



Madison-Plains
Inaugural
HALL OF FAME
BANQUET

Saturday, October 26, 2013

Madison-Plains
High School Gymnasium

Six o'clock in the evening

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Order of Events

Welcome

.....*Mr. Boone Hall, Superintendent*

Dinner

.....*Released by table*

Introduction of the Hall of Fame

.....*Mr. Matt Mason, Athletic Director*

Inductees

Mrs. Ashley Dennison Meade

..... introduced by Mr. Jim Miller

Mr. Zach Nelson

..... introduced by Mr. Billy Wickline

1960-1961 Madison South

High School boys basketball team

.....introduced by Coach John MacMillan

Mr. Dean Porter

.....introduced by Mr. Dick Dailey

Mr. Denny Morris

.....introduced by Mr. Bud Middaugh

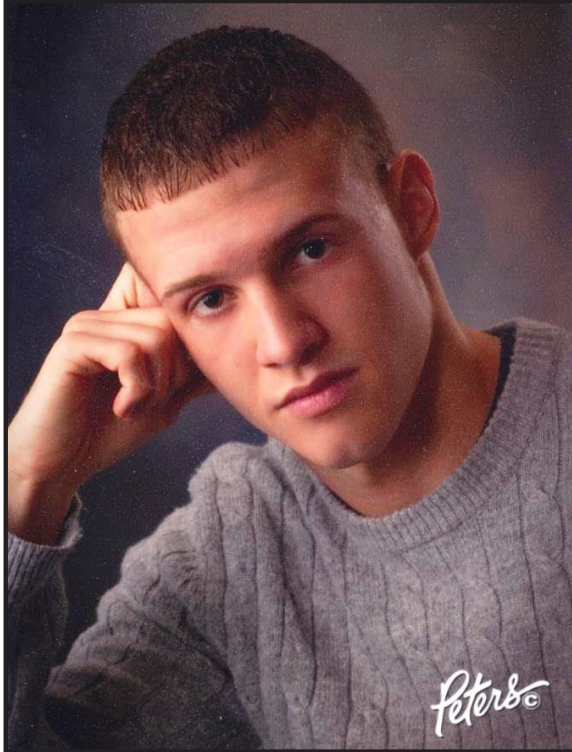
This evening his award will be accepted by his family and former players

Ashley Dennison Meade



Ashley Dennison Meade brought Madison-Plains its first state championship in any sport when she won the Division II Pole Vault event at the 2002 State Track and Field Championships. The junior won the championship with a mark of 10'03.00". Meade repeated the accomplishment her senior year, again winning the Division II Pole Vault event. She secured the state championship on her final jump, completing a vault of 10'08.00". After graduation, Meade accepted an athletic scholarship to Ohio University, where she competed in the Pole Vault.

Zach Nelson



Zach Nelson put together an impressive wrestling career at Madison-Plains. Nelson was a four-time state wrestling tournament qualifier, including 3 top four finishes. As a freshman, he finished 8th in the 112 pound weight class. During his sophomore year in 2006, Nelson went undefeated and won the Division III State Championship in the 130 pound weight class. In the championship match at Value City Arena he defeated Steve Young of Nelsonville-York, 4-3. As a junior he finished 4th in the 140 pound weight class. As a senior he returned to the state championship match and finishing 2nd in the 145 pound weight class. In addition to his state tournament success, Nelson was a four-time sectional and district champion. After graduation Nelson went on to wrestle at the Division I level for Ohio University.

1960-61 Madison South High School Boys Basketball Team

COUNTY,
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TEAM

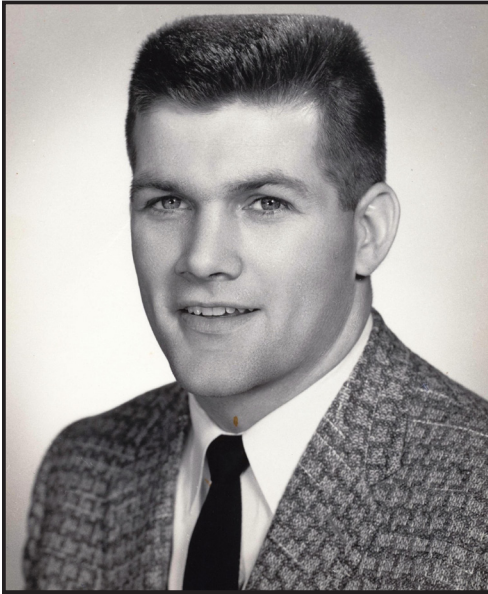


FIRST ROW: Eddie Ropp, Ronnie Daniels, Darrel Montgomery, Jim Iler, John Mitchem.
SECOND ROW: Coach John MacMillan, Dan Moore, Warren Rockwell, Jim Hill, Carl Whitaker, Bob Davidson, Rick Renick.

The 1960-1961 Madison South High School Boys Basketball Team

is the most accomplished boys' team in the history of Madison County. After starting the season with 6 consecutive wins, the team went on to post a 23-3 record that included winning the Madison County Tournament, Sectional Tournament, District Tournament, and Regional Tournament. After defeating Middletown Fenwick 56-45 in the Regional Championship, the Lions were defeated by Youngstown Liberty 57-42 in St. John's Arena. The final four appearance is still the only final four appearance for a Madison County boys' team. The team was coached by John MacMillan and led by Carl Whitaker and Rick Renick. Whitaker and Renick were both named Honorable Mention All-Ohio. Whitaker, the team's leading scorer at 21.3 ppg, went on to play for Kentucky Christian College. The athletically gifted Renick briefly played basketball and baseball at The Ohio State University before becoming a major league baseball player for the Minnesota Twins. Guard Ron Daniels went on to play basketball at Wilmington College. The other members of the team were Jim Hill, Daril Montgomery, Dan Moore, Warren Rockwell, Bob Davidson, Eddie Ropp, Jim Iler, John Mitchum, and Russell Ridenhour.

Dean Porter



Dean Porter was a highly successful football coach in the Madison-Plains School District for over 20 seasons. From 1959-1970 Porter was the head coach at The Plains High School in Mt. Sterling. After The Plains consolidated with Madison South in 1971, Coach Porter became the football coach for the newly formed district until 1973. Coach Porter returned to coaching as a Madison-Plains Middle School coach from 1984-1987

and then another stint as varsity head coach from 1999-2001. The 1968 Mt. Sterling squad finished a perfect 9-0 and were ranked in the top ten of the final Class A Associated Press poll. His 1963 team went 7-1-1 and handed West Jefferson its only loss from 1962-1964. Many of Coach Porter's players went on to play college football, including Harold Dunn who started for Indiana University in the 1967 Rose Bowl. Community leaders came together and paid for Coach Porter to attend the Rose Bowl game. Coach Porter was also an accomplished football player in his own right. As a senior at Mt. Sterling High School, he scored four touchdowns to defeat West Jefferson in the season finale. He walked on the football team at Miami University (OH) where he became a three year letter winner. He was the starting fullback on Miami's 1955 undefeated team and in 1956 he was named 1st Team All-MAC. After graduation Coach Porter signed a contract with the Ottawa Roughriders of the Canadian Football League. He also played for the Columbus Colts of the United Football League.

Denny Morris



Denny Morris (1947-2012) made the Madison-Plains baseball program into a force to be reckoned with during his tenure as manager. A 1964 graduate of Mt. Sterling The Plains High School, Coach Morris got into coaching soon after he graduated from Miami University (OH). During his 21 years as a varsity head coach, Coach Morris had a winning record 20 times. His teams won an astonishing 7 straight district titles during the 1970's and numerous SCOL league titles. Many of Coach Morris' players went on to play Division I college baseball at schools like The Ohio State University, Duke University, University of Cincinnati, and Ohio University. More than just a successful baseball coach, Coach Morris had a positive impact on the lives of the players he coached.

