



**Larry Dilts  
Class of 1957  
Male Athlete Inductee**

Larry Dilts was a three sport athlete at Holton High School from 1953-1957. As a Football, Basketball, and Track athlete Dilts became a consistent key player helping lead his teams to various victories. He was especially strong in basketball and football. Former Holton Superintendent, Harry Randall said of Dilts performance on the football field, “He has no fear of being jostled and has the intestinal fortitude of a stampeding bull.” Dilts played on the first football team in Holton High School history in 1954. The football team from 1954 was inducted into the Holton Athletics Hall of Fame in 2016.

As a junior, Dilts was the tallest on his basketball team measuring six feet two and a half inches. Superintendent Randall said of Dilts’ basketball skills “He averaged between 30 and 40 points a game while playing center and he was one of the most elusive players I have ever seen in a long time.” Dilts’ performance on the 1956 Basketball Team helped lead the team to the West Michigan D Conference Championship and District Championship. Dilts’ height and scoring skills earned him special recognition in the Muskegon Chronicle as a featured athlete in 1956. The 1956 Basketball team was inducted into the Holton Athletics Hall of Fame in 2018.

Dilts’ athletic successes at Holton High School individually and as a team member make him a worthy inductee into the Holton Athletics Hall of Fame.