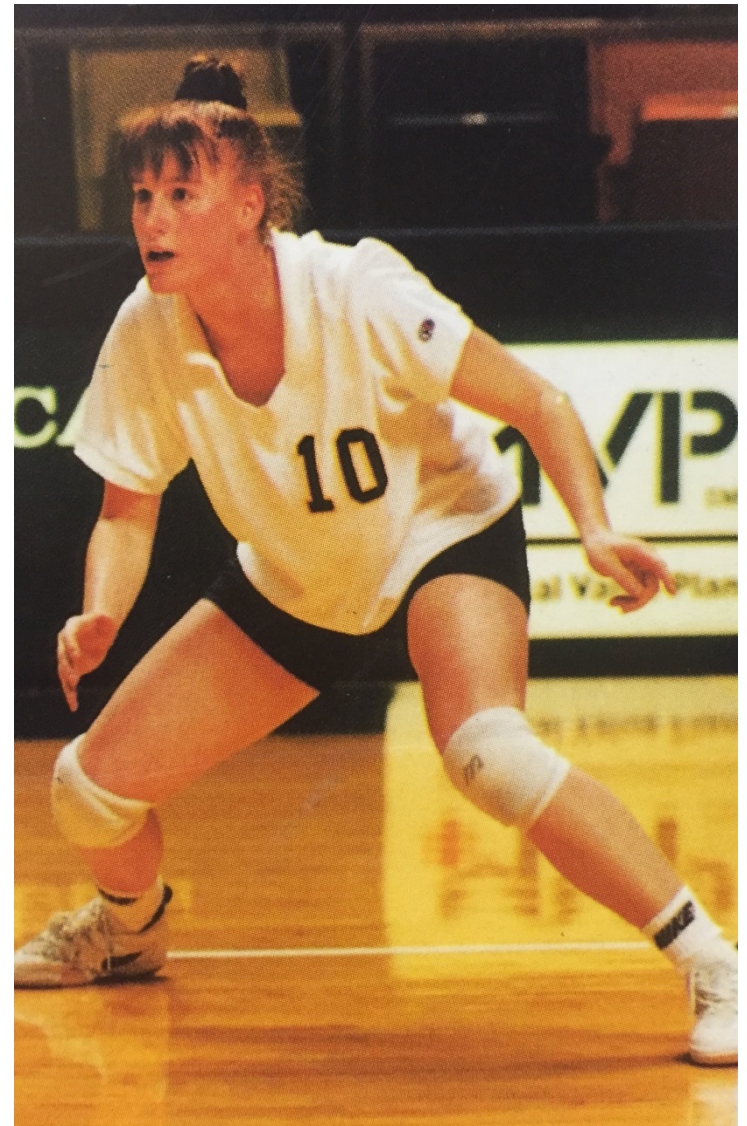
Career Statistics – University of Toledo

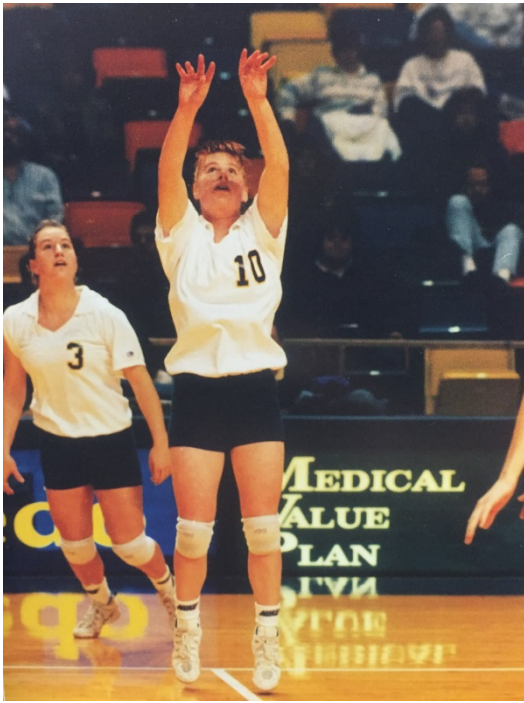
Year	Games	Kills	Assists	Digs	Aces
1995	92	47	966	194	33
1996	113	90	1238	266	35
1997	128	83	1500	308	49
Total	333	220	3,704	768	117

Career Statistics – Division I Totals

Years	Games	Kills	Assists	Digs	Aces
94 – 97	456	294	4,948	1,007	154
Total	456	294	4,948	1,007	154

Amy DeLong





Amy DeLong – University of Toledo Volleyball Media Guide

1996 – “Last season, setter was the position with the most consistency. We look for Amy’s leadership and work ethic to lead us,” said Coach Sunahara.

1996 – “DeLong, a 5-9 junior, will handle the setting chores. As a sophomore, DeLong led UT and ranked 8th in the MAC with 10.50 assists per set. She was also 4th in the conference in league play (11.53 aps).”

1997 – “Amy has had a very solid career as both a setter and a leader. DeLong, the starter the past two years, has put up some huge number in her 57 matches as a Rocket,” said Coach Sunahara.

Career Achievements

- Sunbelt Conference Freshmen Player of the Year – 1994 – University of New Orleans
- Louisiana Freshmen Player of the Year – 1994 – University of New Orleans
- Second Team – All-Louisiana Team – 1994 – University of New Orleans
- Kansas State Invitational All-Tournament Team – 1994 – University of New Orleans
- Team Leader in Assists (1244) and Assists per set (10.11) – 1994 – University of New Orleans
- Most individual assists in a season – University of Toledo – (1,500 – 1997 – 1st; 1,238 – 1996 – 10th; all-time)
- Most individual assists per set in a season – University of Toledo – (11.72 – 1997 – 5th all-time)
- Most individual assists in a career – University of Toledo – (3,704 – 1995-1997; 3rd all-time; 3 seasons)
- Most individual assists per set in a career – University of Toledo – (11.22 – 1995-1997; 3rd all-time; 3 seasons)
- Most total team assists per season – University of Toledo – (1,700 – 1997 – 1st; all-time)
- Most team assists per match – University of Toledo – (94 vs. EMU – 1997 – 1st; all-time)
- Most individual assists per match – MAC Conference – (84 vs. EMU – 1997; 8th; all-time)

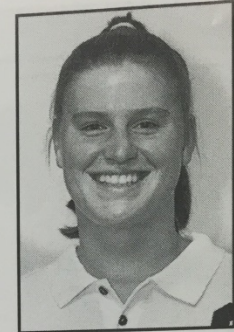
1996 Roster



1997 Roster



Amy DeLong
 5-9 * Senior * Setter
 Twin Lake, MI (Holton H.S.)



The Rockets' starting setter for the third straight year...Carries a 3.18 cumulative grade point average...Transferred from the University of New Orleans after freshman season...**Career Highs** - 64 assists, 22 digs, 8 kills, .700 hitting percentage, 5 blocks, 5 aces...**1996** - Played in 113 games and totaled 1,238 assists, 35 service aces, 34 block assists and 266 digs...Ranked fifth in the MAC with 10.96 assists per game and averaged 11.98 in league play...Also ranked second on the team in aces (.31) and third in digs (2.35)...Tied career high with 64 assists against Eastern Michigan...**1995** - Played in 92 games and totaled 966 assists, 33 aces, 22 block assists and 194 digs...Ranked eighth in the MAC with 10.50 assists per game...Also was fourth in the MAC with 11.53 assists per game in league play...Ranked second on the squad in digs (2.11) and aces (.36)...**At New Orleans** - Freshman of the year in Sun Belt Conference and state of Louisiana...**Prep** - A 1994 graduate of Holton High School...Lettered four years in volleyball, basketball and softball...All-state as a junior and senior...Team co-captain...Led squad to 1994 state championship...**Personal** - Born Amy Lenae DeLong...Parents are Dale and Sue DeLong...Enrolled in the College of Education, majoring in physical education/recreation...Enjoys being with friends...Birth date: June 3, 1976...Newspapers: *Muskegon Chronicle*, *Times-Indicator*.

DeLong's Career Statistics

YEAR	G	K	E	TA	PCT	A	SA	BA	DG
1995	92	47	22	129	.194	966	33	22	194
1996	113	90	28	224	.277	1238	35	34	266
TOTAL	205	137	50	353	.246	2,204	68	56	460

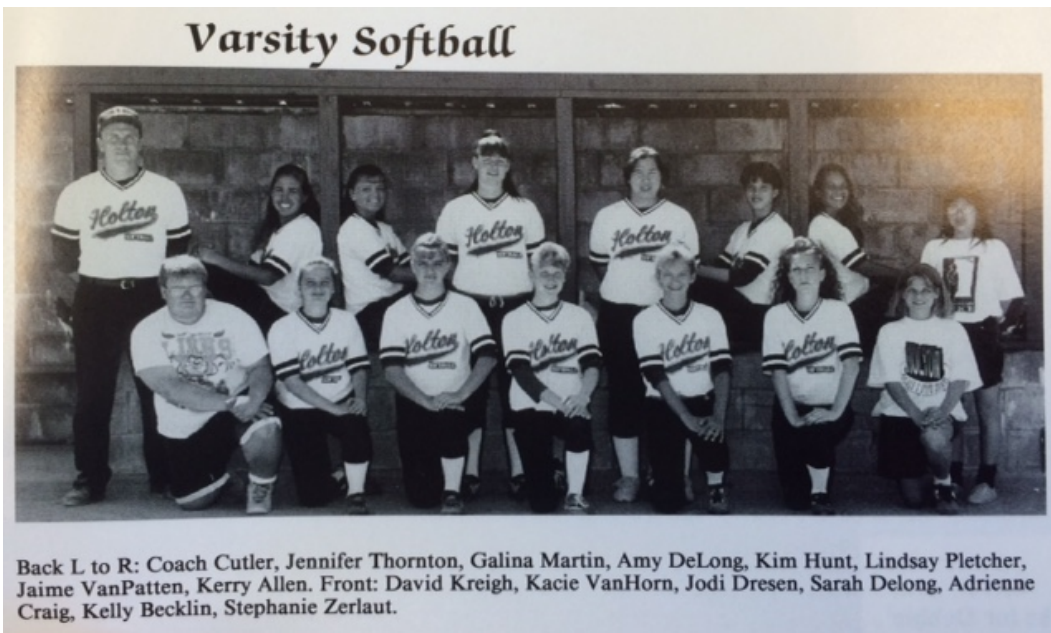
Amy DeLong



L to R: Coach Fethke, Galina Martin, Mgr. Erica Johnson, Adrienne Craig, Lori Swenson, Kelly Becklin, Jaime VanPatten, Amy DeLong, Jennifer Thornton, and Erin Monette.



Amy DeLong



Varsity Softball

Back L to R: Coach Cutler, Jennifer Thornton, Galina Martin, Amy DeLong, Kim Hunt, Lindsay Pletcher, Jaime VanPatten, Kerry Allen. Front: David Kreigh, Kacie VanHorn, Jodi Dresen, Sarah DeLong, Adrienne Craig, Kelly Becklin, Stephanie Zerlaut.

BEACH VOLLEYBALL: MPVA SEASON CHAMPIONSHIPS

Home cookin'

Local duo wins MPVA beach title

By Scott Brandenburg
GENUINE CORRESPONDENT

Even in volleyball the best laid plans can go awry.

Amy DeLong, a 1994 graduate of Holton High School, envisioned winning the top of the mountain on the Midwest Professional Volleyball Association Tour five years after finishing college in Louisiana.

Over the years, the former Red Devil ruined everything this weekend by wrapping up the MPVA season points total championship on the women's side, in just her fourth year, with a title at the Pomme's MPVA Season Championships, which concluded Sunday.

"I planned on five, but four's good," said DeLong after she and Spring Lake's Laura Holmes teamed up to beat Heidi Grunwald and Chris Rehner 15-6 for their third tour win together this summer.

"My goal was just to keep improving every season. I didn't really think I could get the points title this fast, but it's a relief to get it."

DeLong was named the tour's Most Valuable Player on Saturday night. She had the points title wrapped up earlier when Karin Avery, 12 points behind DeLong, heading into this weekend couldn't play because she's busy coaching volleyball at Valparaiso.

All the Red Devil grad had to do was win one match to take the title. Doing more Saturday and Sunday just made the point title sweeter, especially downing Grunwald and Rehner.

"I've probably faced Grunwald and Rehner ten times, and this is only my second win against them," said DeLong, who helped Holton to a volleyball state title in 1993. "They're a very good team and very tough to beat. It felt good to do it in the final."

"Going into the day I told Laura I had to feeling. I wasn't sure if it was a really good feeling, or a really bad feeling. Now I know it's a good feeling."

Grunwald and Rehner also won three times on the 2001 circuit, and last season and DeLong in a tough match earlier Sunday.

Just in the new style for the MPVA, called the Olympic crossover, where the final two teams in both the winners and losers brackets meet in a single-elimination semifinal. Holmes and DeLong made it through for the chance to win the title.

Holmes shares DeLong's feeling of accomplishment with the title, her fourth this season and 16th overall.

"The points and the win don't matter to me as long as I play well, and I

Please see MPVA AC ►


MPVA CHAMPIONS

At left: Russ Ettinger makes a block on Muskegon's Jim Vanderwall in the men's championship match Sunday. Ettinger and Rob Thompson won the title match, 15-10, over Vanderwall and Jeremy Skeens.

Below: Vanderwall, left, and Skeens had some communication problems in the final, such as this play, when the ball dropped between them.

Chronicle photos • Ken Stevens

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Class of 2015
Women's Athletic Inductee

Mackenzie Woodring – Class of 1997

Mackenzie Woodring



Mackenzie Woodring



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Back LR: Ryan Becklin, Dustin Williams Middle: Mackenzie Woodring, Andy Busch, Stephanie Zerlaut Front: Dustin McLeod, Andy Schmediknik.



Back L to R: Coach Jessica Luxford, Jessica Zukiewicz, Mackenzie Woodring, Liz Pletcher, Korey Reichert, Erika Herzhaft, Polyana Chechi, Amanda Beattie, Mgrs. Julia Lubke, and Missy Hunt. Bottom: Mandy Scharlow, Steph Zerlaut, Kerry Allen, Vicky Wright, and Candy Murat.



Back L to R: Coach Cutler, Vicki Wambaugh, Chrissy Reynolds, Rachel Price, Janae Wilson, and Coach Luxford. Middle: Alisa Sundberg, Nicole Knop, Andrea Schmitt, Kerry Allen, January Hunt, Mackenzie Woodring, and Jacquelyn McCumber. Bottom: Stephanie Zerlaut.




Mackenzie Woodring

Mackenzie Woodring

Career Achievements

- Three sport athlete and letter winner in cross country, volleyball, and softball at Holton High School
- Named female athlete of the year in 1997 at Holton High School
- Earned all-conference and all-area honors in volleyball; all-conference and state finalist honors in cross country
- Ran cross country and indoor and outdoor track at Ferris State University – Earned honors as an all-conference athlete in the Great Lakes Interscholastic Athletic Conference (GLIAC)
- Won the Grand Cycling Classic in Grand Rapids, MI, a professional level cycling event
- Signed with Colavita-Sutter Home domestic professional team – Top ranked women’s professional team
- Selected to represent the United States as a tandem pilot for the US National Paralympic Cycling Team in the 2008 Beijing Paralympic Games – Won gold, silver, and bronze medals with her tandem partner, Karissa Whitsell, in the tandem blind and visually impaired category events
- Won two World Championship titles on the road in 2009; First pilot to guide Whitsell to a World Championship
- Won the UCI World Championship title at the track World Championships in 2009 in the 3km pursuit – Held World Record in the event for 3 years
- Won nearly every National Championship, World Cup, and World Championship event over a 2 year span
- Has competed in more than 100 individual professional cycling events earning podium honors in many of those events – Continues to Pilot for the US National Paralympic Cycling Team
- Has competed in Belgium, England, Australia, Canada, Spain, Italy, Denmark, Switzerland, and China
- Selected for the 2015 UCI Paracycling Road World Championships in Notwil, Switzerland
- Multi-time world championship and national championship cyclist in numerous disciplines
- Current road and time trial Paracycling Blind and Visually Impaired National Champion

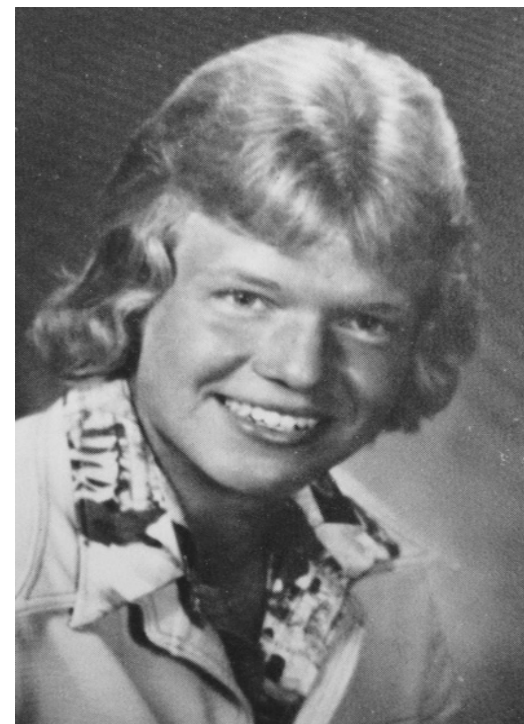
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Class of 2015
Men's Athletic Inductee

Craig Cramblet – Class of 1977

Craig Cramblet





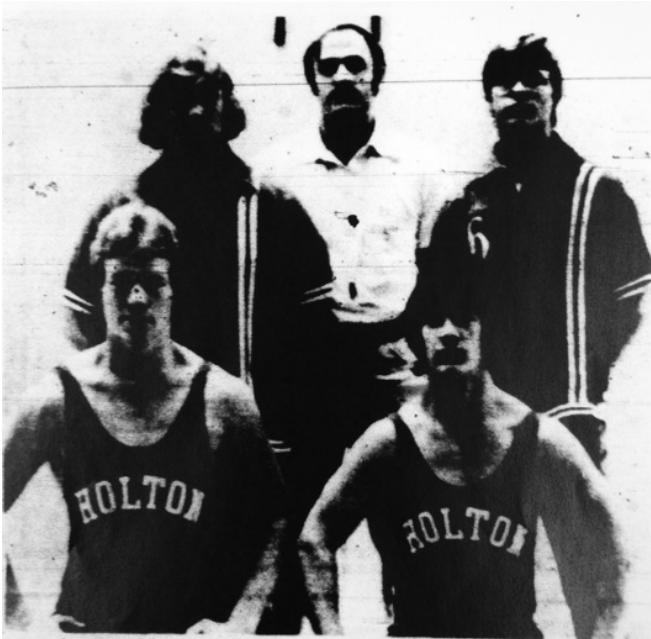
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Craig Cramblet

Career Achievements

- 1977 Class D State Champion; Weight Class – 191
- 1976 Class D Runner – up; Weight Class – Heavyweight
- Conference Champion – 1977 – 191 pound weight class
- Pinned opponents an astonishing 87% of the time
- Finished 4th in the nation at Cornerstone University - 1979



THE HOLTON RED DEVILS varsity wrestlers are a young, but strong team, thanks to those returning lettermen. In the front, left to right, are Craig Cramblet and Joe Hunt, with Gene Harris, coach Deming and Curt Marshall in the rear. Doug Kuck is missing from the photo.

Red Devil wrestlers doing well

The Holton varsity wrestling team continued its winning ways by defeating Montague 37-22, and Allendale 50-12.



CRAIG CRAMBLET

Holton's cramblet wins state crown

On Saturday, Feb. 19, Craig Cramblet became the fourth wrestler in Holton High School history to capture a wrestling state championship.

Craig accomplished this in the 191 pound weight division by pinning Don Clavette from Porterville in 1:40 in the first round, pinning Dick McGuire of Concord in 3:48 in the second round, and pinning Ray Freeman of Covert in

4:55 in the finals.

Craig finished his career at Holton with a 65-27 record of which 48 were won by pins. Holton also had two third place finishers in Ted Fox at 98 pounds and Gene Harris at 178 pounds.

The Holton varsity wrestling team finished the season 11-2 in dual meets and earned a third place ranking in the state in class D.



Craig Cramblet



Top Row: J. Flickema, S. Luttrull, (Manager) I. Broton, (Coach) R. Koehler, (Manager) C. Buckner, M. Seabolt, J. Kruszynski, D. Packard Middle Row: J. Geisler, D. Knight, D. Villarreal, J. Kellogg, T. Personett, C. Cramblet Bottom Row: B. Davis, T. Buckner, B. Hislop, and B. VanPatten



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Front: John Horton, Gayle McFarland, Jim Jorgenson, Doug Kock, Chuck Giddings, Curt Marshall, Manager Craig McFarland. Middle: Manager John Rostler, Mike Hamel, Rip Wilson, Greg Clemens, Joe Hunt, Mike Barnhard, Head Coach Bush. Back: Assistant Coach Carpenter, Craig Cramblet, Brian Atakson, Bret VanPatten, Bob Hishop, Joe Getzler, Pete VanDyken, Dan Jorgenson. Not Pictured: Jim Kellogg.



WRESTLING

This year's wrestling team had a great season. Head coach John Bratcher had an almost even balance of upperclassmen and freshmen. This year's team members were: Coach Bratcher, John Kaur, Craig Cramblet, Rick Moberly, Dan Miller, Ron Parido, Al Crandell, Rick Vincent, Coach Bishop, Randy Toomey, Chris Spanding, Dave Jaspersen, Scott Howland, Scott Byers, and Dan Howland. The high point of the year was a first place finish in the Christian College Classic Tournament.

Wrestlers 2nd in league meet

The Hesperia varsity wrestling team placed second in the annual league meet held at Tri-County High school last week. The Panthers scored 65 points behind the league champions Holton Red Devils with their 99 points. Tri-County placed third with 37 points. The individual championships were determined as the result of a "round-robin" tournament.

Jesse Walker became the first wrestler in history to win individual championships four years in a row. Jesse competed in the 126 pound class.

League individual champions were as follows:

98 lb., George Bradley, Tri-County; 105 Ted Fox, Holton; 112 Rick Plite, Tri-County; 119 Dennis Alvesteffer, Holton; 126 Jesse Walker, Hesperia; 132 Curt Marshall, Holton; 138 Bob Furman, Holton; 145 Bill Flanery, Hesperia; 155 Kelvin Harris, Holton; 165 Jeff Forbes, Hesperia; 178 Joe Chase, Tri-County; 191 Craig Cramblet, Holton; and Hwt. Ed Hanes, Holton.

Craig Cramblet

Holton wrestling champ

Cramblet 'falls' into state title

By JOHN JARVI
Chronicle staff writer

HOLTON — Holton's Craig Cramblet "fell" into a Class D state wrestling championship this year, only it was his opposition which took the runt of the fall.

Cramblet competed at 191 pounds in the state tournament and beat everyone he faced by pins.

"He pinned everybody all the way through from the regionals," said Holton Coach Jack Deming. "In the regionals nobody went past the first period with him. In the state meet a guy went into the third period with him in the finals. The kid was a decent wrestler, too. The guy he beat was 26-1."

Cramblet went 26-4 for the season and set two Holton records by getting 10 pins in one season this year and 48 in his career.

"He's been a pretty good pinner every year and he has good pinning combinations," said Deming. "He's about 6-3 and uses his height to good advantage. He just doesn't get pinned and he keeps the pressure on his opponent. He's very hard to turn over."

The state title wasn't unexpected, either. As a junior, Cramblet had placed second in the "D" state tournament although he wrestled in the heavyweight class.

"He was a light heavyweight last year. He only weighed about 185-200 pounds last year. He's matured a little bit and lost a lot of the baby fat," said Deming in explaining how Cramblet reached the 191 weight limit.

"I didn't expect to be state champion but I was pretty happy with it," said Craig. "As a rule, I always ended up with a lot of pins at the end of the season. This year I would say since it was the first year there was a 191 class in Michigan there were a lot of smaller guys at that weight. One-hundred-one wasn't super tough this year like it will be in future years when guys start dropping from 210 pounds."

Cramblet quit wrestling as a freshman and tried basketball for one year but he came back to the mat sport as a sophomore. He wound up his three-year varsity career with a 55-27 record and the fourth individual state championship in Holton's history.

"He's really dedicated himself to wrestling the last two years," said Deming. "He's worked awfully hard."

"I think he knew he had a shot at the state title. He was really aiming for that number one spot. While the rest of the matches were going on he was in the locker room preparing himself. He never came out of the locker room until there were only two matches left before his. He had his mind totally on what he had to do."

Craig said he decided to stay in the locker room to keep his mind on the task at hand.

"It's just that if I go and sit out, there's just a lot of intense noise and I can't think straight. So I was just mainly trying to keep my head clear," said Cramblet. "I think it (the state title) is important to me because it's important to my parents and my coach, Mr. Deming. My parents and family really got a kick out of it and Mr. Deming is just a super coach and I'm just glad I could do something to put a little light on him."

Class D competed in a format this year with the individual and team state meets lumped into one tournament.

Cramblet didn't mind the change to a tougher format and said "it was a lot better. There were a lot of guys at state who didn't belong there (in the past). This year the state tournament was a lot tougher and a lot better put together."

Cramblet's mat career may not be over yet, however.

Cramblet has been receiving some interest from colleges and Deming said, "He very definitely is thinking about college wrestling. Along with being a good athlete, he's a good student. There's no question he can make it in the classroom."



Room for one more


Holton Coach Jack Deming (left) pins the medal for a Class D state wrestling championship to Craig Cramblet's varsity jacket. Cramblet completed a three-year varsity ca-

reer by becoming the first Holton wrestler to win a state title at a heavier weight by competing in the 191-pound class.

1977 Class D Wrestling Lower Peninsula Individual Champions

Weight Class	Individual Champion	School	Result
98	Rudy Avila	Adrian Madison	1:59
105	Larry Webb	Detroit Country Day	5-4
112	Bill Moorehouse	Concord	5-4
119	Paul Clark	Detroit Country Day	9-3
126	James Pulling	Dansville	8-4
132	Mike Parra	Adrian Madison	5:59
138	Jerry Winsor	Fulton-Middleton	10-1
145	Pat McVay	Morenci	10-4
155	Pete Rodriguez	Ann Arbor St. Thomas	1:07 (OT)
165	Pat Truax	Dansville	6-4
178	Joe Dietrick	Michigan Lutheran Seminary	3:47
191	Craig Cramblet	Holton	4:55
Heavyweight	Kale Price	Fulton-Middleton	15-3

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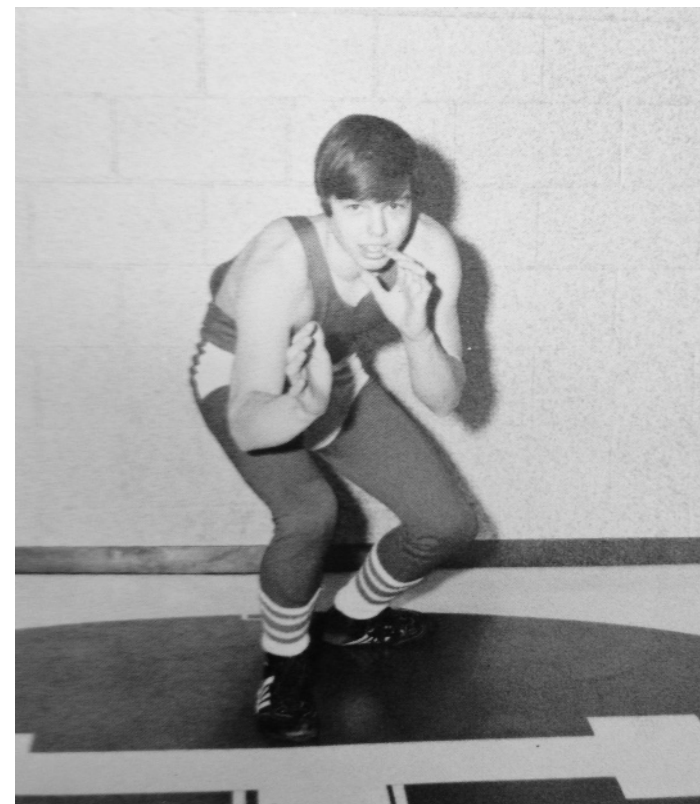
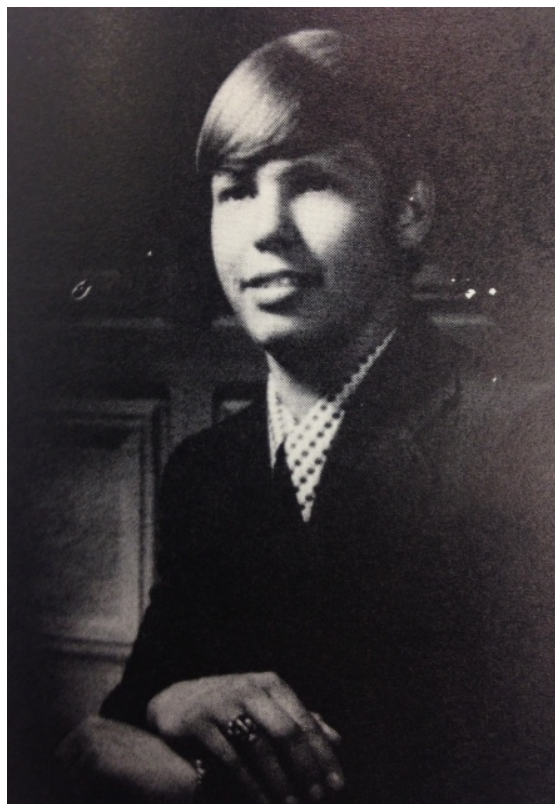
Clieve Young – Class of 1974

Clieve Young



Double Trouble

Clieve Young (right) and Brian Johnson are a rarity around Holton High School. They're the first to ever win a state title in anything at the school. Each won a Michigan Class D individual wrestling crown last week at Lansing Waverly.



Wrestling Ratings

By United Press
International

Detroit Catholic, Charlotte, and Lakeview have taken over their respective second places in this week's Michigan high school wrestling ratings.

The ratings are compiled by the Michigan High School Wrestling Coaches Association based on dual meets and tournaments and released weekly by UPI.

Detroit Catholic used a tournament win to swap places with Swartz Creek in Class A, the same method utilized by Charlotte to edge ahead of Fenton in Class B.

Holton nosed out North Muskegon to make an appearance in the fifth Class D spot.

The ratings:

CLASS A

- 1 Wayne Memorial
- 2 Detroit Catholic
- 3 Swartz Creek
- 4 Grandville
- 5 Adrian
- 6 Romulus
- 7 Grand Ledge
- 8 East Lansing
- 9 Temperance-Bedford
- 10 Alpena

CLASS B

- 1 Mount Pleasant
- 2 Charlotte
- 3 Fenton
- 4 GR Forest Hills Central
- 5 Grand Rapids West Catholic
- 6 Greenville
- 7 Grand Rapids Catholic
- 8 Battle Creek Harper Creek
- 9 Sturgis
- 10 Alma

CLASS C

- 1 Montrose
- 2 Lakeview
- 3 Comstock Park
- 4 New Lothrop
- 5 Shepherd
- 6 Pontiac Catholic
- 7 Detroit Country Day
- 8 Addison
- 9 Galesburg-Augusta
- 10 Shelby

CLASS D

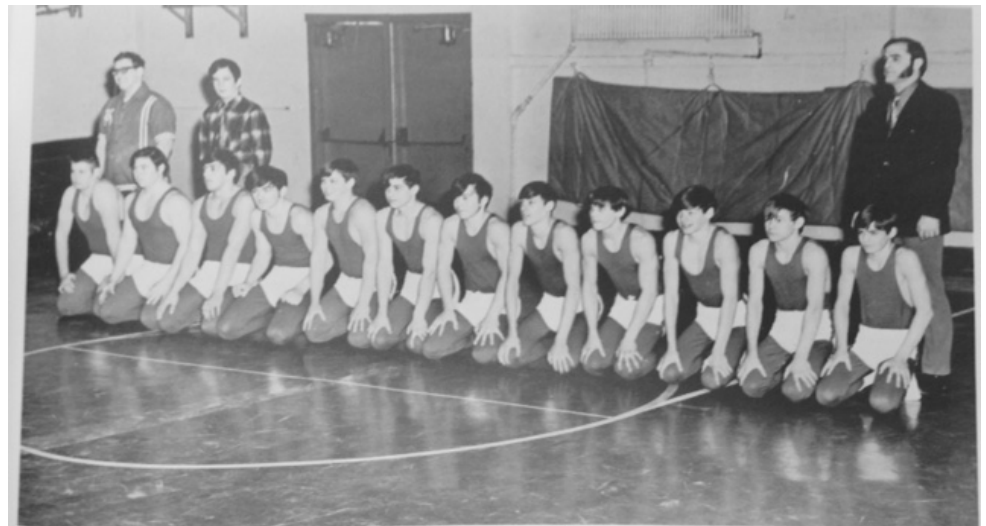
- 1 Adrian Madison
- 2 Frankfort
- 3 Hesperia
- 4 Dansville
- 5 Holton

Clieve Young



1st Row: J. Green, M. Pontius, R. Wehl, P. Broton, Coach Mr. Deming,
2nd Row: C. Sloan, D. Marshal, T. Henry, E. J. Gee, C. Young, J. Keas,

D. Kuck, G. Mead, D. Mead, S. Rogers, T. Keas, B. Johnson.



The wrestling team from left to right: G. Chase, D. Marshall, R. Macy, J. Hill, C. Young, J. Keas,
R. Wehl, G. Mead, D. Frein, D. Mead, S. Rogers, B. Johnson, standing are: B. Pierce, F.
McMeans mg., and their coach Mr. Deming.

The Chronicle
SPORTS

Muskegon, Michigan

Monday, March 11, 1974 17

**Two Holton Matmen
Win State Titles**

LANSING — Two Holton High wrestlers came home with individual state titles after competing in the state Class D finals at Lansing Waverly High School Saturday night.

Holton's champions were Brian Johnson in the 98-pound division and Clieve Young, who won the honors in the 155 class.

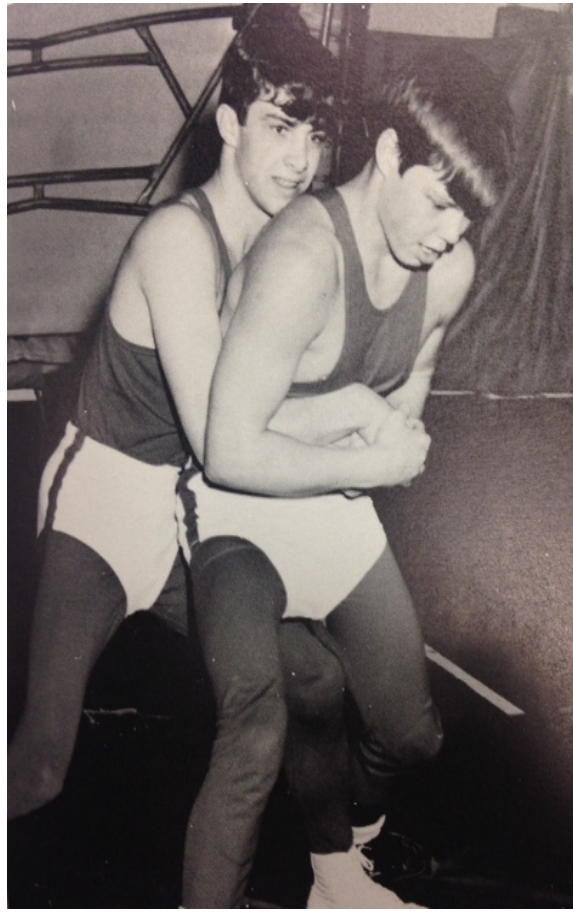
Two others placers for Holton were Todd Keas, second at 112, and Steve Tomaras, third at 119.

Meanwhile, Hesperia had five placers, including a pair of runners-up. Seconds went to Bruce Towne (132) and heavyweight Rich Brimmer. Terry Rossman was third at 105 with fourths going to Steve DeLong (185) and Dean McDonnell (145).

North Muskegon was paced by a third-place finish by Don Stafford in the 167 division.

Adrian Madison defeated 41-12 in the team semifinals prior to downing Dansville 29-27 for the "D" state team crown.

Named as "Coach of the Year" in Class D was Coach Bob Henry of Hesperia.



Clieve Young

Holton 40, Grant 12

- 98—Jeff VanLoon (G) d. Chris Bosse, 6-4.
- 105—Brian Johnson (H) p. Art Gilhara, 4-1.
- 112—No match
- 119—Todd Keas (H) p. Ricky Kloe, 2-43
- 126—Steve Tomaras (H) d. Mike VanLoon, 10-0.
- 132—Rick Hynes (G) d. Pat Broton, 4-0.
- 138—Dave Kuck (H) p. Dave Osborn, 5:06.
- 145—Mike Pontlus (H) d. Bob Rusco, 3-2.
- 155—Clive Young (H) p. Carl Brisban, 5:39.
- 167—Joe Hunt (H) d. Lee Baker, 6-3.
- 185—Terry Henry (H) won by forfeit.
- Hwy.—Jerry Cushman (G) won by forfeit.

High School Wrestlers Get Shot at State Titles

The last steps to state wrestling championships will be taken Friday and Saturday as area grapplers compete in the four final areas.

Calvin College in Grand Rapids will host the Class A tournament with the "B" at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, the "C" at Lansing Waverly High School and the final annual "D" meet at Lansing Waverly High School on Saturday night.

Hesperia will have the biggest representation among area schools as the Panthers qualified as a team for the "D" championship meet.

After Hesperia, Frongien of Class B and Dansville of "C" with five wrestlers each have the biggest representation.

Mesa Shores and Grand Haven have the only representatives in Class A. Mesa Shores will be sending regional champion Dan Matthews (138) along with Jim Langston (98) and Ken Davis

(103) while Grand Haven will be sending Dan Tuck (103).

Mesa Shores is hoping to finish in the top 10 with the three entrants at 297 1/2 and Matthews took qualified for the state meet last year as junior.

Frongien, which is eyeing a spot in the top five for class B, heads a list of 18 area "B" qualifiers with six five qualifiers.

Included in the group of Frongien entrants are defending state champion Greg Proctor (119) and regional champion Russ Swenson (85) who is only a sophomore. Other Frongien who will be competing are juniors John Zapp (145) and Bill Fungerson (132) and senior Jerry Hill (98).

Orchard View and Muskegon Catholic Central each have three qualifiers with Dan Spatman (109), Dave Gehlert (112) and Arnold Parnell (94.) Hesperia UV's contingent will regional entrants

Larry Lewandowski (145), Eric Lewandowski (138) and Ted Tejdina (132) making up Catholic's group of representatives.

Ludwig has a pair of regional champions comprising its entries in Tim Ryan (135) and Brian Schwanke (105) while Fremont has regional star Guy Redinger (138) and midgets Joe Vanku (117) and Kenneth Puffer Darrel Wane (112) and Fred Schmitt (103).

Spring Lake's Scott VanDusen (88) rounds out the list of area Class B qualifiers.

Four schools have individuals in the "C" tournament with Ravenna having five, Hart four, Shelby three and Muskegon one.

Regional champions Joe Drummond (119) and Lloyd Cagswell (107) gave Ravenna's hopes who also include sophomore Al Gomez (145) and fourth grade Joshara Ryan French (138) and Jim

Belson (105). Cagswell will be attempting to extend his perfect season as he has not a Ravenna record for consecutive victories by winning 10 straight matches.

Mark Carter (98), Ken Albrecht (105), Steve Eisenler (112) and Dan Albrecht (145) will make up Hart's contingent with regional champion Ernie Elmer (135), Kevin Campagna (118) and Clarence Chase (94.) representing Shelby.

The only other area wrestler in the "C" tournament will be Muskegon's Steve Estense (119).

The "D" meet will have two separate parts with Hesperia as one of four regional area tournaments competing for the team crown which will be decided by dual meet results.

Hesperia will meet the Adrian Madison regional champion in the tournament

dual meet while the Frongien regional winner faces the Dansville team representative.

The two final round winners will advance to the final for first and second place while the two early losers will wrestle off for third and fourth place.

An individual tournament for all undefeated wrestlers from last week's four regional meets will be held in the evening with Hesperia entering Jerry Rossman (105), Bruce Towne (132), Dean McDonnell (145), Steve DeLong (185) and Rich Symmer (98).

Holton's Brian Johnson (98), Todd Keas (112), Steve Tomaras (119) and Clieve Young (155) entered while North Muskegon's only representative will be Don Stafford (167).

Team depth will play a key role in the deciding the "A," "B" and "C" championships as points will be awarded for six placers in the final area.

Frongien's Al Schae, meanwhile, is one of two coaches nominated as Region Eight Coach of the Year by the Michigan High School Wrestling Coaches Association.

Schau, who has a 36-8 three-year dual record at Frongien and has won three straight Searcy Conference titles along with a Class A and B district title, was accompanied along with Mickey DeVine of Grand Rapids West Catholic.

Competition in the "A," "B" and "C" tournaments will start at noon and continue at 7 p.m. Friday with Saturday's matches also beginning at noon.

The third, fourth, fifth and sixth place matches will be decided at 8 p.m. Saturday with the finals scheduled to start at 7:30.

The "D" meet will get underway at 11 a.m. Saturday for the team title while the individual championships will be decided at 8 p.m.

Thursday, March 14, 1974

Johnson and Young are champs

Holton High School wrestlers captured two state Individual Championships and one runner-up title in the finals of the state class "D" tournament last Saturday.

Brian Johnson (98) pinned Kevin Erwin, Covert, in the semi-final round and decided Jim Polling, Dansville, 17-0 in the finals to win his crown.

Clieve Young (155) won a hard fought 8-7 decision over Paul Buckner, Vestburg, in his first match and pinned Keith Taylor, Madison, in the finals.



TWO HOLTON wrestlers brought home state championships titles from the state meet in Lansing last Saturday. Brian Johnson (left) won the 98 lb. division crown and Clieve Young won in the 155 lb. class. Between the two is Jack Demming, the Holton coach.

Todd Keas (112) defeated Robert Spear, Michigan School for the Blind, by a 5-0 score in overtime. Todd then defeated Ron Heiler, Dansville, 7-1 to enter the finals. Keas was injured early in the championship match and lost by default

to Jeff Kruse, Madison. Todd was the winner of second place. Steve Tomarras, Holton's fourth entry, lost a very close 5-4 decision to Richard Casarez who pinned his next

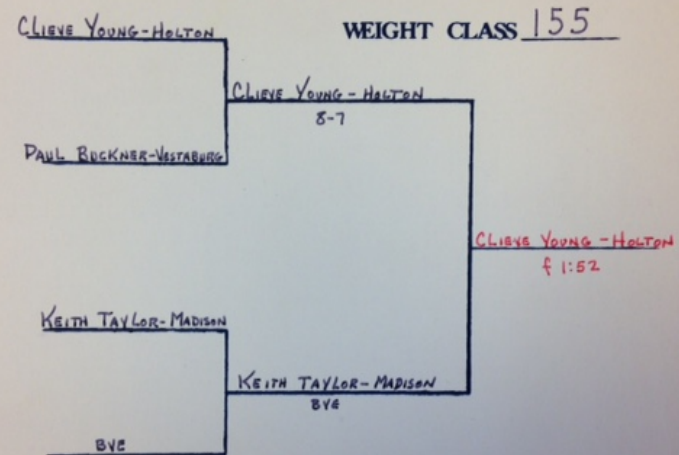
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opponent to win the State Title. Hesperia drew a bye in round one and defeated Walkerville 46-42 in round two. Holton was eliminated by Pentwater in first round play 72-53.

Holton qualified Brian Johnson (98), Todd Keas (112), Steve Tomarras (119) and Clieve Young (155) to compete in next Saturday's state championships at Lansing Waverly High School.

Other individual qualifiers for the finals were Don Stafford (167) of North Muskegon and Paul Miller (126) and Justin Carlson (138), both of Manistee Catholic Central.

M.H.S.A.A. CLASS 'D' WRESTLING CHAMPION



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MARCH 9TH 1974

Clieve Young

1974 Class D Wrestling Lower Peninsula Individual Champions

Weight Class	Individual Champion	School	Result
98	Brian Johnson	Holton	17-0
105	Jeff Schlaack	Vanderbilt	2:50
112	Jeff Kruse	Adrian Madison	Default
119	Richard Casarez	Adrian Madison	1:35
126	David Gutierrez	Adrian Madison	3:33
132	Val Gutierrez	Adrian Madison	6-0
138	Chris Lieder	Dansville	12-5
145	Dennis McCann	Dansville	8-3
155	Clieve Young	Holton	1:52
167	Kevin King	Adrian Madison	5-2
185	Rich Beach	Vestaburg	6-2
Heavyweight	Maurice Jones	Covert	1:59

HOLTON ATHLETICS
HALL OF FAME



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1994 Volleyball Team
Coached by Ed Bailey



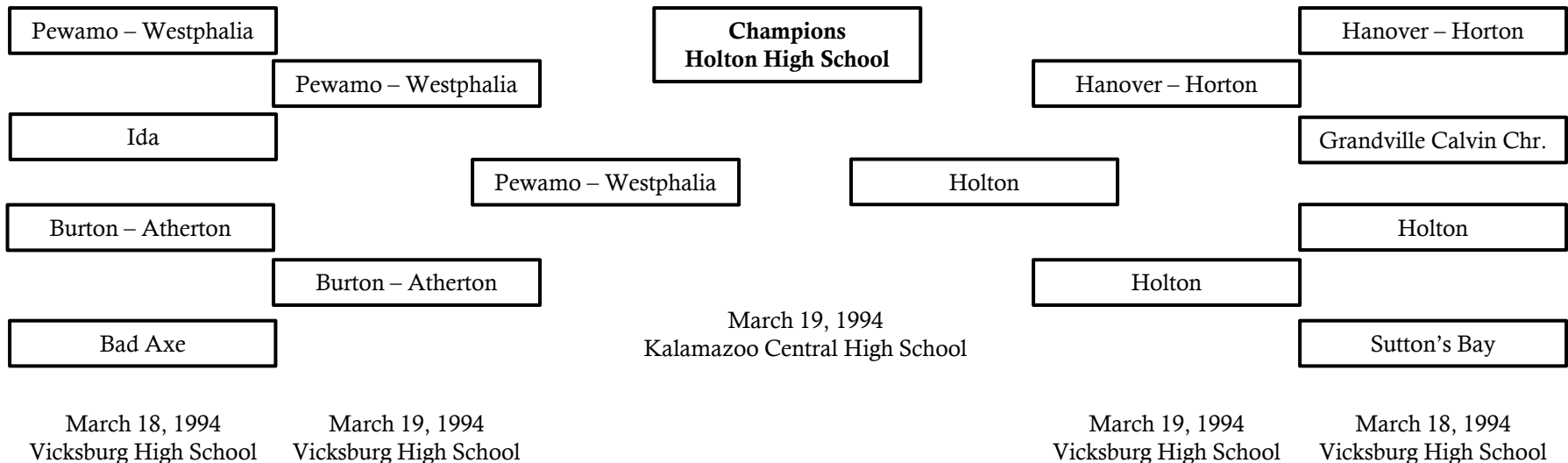
1994 Lower Peninsula Class C Volleyball State Champions

First row, back (left to right): Dawn Long, Dawn Pederson, Ryan Becklin, Kelly Becklin, Coach Ed Bailey, Erin Monette, Amy Vandenberg; Second row, middle (left to right): Amy DeLong, Jennifer Thornton; Third row, front (left to right): Lori Swenson, Amber Trygstad, Jennifer Nichols

1994 Lower Peninsula Class C Volleyball State Champions

The 1994 Holton Red Devils' volleyball team, coached by Ed Bailey, made it all the way to the women's Lower Peninsula Class C state championship match in 1993, before losing to the Wolverines of Burton-Atherton, 15-5, 16-14. With many of the same players returning in 1994, Holton would not be denied in a return trip to the state championship game.

After defeating Sutton's Bay (15-6, 16-14) on March 18, 1994 at Vicksburg High School in the opening round of the state playoffs, Holton advanced to the semi-final round of the playoffs on March 19, 1994, also at Vicksburg High School, where they defeated the Comets of Hanover-Horton (15-11, 15-9) to advance to the state championship game held that same day at Kalamazoo Central High School. The Red Devils made a statement in the state championship game by defeating Pewamo-Westphalia to earn the first ever volleyball state championship for a Muskegon area team, as well as the first and only state championship in any sport at Holton High School. The team finished the season with a record of 55 – 2 – 1.



1994 Volleyball Record



Opponent	Result	Opponent	Result	Opponent	Result
Essexville - Garber	W; 2-0	Grant	W; 2-0	Durand	W; 2-0
Cadillac	T; 1-1	Kent City	W; 2-0	Bad Axe	W; 2-0
Suttons Bay	W; 2-0	Clare	W; 2-0	Forest Hills Northern	W; 2-0
West Ottawa	L; 0-2	Lakeview	W; 2-0	New Lothrop	W; 2-0
Traverse City	W; 2-0	Kent City	W; 2-0	Almont	W; 2-0
North Muskegon	W; 2-0	Wayland	W; 2-0	Bad Axe	W; 2-0
Morley Stanwood	W; 2-0	Mona Shores	W; 2-0	Tri-County	W; 2-0
Reed City	W; 2-0	Lakeview	W; 2-0	Morley Stanwood	W; 2-0
Shepherd	W; 2-0	Orchard View	W; 2-0	Hesperia	W; 2-0
Reeths-Puffer	W; 2-0	Wayland	W; 2-0	Tri-County	W; 2-0
Grand Haven	W; 2-0	Holland	W; 2-1	White Cloud	W; 2-0
Orchard View	W; 2-0	Hesperia	W; 2-0	Kent City	W; 2-0
Whitehall	W; 2-0	Muskegon Heights	W; 2-0	Newaygo	W; 2-0
Muskegon	W; 2-0	Mona Shores	W; 2-0	Muskegon Catholic	W; 2-0
Forest Hills Northern	W; 2-0	Fruitport	W; 2-0	Montague	W; 2-0
Reeths-Puffer	L; 1-2	Whitehall	W; 2-0	Hart	W; 2-0
Newaygo	W; 2-0	Muskegon	W; 2-0	Newaygo	W; 2-0
Grant	W; 2-0	Reeths-Puffer	W; 2-1	Suttons Bay	W; 2-0
St. Louis	W; 2-0	White Cloud	W; 2-0	Hanover-Horton	W; 2-0
				Pewamo-Westphalia	W; 2-0



Source: 1994 Holton High School Yearbook

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CINDY FAIRFIELD
SPORTS EDITOR

Volleyball is a delight for fans

I'll take a defensive battle any day.
Run-n-shoot in football? Give me the goal-line stand.
Run-n-gun in basketball? I'll take the half-court game.
Set-n-kill in volleyball? I'll stick with the rallies.

Volleyball has come a long way since I played 15 years ago for a large high school in southern Ohio. We won our league my junior year with a 12-0 record. That, by the way, was an overall record.
My, how things change.

When the state tournament gets under way next month, Holton, the No. 1-ranked school in Class C, will have played between 50 or 60 matches. And most other schools will be close to that number.

If you haven't seen a volleyball game lately — and I'll wager most of you never have — do try and get out some afternoon to check out what these incredible athletes are doing at the high school level.

It is absolutely exhilarating.

No other sport in high school has evolved the way volleyball has in the past few years. That's because it has become so specialized.

The beauty of specialization is it gives more athletes playing time. And it makes the caliber of play much more effective.

Most teams have specialists who come in only to serve, play front row or back row. So you're not relying on six athletes to be all-around players. Few teams have six players who can play any position, anyway.



Holton volleyball standouts are, from left, Lori Swenson, Amber Trygstad, Jennifer Thornton and Amy DeLong. CHRISTOPHER WITTY

They're living a dream

Holton, ranked No. 1 in Class C, is shooting to reach the state finals for the second year in a row.

PREP VOLLEYBALL PREVIEW

West, critics say this year's team could be as good as last year's. If not better.

"They have the same ability to overwin and dominate other people," said Flanagan coach Tom Tread, who plays professional beach volleyball in the summer. "You see a lot of players with tremendous abilities like them, but you don't see the discipline and work ethic that this state team [DeLong, Thornton, Trygstad and Swenson] do."

They're almost a dream. They have the overlooked beauty. Please see page 10. Page 4C

PREP VOLLEYBALL PREVIEW

—**Q-K RED:** Area power Mona Shires will look to move up in the K-Rad, one of the top volleyball leagues in the state. Grand Haven has hopes for an improved offense. Page 4C.

—**SEAWAY:** Reeths-Puffer shoots for its second straight league crown, with Fountain, Fremont and Spring Lake among the top contenders. Page 4C.

—**NCAA:** Defending Class C state runner-up Holton is the league favorite but expects a challenge from Newaygo. White Cloud and Tri-County. Page 4C.

—**WMC:** Last year's co-champs, North Muskegon and Hart, expect a rematch for the league title. Page 4C.

—**OTHERS:** Muskegon and Center, Eastern and Spring Lake are looking for winning seasons, while Western Michigan Christian and Muskegon Catholic live for coaches. Page 4C.

Holton has devil of a time

The Class C power Red Devils edged Reeths-Puffer for their second straight city volleyball championship.

By CINDY FAIRFIELD

Chronicle sports editor

It was a last delight but Holton coach Ed Bailey would just as soon wait another 12 months before seeing a rematch.

That's because Holton and Reeths-Puffer were so evenly matched in the finals of the Greater Muskegon Athletic Association Volleyball Championships that it took a third game at 16-14 before the Red Devils could celebrate their second straight city title.

"It was a strange match," said Bailey, whose team is ranked No. 1 in Class C and won the match 15-12, 8-15 and 16-14. "I guess it was kind of like survival of the fittest. Puffer would make a good play and we'd get kind of down and then we'd make a good play and they'd get kind of down."

"It was a great game for the fans. Just not if you're the one sitting over there on the bench."

Yet, it seemed fitting that the game point would come on the serve of Holton's Amy DeLong. The senior all-state setter played an exceptional game, making a good set on nearly every pass her teammates made.

She was able to control Holton's attack by mixing up outside sets, back sets and short middle sets to ensure that the Red Devils remained on the offensive on almost every play.

And just to keep the R-P defense honest, she'd throw a hard, spiraling spike in for good measure.

Which was a tough task, especially when all-star Lori Devet was at middle blocker. Drost led all hitters-blockers with 33 attacks, 13 kills and 10 blocks.

"In the third game, Holton made the plays at the end," said Puffer coach Ted Edsall, whose team is 9-1 in the competitive Seaway Conference. "They served much tougher than they had been all day."

Holton, which is about five times smaller in enrollment than Puffer, played in the game despite a 10-10 record.

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Holton teammates Lori Swenson, left, and Amber Trygstad hugged each other, above, after the Red Devils won Saturday's Greater Muskegon Athletic Association Volleyball Championship over Reeths-Puffer in a three-game thriller. Reeths-Puffer's Kelly McCarthy, at left, bumps the ball for a set in the finals.

Chronicle/PATRICK WITTY

Holton beats Newaygo in key NCAA clash

By TIM BERRY

Chronicle correspondent

HOLTON — The chase for the Newaygo County Athletic Association volleyball championship may have ended on the first night of the season.

Holton, still smarting from its three-game loss to Reeths-Puffer last Saturday, opened NCAA play with a 15-12, 15-5 victory over league power Newaygo.

The Red Devils, who lost their No. 1 ranking after falling to Reeths-Puffer, struggled to stave off the Lions in the first game before battering their archrivals in the second game.

Senior setter Amy DeLong, hitter Amber Trygstad and standout outside hitter Jennifer Thornton powered the versatile attack of Holton, which currently is rated No. 2 in Class C.

DeLong finished the match with 25 assists, 11 service points, two blocks and two service aces.

Thornton, who along with DeLong garnered all-state laurels last season, recorded eight kills and six digs. Despite playing with a severely sprained right thumb, Trygstad registered eight service points, eight digs and three kills for the 14-2-1 Red Devils.

"You definitely could call this the conference championship match, even though it's the first (match) of the year," said Holton coach Ed Bailey. "We're not going to see them again until the conference tournament and we're not sorry we won't see them until then."

Newaygo's going to become a very good team. We need to get some continuity and we need to get some intensity back. We're lacking in both areas right now."

Newaygo nearly squeaked past the Red Devils in the first game, but Holton's superior firepower proved to be the difference down the stretch.

The Red Devils' strong service game pinned the Lions down early in the second game and didn't let Newaygo kick-start its offense.

Sara Burde led the way for the Lions with eight assists and five kills. Dusty Hainmann contributed eight kills, while Karen Sullivan had two assists and two digs.

"My kids weren't as smooth as they needed to be to play a Holton team," said Newaygo coach Mary Reese-Pumford, "whose team dipped to 2-5 on the season. "We had some net fouls and some passing errors we normally don't make that ended up hurting us."

"I thought we played well, but you've got to play perfect to beat a team like Holton. They're very impressive." -30-

Source: The Muskegon Chronicle – December 16, 1993; January 7, 1994; February 6, 1994; and February 9, 1994. Credit: Cindy Fairfield, Tim Berry.

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Holton 'reserves' spot in Class C semifinals

Playing without injured Amber Trygstad, Holton's volleyball team still advanced to today's semifinals with a 15-6, 16-14 victory over Suttons Bay.

By **TIM BERRY**

Chronicle correspondent with local reports

VICKSBURG — Even at less than 100 percent, Holton is still a dangerous volleyball team.

The Red Devils lost outside hitter Amber Trygstad to a freak ankle injury prior to the start of Friday's Class C quarterfinal match

with Suttons Bay, yet still managed to dispatch the Norse in two games.

Reserves Kelly Becklin and Dawn Long, thrust into starting roles when Trygstad suffered the first-degree ankle sprain in warm-ups, stepped in to play key roles as Holton pulled out a 15-6, 16-14 victory.

Middle hitter Erin Monette, normally only a front-row player, played all the way around for the Red Devils, who won their 45th consecutive match to reach today's semifinal against third-ranked Hanover-Horton.

Holton, 53-2-1 on the season,

battles the 42-8-2 Cornets at 11:30 a.m. at Vicksburg. The victor will advance to play the winner of the semi-final between defending state champion Burton-Atherton and Pewamo-Westphalia. The finals are scheduled for 3:30 p.m. at Kalamazoo Central High School.

"Dawn Long and Kelly Becklin really came through for us, especially when they learned two minutes before the match that they would be playing," said Bailey. "I thought Erin Monette played very well, too, for us, but the whole team really stepped up and took care of business."

"Losing Amber really hurt — you can't not miss a player of her

caliber — but I think we showed we have the talent necessary to win big games. We've done it all season."

Bailey doesn't know if Trygstad can return for today's showdown with Hanover-Horton, but is hoping the 5-11 senior outside hitter is healthy enough to play.

"There's no doubt we need her," said Bailey. "But if she doesn't make it, the other kids will pick it up a notch and do the job."

Despite Trygstad's absence, Holton rolled to a relatively easy

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FINAL FOUR

WHAT: Class C volleyball semifinals.

WHEN/WHERE: Semifinals Kalamazoo High School; Finals Kalamazoo Central High School.

THE PAIRINGS: Pewamo-Westphalia vs. Burton-Atherton 10 a.m., Holton vs. Hanover-Horton, 11:30 a.m.; State final 3:30 p.m.

OTHER FINALS: Class D, 2 p.m.; Class B, 5 p.m.; Class A 6:30 p.m.

Holton rolls to NCAA title

By **TIM BERRY**

Chronicle correspondent with local reports

Different season, same result.

The Holton volleyball team, ranked No. 1 in Class C, rolled to its third consecutive Newyogo County Athletic Association championship Saturday by steamrolling five opponents.

The Red Devils, winners of 40 straight matches, pounded Newyogo in the finale to claim the NCAA tournament crown and the overall conference championship.

Holton hitters Jennifer Thornton, Amber Trygstad, Erin Monette and Jennifer Nichols, fueled by the quarterbacking of setter Amy DeLong, led Holton to a 15-6, 15-1 victory in the title match.

The Red Devils, 142-12-9 over the last three seasons, boosted their area-best overall record to 48-2-1.

"Winning the NCAA championship three years in a row is quite an accomplishment when you take into consideration the quality of the competition we face in this conference," said Holton coach Ed Bailey.

"I think this is an impressive milestone and quite a testament to the hard work and commitment these talented kids have put into making this program one of the state's best."

The Red Devils, who haven't lost a match in 1994, captured the crown in workmanlike fashion, clipping one team after another.

Guided by DeLong, a four-year starter and two-time all-state performer headed to the University of New Orleans next fall, Holton was barely challenged en route to the title.

Thornton and Trygstad provided the punch for the Red Devils, while Nichols, Monette and Lori Swenson delivered the knockouts.

Holton, which outscored its five opponents by a combined margin of 150-43, posted a perfect 3-0 record in pool play by downing White Cloud (15-6, 15-3), Hesperia (15-4, 15-2) and Tri-County (15-5, 15-5).

The Red Devils then dismantled Kent City (16-14, 15-3) in the semifinals and tripped Newyogo in the finale.

"This tournament is never easy to win for a couple of reasons. First, and foremost, it is the high-level of competition," said Bailey. "Second, we see these

The Red Devils, 142-12-9 over the last three seasons, boosted their area-best overall record to 48-2-1.

same teams two, three, even four times during the season and it's never easy to play them a third, fourth or fifth time. It can be hard to get the kids up for some of these matches.

"But this is a veteran team that knows how to perform under pressure and adversity. They've been on the brink of a state championship and they know what it takes to pull big victories off."

DeLong, Thornton and Trygstad led the Red Devils' statistical parade.

Thornton, a Class C all-state pick last year and generally regarded as one of the state's top hitters, registered 34 kills and 15 digs.

DeLong recorded 105 assists, 10 service aces, 30 digs and seven blocks, while Trygstad had 26 kills, 11 service aces, six blocks and 21 digs.

Nichols picked up 21 kills and seven blocks, with Kelly Becklin contributing nine service aces and Lori Swenson 13 blocks.

Sara Burde led Newyogo with 32 kills and 30 assists and Dusty Huisman added 35 kills. The Lions, which got to the finals by beating Tri-County, stand 29-11-4 on the season.

Dana Swinehart added 14 service aces, while Karen Sullivan had 35 assists.

"We're happy to finish second, but we didn't play as well as we could have. We had a lot of peaks and valleys," said Lions coach Mary Reese-Pumford.

"When we checked today, we really played well. But when we were bad, we were real bad."

STATE RANKINGS	
Class A	
1. Portage Northern	48-2-0
2. Temperance Bedford	37-4-5
3. West Ottawa	39-7-3
4. Rockford	43-10-3
5. Portage Central	35-13-2
6. Clinton	39-5-3
7. East Kentwood	45-13-2
8. Royal Oak Kimball	33-15-5
9. Fennell	42-8-4
10. Battle Creek Lakeside	25-11-9
Honorable mention — Fort Huron, Northern, Bay City Central, Livonia Ladywood	
Class B	
1. Zealand	44-5-1
2. Tall Lake	45-8-3
3. Battle Creek Penfield	48-6-9
4. Stearnsville	35-6-6
5. Marysville	41-3-6
6. Plainwell	35-11-5
7. Swan Valley	44-7-1
8. Jackson Northwest	35-4-2
9. Jackson Luman Christ	29-11-4
10. Holland Christian	39-10-6
Honorable mention — Potosi, Caro, Lakeside, Odessa, Colchester, Cadillac	
Class C	
1. Holton	48-2-1
2. Burton Atherton	33-2-7
3. Concord	42-7-3
4. Hanover Horton	37-8-2
5. Elton Pigeon-Bayport	48-5-3
6. Bronson	38-8-2
7. Shiloh	35-5-3
8. Suttons Bay	28-4-5
9. Whittemore-Prentiss	41-11-4
10. Anson	23-8-6
Honorable mention — Onsted, Kingsley, Manchester, St. Louis, Bad Axe	
Class D	
1. Cadillac	35-1-3
2. Creek St. Philip	30-1-7
3. Ann Arbor Gabriel	28-4-4
4. Hesperia	30-3-3
5. Mendon	35-10-9
6. St. Clement	25-6-4
7. Grand Lakes	27-7-5
8. Forest Area	29-4-4
9. Pottsville	25-5-3
10. Glen Leno	22-10-5
Honorable mention — North Muskegon 18-8-6	

Holton again dumps Newyogo for regional volleyball title

By **Kelly Hill**

The Grand Rapids Press

The situation was the same yet different Saturday afternoon when Holton met Newyogo for the Class

C regional volleyball championship at Tri-County High School. For the second straight year, the Red Devils and Lions met in the regional final and for the second straight year, Holton defeated Newyogo.

This time, however, the No. 1 ranked Red Devils demonstrated maturity in dropping Newyogo 15-3 and 15-9.

After breezing to victory in the championship match's first game,

the 52-2-1 Devils grabbed an 11-5 lead in the second game before 32-11-4 Newyogo rallied for four straight points.

"When it counts, we are really on," commented Holton coach Ed Bailey, whose Red Devils were state runners up last year. "If you are one-dimensional, Newyogo will beat you up. When we had multiple attacks going, they had a hard time reading us. We didn't hit the ball that hard, we just placed it

well.

"I felt good playing them this year," Bailey said of the regional rematch. "I felt we could do things that they could not defend against. The kids have really matured. This team is a lot more mature this year than they were last year. They have a tremendous amount of focus this year. Everybody but the three juniors did this last year."

Red Devil senior Amber Trygstad served up eight points in the

championship match while senior Jennifer Thornton served up seven.

Holton, which will play the winner of the Coleman regional in Friday's 8:30 p.m. quarterfinals, Vicksburg High School, advances to the regional final with a 15-2, 19 win over Hart in the regional semifinals. Newyogo advanced with a 15-9, 15-11 victory over the Kent City Eagles.

No. 1 Holton rolls to big win in Class C quarters

JOHN WALKER

GAZETTE SPORTS WRITER

VICKSBURG — Holton played through adversity and proved its dominance in the MHSAA Class C volleyball quarterfinals here Friday night.

No. 1-ranked Holton advanced to the state semifinals with a 15-6, 16-14 victory over Suttons Bay.

In earlier quarterfinal action here, Pewamo-Westphalia outlasted Ida, 15-13, 14-16, 15-12; Burton Atherton whipped Bad Axe, 15-1, 15-6 and Hanover-Horton defeated Grandville Calvin Christian, 15-2, 16-14.

Pewamo-Westphalia (35-8-6) will face Burton Atherton (43-2) in the state semifinals at 10 a.m. today at Vicksburg. Holton (53-2-1) and Hanover-Horton (42-8-2) meet at 11:30 a.m.

Holton, which won its 43rd straight match, got

a scare before the match even started when 5-11 senior starter Amber Trygstad sprained her ankle during warm-ups.

"She's our number one server and outside hitter," Holton coach Ed Bailey said. "We were hurting, but we covered for it."

Erin Monette and Kelly Becklin performed well in the Holton juggling act.

"Monette never plays back row and she played great defense," Bailey said, "and Becklin never plays front row and she did well with three or four kills."

Even without Trygstad, Holton looked like the 1993 Class C state runner-up in game one. The Red Devils breezed to a 7-0 lead and finished a 15-6 win on an ace by Junior Amy Vandenberg.

In game two, Suttons Bay led 5-1, 10-5 and 14-9 but Holton held off five Norsemen game points.

Senior outside hitter Jennifer Thornton, who

finished with 10 kills, keyed the comeback.

Amy DeLong ended the match on with a perfect ace.

"Our kids have been there," Bailey said, "and that makes a big difference."

"I'm very pleased with my players," Suttons Bay coach Robert Newland said, "and they're very pleased with themselves."

"When we drew Holton, we knew we had the toughest draw," he added. "They're one of the hardest hitting teams we've seen."

Suttons Bay finishes its season 34-5-5.

Bailey expects Trygstad to play today.

"It's a minor sprain," he said, "and we'll treat it tonight and hopefully she'll be ready to go."

"But I can count on all nine of my players through the stretch. Even down 14-9, with our kids you never know. I can't remember the last three game match we had."

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CINDY FAIRFIELD

SPORTS EDITOR

Year later, vow to win comes true

KALAMAZOO — No one wanted to leave.

They lingered long in front of the bleachers — hundreds of fans, a high school principal bearing two tiny tridents, and nine girls with golden medals dangling from their necks.

And why not? It isn't every day that a team wins its school's first-ever state championship.

It was a big day for Holton High school on Saturday.

The Red Devils' No. 1-ranked volleyball team fulfilled a promise they made in the upstairs cafeteria of Kalamazoo Central High School exactly one year ago yesterday.

"We will be back here next year," said then-junior Jennifer Thornton. "Only next time, we won't be wearing these silver medals. We'll be wearing the gold."

It was an incredible sight. Nearly every person that lives in the small, rural town of Holton was decked out in red and white and occupying a piece of pine in K-zoo's spacious gymnasium.

Even high school principal Mickey Noble was blazing a path in front of the Holton fans' section, holding a trident high, leading the cheers. After the match, in which Holton started slow before dominating Pewamo-Westphalia 16-14, 15-8, he had lost most of his voice.

"I think 99 percent of the people who live in Holton are here today," said Noble. "We left one man back to guard the town."

To tell you the truth, I wasn't a volleyball fan until about three years ago. You can't help but get into it with kids like these. They're a real special group."

GREATER MUSKEGON ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION TOURNAMENT (At Muskegon High School)

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Finals

Holton d. Reeths-Puffer 15-12, 9-15, 16-14

Semifinals

Reeths-Puffer d. Montague 15-10, 15-4; Holton d. Muskegon 15-4, 15-6.

Quarterfinals

Montague d. Fruitport 15-7, 17-15; Muskegon d. WM Christian 15-9, 15-6; Holton (bye); Reeths-Puffer (bye)

Pool A results

Reeths-Puffer s. North Muskegon 9-15, 15-6; Reeths-Puffer d. Orchard View 15-4, 15-8; Reeths-Puffer s. Muskegon 16-14, 14-18; Reeths-Puffer d. Ravenna 15-10, 15-10; North Muskegon s. Orchard View 10-15, 15-4; North Muskegon s. Muskegon 15-10, 17-15; North Muskegon d. Ravenna 15-5, 15-9; Muskegon d. Orchard View 15-11, 15-9; Orchard View s. Ravenna 15-12, 8-15; Muskegon d. Ravenna 15-6, 15-10.

Pool B results

Holton d. Mona Shores 15-8, 15-7; Holton d. Whitehall 17-15, 15-9; Holton d. Fruitport 15-6, 15-5; Holton d. Muskegon Heights 15-4, 15-8; Mona Shores d. Whitehall 16-14, 15-12; Fruitport d. Mona Shores 15-11, 15-12; Mona Shores d. Muskegon Heights 15-5, 15-4; Whitehall s. Fruitport 5-15, 15-11; Whitehall d. Muskegon Heights 15-4, 15-4; Fruitport d. Muskegon Heights 15-13, 15-4.

Pool C results

Montague s. WM Christian 11-15, 15-12; Montague d. Oakridge 15-2, 15-4; Montague d. Muskegon Catholic 15-2, 15-4; WM Christian d. Oakridge 15-8, 15-10; WM Christian d. Muskegon Catholic 15-4, 15-6; Oakridge s. Muskegon Catholic 15-7, 8-15.

A devil of a time



Chronicle KATHY KIELISZEWSKI

Holton's Jennifer Thornton (4) reacts to another point as her teammates rush to her during the Class C championship finals against Pewamo-Westphalia at Kalamazoo Central High School Saturday. The Red Devils won the high school's first state championship ever.

Source: The Muskegon Chronicle – February 6, 1994; March 20, 1994.

Credit: Cindy Fairfield

News Media Season Highlights

Red letter day for Holton

The top-ranked Red Devils' girls volleyball team won the Class C state championship with a 16-14, 15-8 victory over Pewamo-Westphalia.

By **TIM BERRY**

Chronicle correspondent

KALAMAZOO — Never a doubt. From the start of the 1993-94 season, the Holton girls volleyball team planned a return trip to the Class C state finals, where they planned to capture the state title they lost last year.

The top-ranked Red Devils followed through Saturday afternoon by tripping Pewamo-Westphalia 16-14, 15-8 to win the first state championship in school history.

Holton, which spented No. 3 (Hanover-Horton (15-11, 15-9) in the semifinals, rallied from a 12-4

first-game deficit and then eased to the coveted title in the second game.

Amy DeLong and Jennifer Thornton, the Red Devils' 1-2 all-state punch, powered Holton to victory against the Pirates, who upset second-ranked Burton-Atherton in the semifinals.

"We knew we'd be back and we knew we'd win state this time around," said Thornton, the Red Devils' two-time all-state outside hitter. "We never had a doubt that we couldn't or wouldn't win this thing."

"We set this as the goal (264) days ago and we followed through on it today."

Holton, which finished the season with 47 consecutive victories and a 35-2-1 record, did have its share of adversity.

The Red Devils played over the loss of injured Amber Trygstad in Friday's quarterfinal round and

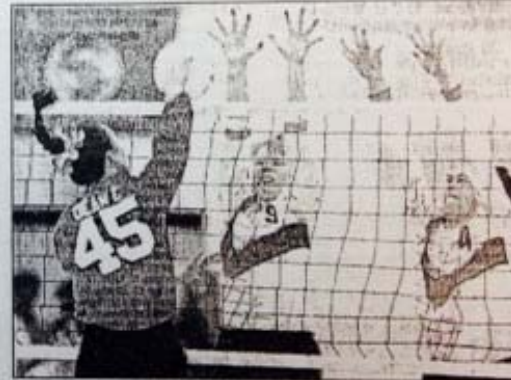
won Saturday due to their diversity.

Holton beat Suttons Bay without Trygstad in the quarters, then utilized the services of reserves Kelly Becklin, Dawn Long and Amy Vandenberg and Trygstad at 80 percent capacity to defeat Hanover-Horton and Pewamo-Westphalia in the semis and finals, respectively.

In the finale, Thornton recorded seven service points and seven kills, while DeLong registered 22 assists, five service points, 10 digs and five blocks.

Long added seven service points, Lori Swenson six digs, seven kills and four blocks, and Erin Monette six kills and three blocks for Holton. Jennifer Nichols chipped in three blocks. Long had seven service points, while Becklin had

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Chronicle **KATHY KIELISZEWSKI**

Holton's Lori Swenson (9) and Amber Trygstad (11) go up to double team on a block against Hanover-Horton's Tahny Dean.

Holton reigns in C

PAUL MORGAN
GAZETTE SPORTS WRITER

It's been a long, but fruitful year for Holton's volleyball team.

The Red Devils lost to Burton Atherton in last year's Class C state volleyball finals, but with virtually the same cast of characters, wrote a different end this time.

Holton rallied to win the school's first state championship in any sport, beating scrappy Pewamo-Westphalia, 16-14, 15-8 before over 2,000 fans at Kalamazoo Central.

"We knew 365 days ago that this was our goal," Holton head coach Ed Bailey, a Portage Northern grad, said. "This year, it was the experience in the players which made the difference."

With a nine-person team of six seniors and three juniors, there isn't much room for injuries, but the Red Devils (55-2-1) got a big one Friday night. Before the quarterfinals, 5-foot-11 outside hitter Amber Trygstad rolled an ankle and didn't play. She came back to gimp around in the front row, but the senior added several big kills.

"She's going to pay the price with it hurting, but she helped us win a state title and is a tough competitor," Bailey said.

With Trygstad less than 100 percent and not playing "good volleyball, Holton fell behind right from the start of the first game to Pewamo, a team which

doesn't dazzle an opponent with its offense, but its outstanding defense and passing.

Pewamo (36-9-6) rolled out to a 12-4 lead in the first game, looking like the team which had been ranked No. 1 all season rather than Holton. The Red Devils put together a couple of mini-sprints to get the momentum going, however Pewamo came back to have two game points.

Holton's Jennifer Thornton stopped the first game point with a kill and Lori Swenson hit a leftside kill to hold off another game point.

With Thornton serving, Holton scored five straight points for the win. Thornton's service ace won it.

As expected, Holton was hot and Pewamo not at the start of the second game. The Red Devils zipped out to a 6-0 lead before the Crusaders roared back to cut it to 6-4.

"If we play level headed and not with a lot of emotion, we can play with anyone," Bailey said.

With that experience, Holton gradually pulled away and won its state crown when Thornton burned a kill down the left sideline.

Thornton and Swenson each had six kills and Erin Monette five. Nicki Simon led Pewamo with six kills.

The Red Devils end the season with a 47-match win streak. The seniors end their prep careers with a 148-12-6 record.

Source: The Muskegon Chronicle – March 20, 1994; The Fremont – Times Indicator – March 23, 1994; The Kalamazoo Gazette – March 20, 1994. Credit: Tim Berry, Paul Morgan, Jerry Beattie

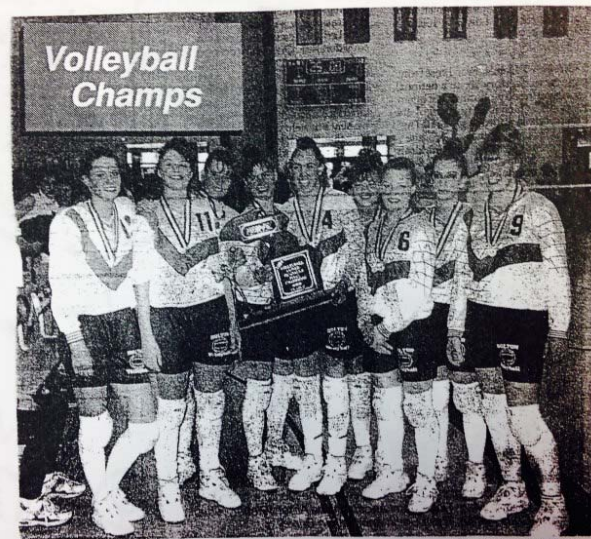


Photo by Jerry "Louie" Beattie

The Holton High School varsity volleyball team overcame adversity and emotion to win the 1994 Class C state championship on Saturday. It is the first state title

in school history and a sweet success for the team that lost in the finals last year and decided to return this year and win their trophy.

CORUNNA INVITATIONAL (at Corunna)

Finals
Holton d. Bad Axe 15-8, 15-9 2/3
Semifinals
Holton d. Almont 15-7, 16-14
Bad Axe d. Corunna
Pool play
Holton d. Durand 15-2, 15-6
Holton d. Bad Axe 15-8, 15-7
Holton d. Forest Hills Northern 15-2, 15-10
Holton d. New Lothrop 15-1, 15-6

Holton stats
SERVICE POINTS/ACES — Amy DeLong 58/11, Kelly Becklin 36/10, Jennifer Thornton 30/6. **ASSISTS** — DeLong 106. **SPIKES/KILLS** — Thornton 73/43, Jennifer Nichols 53/19, Amber Trygstad 45/22. **BLOCKS** — Erin Monette 21, Lori Swenson 19, Nichols 12. **DIGS** — DeLong 29, Trygstad 24, Thornton 22.

All-tournament team
Amy DeLong, Jennifer Thornton, Amber Trygstad.

VOLLEYBALL

High school STATE TOURNAMENT QUARTERFINALS Class C (at Vicksburg)

Holton d. Suttons Bay 15-6, 16-14
Holton stats
SERVICE POINTS/ACES — Amy DeLong 7/2, Jennifer Thornton 7/2, Erin Monette 6/2, Kelly Becklin 6/2. **ASSISTS** — DeLong 23. **ATTACKS/KILLS** — Thornton 20/10, Swenson 12/7, DeLong 12/4. **BLOCKS** — DeLong 4, Monette 3, Thornton 2. **DIGS** — Thornton 9, Becklin 9, Swenson 8.

Individual Honors and Recognition

No. 1 ^{3/13} Holton rolls on

By TIM BERRY

VOLLEYBALL LEADERS

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ATTACKING			
Player/school	Games	Kills	%
Jennifer Thornton, Holton	109	378	469
Amy DeLong, Holton	109	157	488
Lori Swenson, Reeths-Puffer	107	396	415
Erin Monette, Holton	109	174	398
Lesly Grow, WL Christian	81	143	392
Stacey Saunders, North Muskegon	70	193	338
Lisa Terhaar, Reeths-Puffer	107	248	338
Angie Metts, Hart	82	231	336
Hedi Montambo, WL Christian	81	67	303
Sara Burde, Newaygo	96	310	291
Lori Swenson, Holton	109	157	290
Mariana Contreras, Hart	81	199	278
Jayne Bouna, Fruitport	77	254	265
Amber Trygstad, Holton	107	210	256
Dusty Husmann, Newaygo	88	214	247
Sherris Clark, Hart	81	68	244
Kelly McCarthy, Reeths-Puffer	104	143	238
Lindsey Koekkoek, Fruitport	48	86	234
Angie Easton, Montague	73	132	231
Tammy Mihalar, Reeths-Puffer	84	114	231
Kandy Kuenzer, Whitehall	52	126	226
Lisa Wilson, Fruitport	78	135	223
Rumaine Ashburn, White Cloud	85	132	222
Alyssa Edgar, Kent City	83	140	220
Tina Pelsk, Kent City	73	158	209

SETTING			
Player/school	Games	Asst	Avg.
Amy DeLong, Holton	109	994	9.12
Jamie Decker, Reeths-Puffer	106	673	6.30
Julie Califf, White Cloud	94	695	6.30
Stacey Schultz, Fruitport	79	434	5.49
Erin Dahike, North Muskegon	70	362	5.20
Jennifer Norberg, Hesperia	85	395	4.65
Karen Sullivan, Newaygo	55	358	3.80
September Streblov, Montague	73	268	3.67
Sarah Haney, Montague	71	222	3.12
Sara Burde, Newaygo	96	250	2.70
Angie Metts, Hart	82	235	2.70
Dani Oles, Hart	81	193	2.40
Danielle Scheuermas, Kent City	83	190	2.29
Jamie Kojhede, Grant	75	183	2.14

SERVING			
Player/school	Games	Aces	Avg.
Jennifer Gerg, Montague	55	99	1.80
Karmen Lappo, North Muskegon	70	113	1.60
Linda Beecham, WL Christian	61	78	1.28
Stacey Saunders, North Muskegon	70	78	1.10
Amy DeLong, Holton	109	116	1.06
Amy Lowry, Reeths-Puffer	107	108	1.00
Kandy Kuenzer, Whitehall	52	53	1.00
Jill Ramsey, Hesperia	81	77	.95
Jayne Bouna, Fruitport	77	71	.92
Angie Metts, Hart	82	74	.90

The Chronicle salutes the

ATHLETES

of the



WEEK



Jim McHugh

Jim McHugh, a graduate of Pentwater High School, won the men's indoor high jump national title for the second year in a row for Hillsdale College. He won the title in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Track and Field National Championships at Kansas City by clearing 7-feet.



Jennifer Thornton
Holton

Jennifer Thornton, from Holton High School, wound up her four-year varsity volleyball career by leading the Red Devils in the career categories of hitting efficiency, most kills and serve receptions. Her parents are Robert and Mary Ann Thornton. Her coach is Ed Bailey.

Source: The Muskegon Chronicle –
March 10, 1994; March 13, 1994;
March 15, 1994. **Credit:** Tim Berry

PREP STARS OF THE WEEK

Trever Portenga needed six months of rehab for a knee injury he suffered just before last year's regional tournament.



Amy DeLong holds school records for assists with 1,086 and serving with only 17 misses in 652 attempts (97 percent).



HOLTON VARSITY VOLLEYBALL INDIVIDUAL HONORS

ALL STATE FIRST TEAM:

Amy DeLong and Jennifer Thornton

NCAA ALL CONFERENCE:

Amy DeLong, Erin Monette, Lori Swenson
Jennifer Thornton and Amber Trygstad

MUSKEGON CHRONICLE ALL AREA TEAM:

FIRST TEAM: Amy DeLong, Lori Swenson, Jennifer
Thornton and Amber Trygstad

SECOND TEAM: Erin Monette and Jennifer Nichols

HONORABLE MENTION: Kelly Becklin and Amy Vandenberg

ALL TOURNAMENT TEAM SELECTIONS

BIG RAPIDS: Amy DeLong and Jennifer Thornton

MCC: Amy DeLong, Lori Swenson and Jennifer
Thornton

HOLTON: Amy DeLong and Jennifer Thornton

CORUNNA: Amy DeLong, Jennifer Thornton and Amber
Trygstad

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Class of 2015
Athletic Coaching Inductee

Mr. Ed Bailey

Coach Ed Bailey



Career Achievements

- Coached women's varsity volleyball, men's and women's basketball, men's track and field, freshmen football, and women's softball at Holton High School
- Recorded a varsity volleyball coaching record of 276-166-32 in 15 seasons at Holton; Three (3) year record of 148 – 12 – 6 from 1992 – 1994; Two (2) year record of 111 – 5 – 3 from 1993 – 1994
- Won Newaygo County Athletic Association (NCAA) Conference Championship – 1992, 1993, 1994
- Won District Championship – 1992, 1993, and 1994; Won Regional Championship – 1993, 1994
- Class C Women's Volleyball Lower Peninsula State Runner-up – 1993; Won Class C Women's Volleyball Lower Peninsula State Championship – 1994
- Won Greater Muskegon City Volleyball Tournament – 1993, 1994
- Coached first women's team to win District Championship at Holton – 1992; Record of 35 – 7 – 8
- First ever area women's volleyball team inducted into the Muskegon Area Sports Hall of Fame – 2013
- Michigan Interscholastic Volleyball Coaches Association (MIVCA) Class C Coach of the Year – 1994; Muskegon Chronicle Class C/D Coach of the Year – 1992, 1993, 1994

Coach Ed Bailey



Front: Jean Sundberg, Colleen Rossiter, Denise Mendendorp, Laurie Barnhard, Deb Sutherland. Back: Coach Ed Bailey, Peggy Short, Karen Kalchik, Mary Broton, Pam Newman, Linda Bayne, Manager Terry Rollenhagen, Kelli Young.



1st Row: Dan Packard, John McFarland, Wayne Buckner, Bruce Johnson, Jim Kru, Jim Kellogg. 2nd Row: Mark Fitzgerald, Mark Boukamp, Tom Sundberg, Joe Hunt, Steve Bedgood, Ron Wallace, Rip Wilson, Judy Newman. 3rd Row: Gary Wright, Dick VanNett, Mike Hamel, Dave McCastle, Frank Schmitt, Ron Munford, Jim Flickema, Coach Ed Bailey. Not Pictured: Dave Burton, Dan VanDyken, Pete VanDyken, Bret VanPatten.

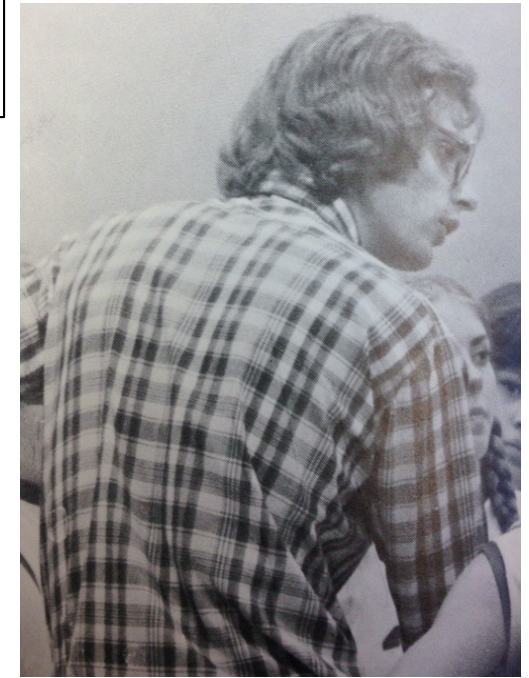
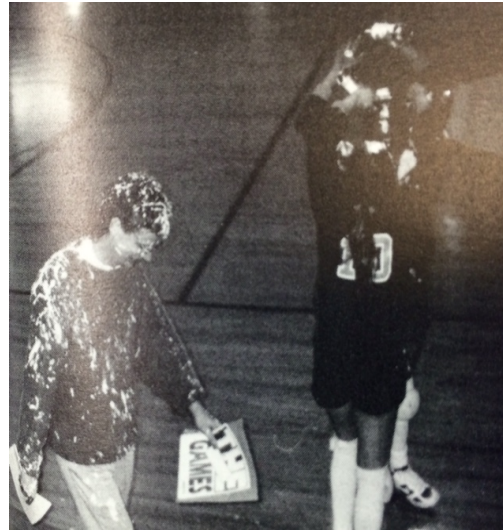


Mr. Edward Bailey teaches Explore 1850 and Mich. History. His hobbies are music, skiing, all sports, and auto racing.

Coach Ed Bailey



Varsity Volleyball. Front Row: Manager Sarah DeLong. **Row Two:** Anita Newman, Kim Olds, Jennifer Vandenberg, Amy DeLong, Stacey Pearo. **Row Three:** Michelle Lorenz, Brandee Lusk, Jennifer Eling, Amy Seaben, Nicole Sands, Mary Weist, Jennifer Thornton, Coach Ed Bailey.



Varsity Volleyball: Front Row: Manager Sarah DeLong, Stacey Pearo, Coach Ed Bailey. **Row Two:** Amy DeLong, Jennifer Thornton, Brandee Lusk, Mandy Gardenour, Mary Weist, Nicole Sands. **Row Three:** Jennifer Eling, Kelly Becklin, Amber Trygstad, Jaime VanPatten, Lori Swenson.



J.V. Girls Basketball—(Left to Right) Bottom Row: C. Zack, L. Bishop, T. Coon, M. VanNett, R. Hawkins, C. Flickema. **Second Row:** J. Vermilyea, J. Storck, E. Johnson, S. Herring, D. Medendorp, T. Applegate, D. Roach. **Third Row:** L. Michalski, D. Hall, D. Herring, R. Storck, Coach Bailey, J. Shultz, D. Brannum, D. Medendorp.

Holton coach passes off credit ^{3/17}

By TIM BERRY

Chronicle correspondent

Never ask Ed Bailey for the secret behind the success of the Holton High volleyball program.

He won't even answer.

If presented the question, Bailey will simply point to the court and the players wearing the eye-catching red, black and white Red Devil uniforms.

Bailey, architect of one of the state's most successful programs, doesn't want accolades for Holton's on-court success.



Bailey

Red Devil players — like former standouts Amy Seaben, Nicole Sands and Mary Wiest and current stars Jennifer Thornton and Amy DeLong — are the "real reasons" why Holton has posted a 145-12-6 mark since 1992, Bailey says.

"The answer is pretty plain-and-simple: The kids are the real secret of our success," said Bailey, one of the leading candidates for Class C coach of the year. "I can coach them in practice, I can show them the fundamentals, and I can guide them along as best as I can, but if they don't apply themselves, work hard and strive for excellence on their own, we wouldn't be as successful as we have been.

"When the match starts, I should be able to go to the top seat of the bleachers and let the kids make their own decisions and react ac-

cordingly."

Thornton, a Class C all-state outside hitter last year headed for similar honors this season, begs to differ with her coach.

The 5-10 senior said Bailey is perhaps the biggest reason why the Red Devils are headed back to the Class C state quarterfinals for the second straight season.

Holton, which won its second consecutive regional title last Saturday at Tri-County, battles Suttons Bay in an 8:30 p.m. contest Friday at Vicksburg High School.

If the 52-2-1 Red Devils — winners of 44 straight matches — emerge victorious, they will square off against the winner of the Hanover Horton-Grandville Calvin Christian match Saturday at 11:30 a.m. The Class C state championship match is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. at Kalamazoo Central High School.

"We owe the majority of our (success) to him," said Thornton, who recently committed to play volleyball for Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Association member Hillsdale.

"Mr. Bailey's why we're where we are right now. He's shown us just about everything we know and, (maybe) most importantly, he's put up with us for so long."

To garner a proper grasp of what Bailey's Red Devils have accomplished over the last three seasons, one has to take a step back and look at the proverbial "numbers."

Once the doormat of the NCAA, Holton is now the uncontested ruler. The Red Devils have not lost a conference dual match in 26 months, and have won three consecutive conference

crowns.

Holton, 108-5-3 in the past two campaigns — a .943 winning percentage — has also captured three district and two regional crowns in a row.

Next to his mentor, Portage Northern's legendary Jack Magelssen, Bailey arguably is Michigan's most successful prep volleyball coach over the course of the last three seasons.

"We've been extremely successful, but the kids have worked very hard to get to this point," said Bailey, who also has resurrected the program at Muskegon Community College.

Bailey never figured he'd even coach volleyball when he started teaching at Holton.

When he took the job at Holton, he was looking to coach basketball. When no roundball positions opened up, they offered him the girls volleyball job.

Bailey said he took the position on an interim one-year basis with the understanding that the Holton administration would find a permanent coach.


Just over 14 years later, Bailey is still coaching volleyball.

"I've fallen for the sport over the years," said Bailey, who's also coached boys track, softball, freshman football and boys and girls basketball. "I was going to quit when Amy Seaben graduated four years ago, but I looked and saw these kids and I decided to make a commitment to a minimum of three more years.

"I knew these kids have potential and they've definitely lived up to it."

Source: The Muskegon Chronicle — March 17, 1994. Credit: Tim Berry

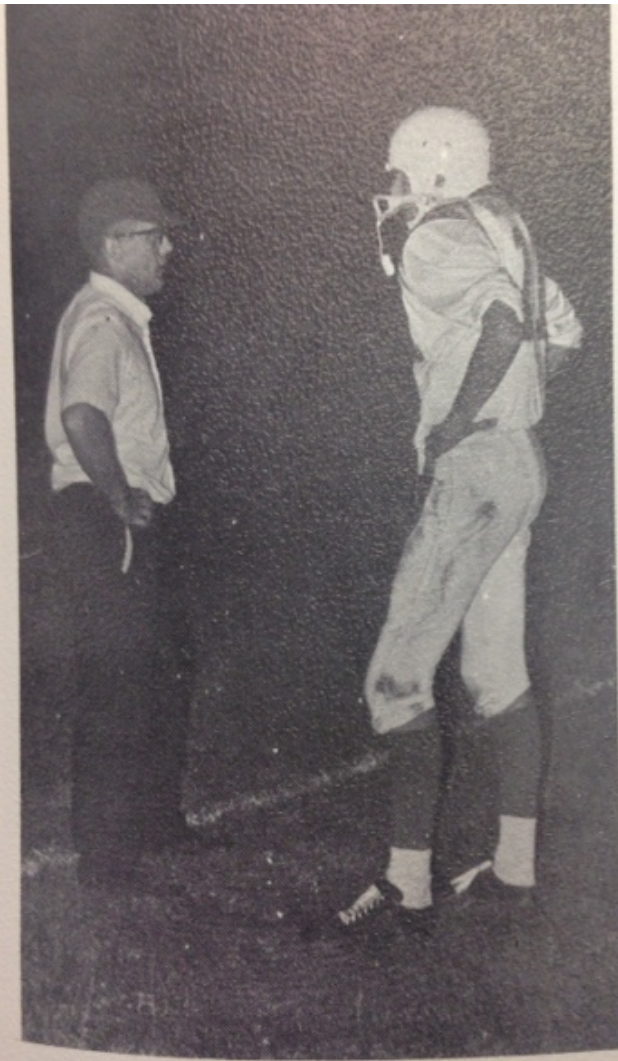
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Coach Rossiter and Captain Tom Gillette

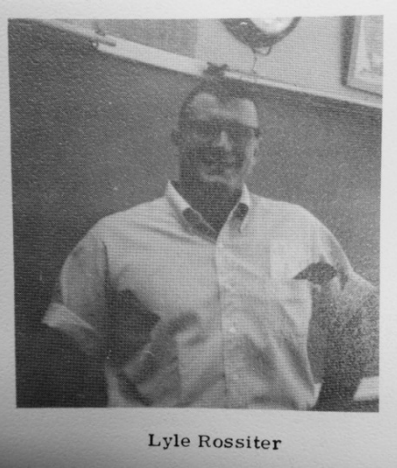


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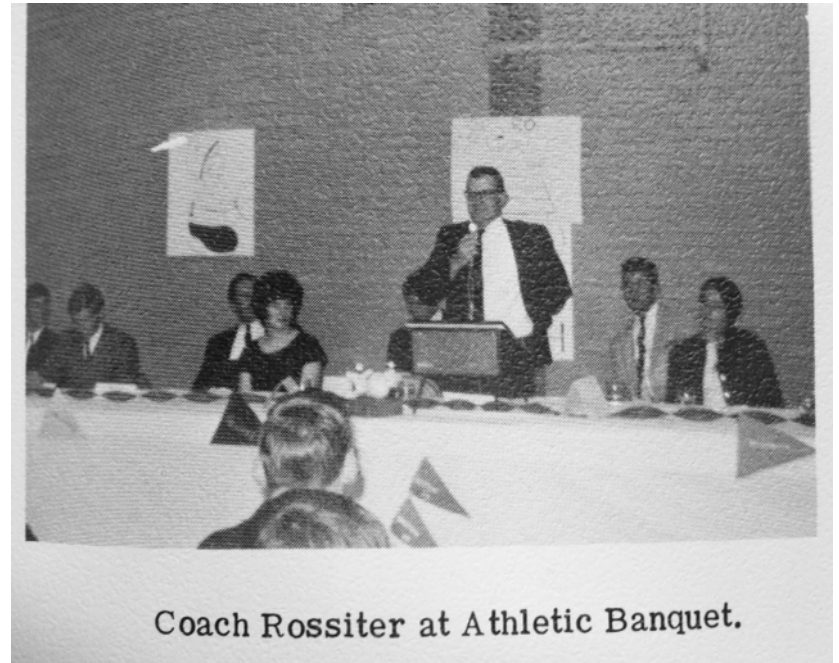
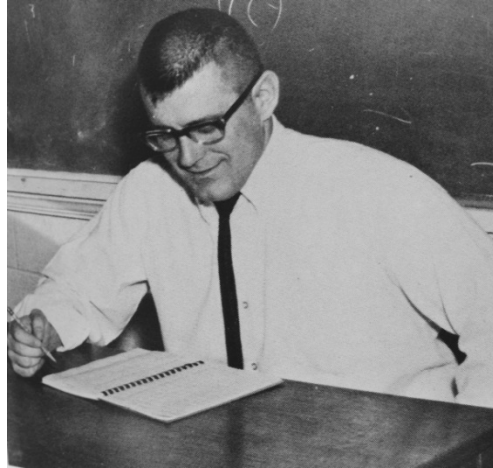


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Mr. Lyle Rossiter



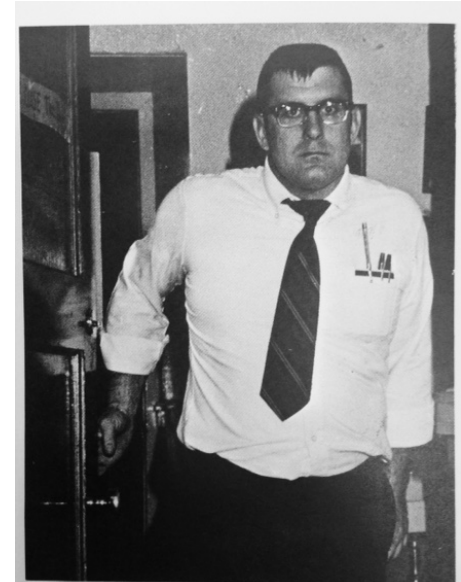
Lyle Rossiter



Coach Rossiter at Athletic Banquet.

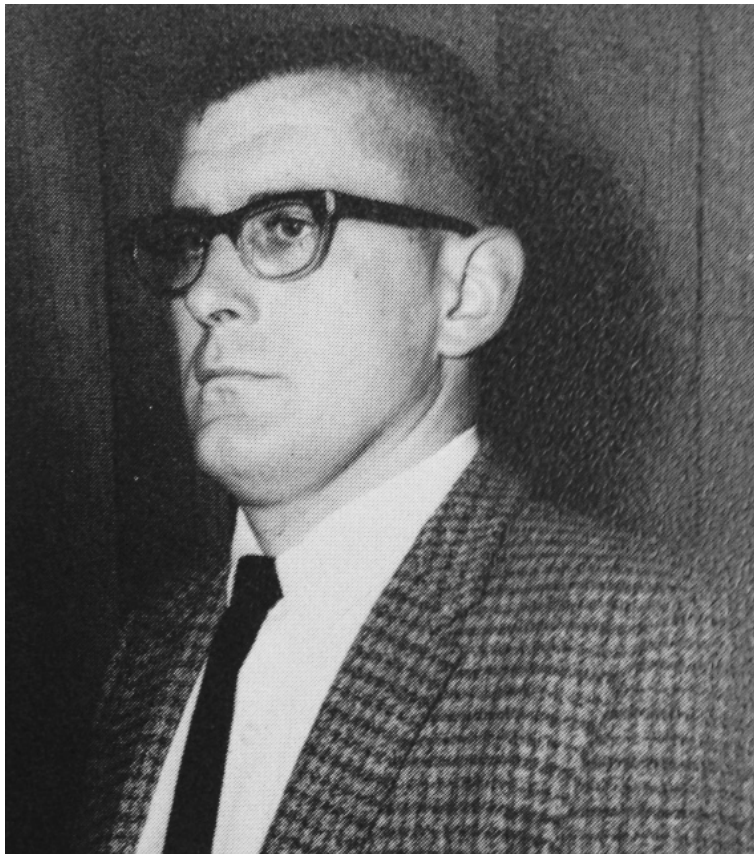
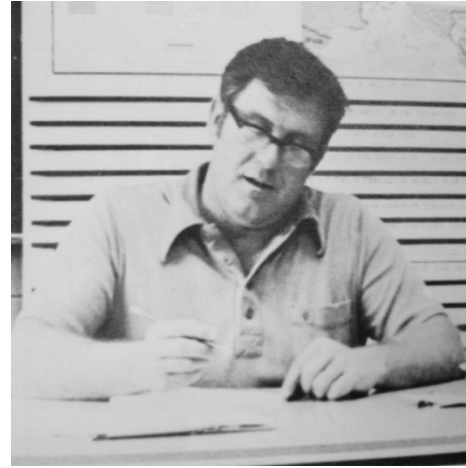
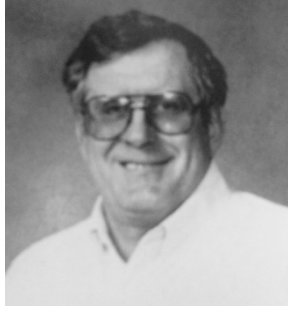
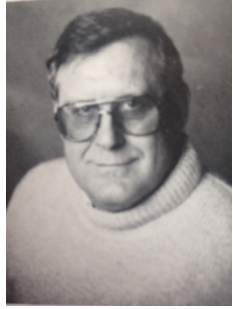


Row 1: John Barnard, Tom Whaling, Mike Stenberg, Pete Wyant, Al Gleason, Duane Rosencrans, Cecil MacLain
Row 2: Fred Ingram, Manager; Chuck Whitener, John Rogers, Bill Wyant, Robert Pierce, Paul Lynn, Don Rine, Dave Hunt, Tom Gillette; Coach Rossiter.



I am Mr. Rossiter. I am a 1961 graduate of Central Michigan University. I teach American History and World History as well as help sponsor the Sophomore class. I enjoy hunting, fishing, and all athletics.

Mr. Lyle Rossiter



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