



**WILBUR WRIGHT DON MEINEKE MEMORIAL**  
**ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME**

**AWARDS DINNER**



**Induction Ceremonies**

**Milton Athletic Club**  
**Dayton, Ohio**

**November 15, 2013**

# Good Evening...

Welcome to the inaugural **Wilbur Wright Don Meineke Memorial Athletic Hall of Fame Awards Dinner**.

Athletes who practice hard, put forth special effort, and display special talents deserve special recognition. That's why we are here tonight.

Don "Monk" Meineke, University of Dayton and NBA star wasn't happy that Kiser, Stivers, and Chaminade High Schools had Athletic Hall of Fame Programs while his alma mater, Wilbur Wright, did not. So Monk formed and chaired a committee with members Andy Winchek, Phil Mattingly, Jerry McElfresh, and Dave Swartz, to remedy the situation. Don unfortunately was not able to see the benefits of his Committee's work due to his death in September. However, his vision and sense of purpose drove the Committee to complete his endeavor. It is why we now have an Athletic Hall of Fame for Wilbur Wright High School.

Every effort was made to eliminate any bias in the selection of the charter member athletes. The Committee researched old newspaper microfilm, Wilbur Wright Pilot newspapers, asked challenging questions, and then weighed the evidence. Each Committee member nominated 7 candidates and then voted for the top 25. Did we get it exactly right? That would be impossible.

But please consider this: In this inaugural class, the Class of 2013, we were not just selecting deserving athletes; we were trying to select the TOP 25 athletes in the 42 year history of our school based strictly on their performances while at Wilbur Wright. Due to a 3-way tie for the 25<sup>th</sup> member, the Committee expanded the Charter Class to 27. Those missing the cut in 2013 will be prime candidates for the Class of 2014 inductees.

A large plaque listing the names of the 27 great athletes will be on display at the monthly Wilbur Wright luncheon.

*The Wilbur Wright Athletic Hall of Fame Committee*



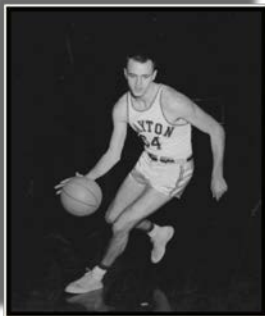
**Wilbur Wright  
Athletic Hall of Fame**

**Schedule of Events**

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<b>Registration and Reception</b>	<b>5:45 pm</b>
<b>Dinner</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
<b>Memories of Don Meineke</b>	<b>8:15 pm</b>
<i>Guest Speaker:</i> <b>Coach Don Donoher</b>	
<b>Award Presentation</b>	<b>8:25 pm</b>

**Group Pictures**  
**...at Conclusion of Awards Ceremony**



*In Memory of...*

## **Don "Monk" Meineke**

**October 30, 1930 – September 3, 2013**

In March of this year, Don "Monk" Meineke received a prestigious honor in the charter Atlantic 10 Legends Class. The program salutes those who helped shape the basketball programs of member schools into what they have become today. "UD Vice-President and Director of Athletics Tim Wabler said. "It is fitting that Monk Meineke, our first NBA player, our first 1,000 point scorer, and the top player on the first Dayton team to play in a national tournament and put the Flyers in the college basketball spotlight, is our first A-10 Men's Basketball Legend."

How fitting for an east end kid, who never left his Dayton roots. A street smart kid, who the good Brothers of Chaminade strongly suggested should go to another high school. Wilbur Wright became a launching pad to an athletic career that surpassed anyone's highest expectation.

Entering UD in 1948, Monk was the top player on teams that generated Dayton's first 20-win season in 1950, its first NIT appearance in 1951 and its only season with NIT and NCAA berths in 1952. The Flyers advanced to the NIT championship game in 1951 and 1952, and also earned UD's first NCAA tournament win in 1952. The 6-7 center led the nation in field goal percentage as a junior and was named third-team All-America by the Helms Foundation and Converse. As a senior, he averaged 21.1 points a game and was named second team All-America by the Helms Foundation, Look Magazine and the Associated Press. He totaled 1,866 career points, still sixth all time for UD. Mr. Meineke is a charter member of the school's Athletic Hall of Fame.

Averaging 10.7 points per game as a center-forward in 1953, he was the first NBA Rookie of the Year as a member of the Fort Wayne Pistons. He was the first University of Dayton product to play in the NBA, and ended his career in 1957-58 with the Cincinnati Royals.

**Wilbur Wright  
Athletic Hall of Fame  
Charter Members**



Homer Knorr	'42	Bob Wakeley	'54	Tony Lewis	'66
Bill Cukovecki	'44	Bing Davis	'55	Steve Fickert	'68
Dale Plunkett	'44	Dick Bitzer	'55	Jack Schulte	'71
Fred Holland	'47	Corky McCune	'55	Kirk Lewis	'73
Vaughn Taylor	'49	Bootie Harris	'58	Carlos Roberts	'76
Howard Padgett	'49	Bob Snider	'59	Gary Worthy	'79
Dale Eckert	'49	Jerry Booher	'60	Sheila Wallace	'81
Jim Lambert	'50	Dave Gilbert	'63	Tony Carmichael	'81
J. D. Miller	'52	Ricky Lewis	'64	Debbie Long	'82



## Homer Knorr

**Class of 1942**

*Football Basketball Track*

**Letters:** Football (2) Basketball (2) Track (2)

**Note:** WW opened as HS in 1940

**Football:** 1940: Honorable Mention All-City end  
1941: First Team All-City

**Basketball:** 1942: Second Team All-City

**Track:** Led WW to City track titles in 1941 and '42 (13.5 points in 1941) 1942 City: First in high hurdles, second discus, third high jump. 1941 Oxford Relays: second in discus, 1942 first in discus

**Amazing:** In 1942 WW beat Roosevelt 60-58. Knorr had 20 pts. with firsts in the high jump, high hurdles, 220 dash, and discus.



# Bill Cukovecki

**Class of 1944**

***Football Basketball***

**Letters:** Football (3) Basketball (3)

**Football:** 1943: First Team All-City offensive end

**Basketball:** 1943: Second Team All-City  
1944: First Team All-City

**College:** Wisconsin: on full scholarship



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# Dale Plunkett

**Class of 1944**

***Football Basketball Track***

**Letters:** Football (3) Basketball (4) Track (4)

**Note:** (11 letters sets WW record)

**Football:** 1942: Second Team All-City running back  
1943: First Team All-City running back

**Basketball:** 1943 and 1944: First Team All-City

**Track:** Low hurdles, high hurdles and broad jump events  
1943 City Meet: Third in 120 yd. high hurdles

**Baseball:** Four years for WW's summer team at shortstop and third base

**Scholarship offer:** Ohio State (drafted into US Army)



# Fred Holland

**Class of 1947**

***Football Basketball Track***

**Letters:** Football (3) Basketball (3) Track (3)

**Football:** 1946: Second Team All-City

**Basketball:** 1945: Honorable Mention All-City  
1946: First Team All-City (unanimous)  
1947: First Team All-City

**Track:** 1947 City Meet: First in shot put

**Baseball:** First base for WW's Summer team



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# Vaughn Taylor

**Class of 1949**

***Football Basketball***

**Letters:** Football (3) Basketball (3)

**Football:** 1948: Second Team All-City tackle

**Basketball:** 1948: First Team All-City. Led WW to a City  
championship

1949: First Team All-City

**College:** Dayton: Was a member of UD Cinderella teams of  
1951 and 1952, who were runners-up in the NIT,  
putting UD on the basketball map. As a sophomore,  
he scored 162 points.



# Howard Padgett

Class of 1949

*Football Basketball Baseball*

**Letters:** Football (3) Basketball (2) Baseball (4)

**Football:** 1948: First Team All-City offensive end

**Basketball:** 1948: Member of WW city championship team  
1949: Starting guard and playmaker averaging 7 pts.

**Baseball:** Smooth-fielding, hard-hitting shortstop. Led WW's summer team (Gem City Roofing) to two consecutive championships.

**Pro Baseball:** Cincinnati Reds: Ogden, UT, Lockport, NY  
Columbia, SC; Pittsburg Pirates: Lincoln, NE (AAA)



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# Dale Eckert

Class of 1949

*Football Basketball Baseball*

**Letters:** Football (2) Basketball (3) Baseball (4)

**Football:** Second Team All-City in 1948 as offensive end

**Basketball:** Member of WW city championship team in 1948 and a leading scorer during 1949 season.

**Baseball:** Hard-throwing right handed pitcher. Helped pitch WW's summer team (Gem City Roofing) to two consecutive championships.

**Pro Baseball:** Pittsburg Pirates: Albany, NY (Class A)  
Shelby, NC (Class AA)





# Jim Lambert

Class of 1950

***Football Basketball Baseball***

**Letters:** Football (2) Basketball (2) Baseball (3)

**Football:** 1949: First Team All-City quarterback

**Basketball:** Member of WW city championship team in 1948

**Baseball:** Excellent RH pitcher who also played outfield; was a .300 hitter

**1950: won the prestigious White-Allen Scholar-Athlete Trophy**

**College:** Heidelberg: Scholarship. Earned three letters each in football, basketball and baseball. Member of School's Hall of Fame

**Pro Football:** Sarnia Imperials, Canadian Football League: 1 yr.



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# J. D. Miller

Class of 1952

***Football Basketball Track***

**Letters:** Football (3) Basketball (3) Track (4)

**Football:** Defensive tackle and punter.

**Basketball:** 1950: Honorable Mention All-City, 1951: Second Team, All-City; 1952: Honorable Mention All-City

**Track:** District Meet discus: Fourth in 1950, second in 1951, first in 1952. City: Fifth in high jump 1949; fourth in shot put and first in discus in 1950; fifth in high hurdles and shot put and second in discus in 1951; first in discus, third in shot put and fourth in high hurdles in 1952. Dayton Relays 1952: First in discus, third in shot put. J.D threw discus 156'3" (DD News)



# Bob Wakeley

Class of 1954

*Football Basketball Track*

**Letters:** Football (4) Basketball (3) Track (1)

**Football:** 1951: Honorable Mention All-City fullback (also returned punts) 1952: First Team All-City and Honorable Mention All-State. 1953: Second Team All-City (Fumbled once in 4 years)

**Basketball:** 1953: Second Team All-City

**Track:** Events were 880 relay and shot put

**College:** Michigan State: Football scholarship



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# Willis "Bing" Davis

Class of 1955

*Basketball Track*

**Letters:** Basketball (4) Track (4)

**Basketball:** First Team All-City 1954 and 1955

**Track:** High jump 1953, 1954, 1955. Usually in first place in dual City and District meets or out-of-town relays. State meets: Second in 1953, third in 1954, second in 1955. Set WW record at 6'3".

1955 City Meet: Third in broad jump at 20' 1/2"

**College:** DePauw: Athletic scholarship (8 letters)

All-Conference in basketball for three years



# Dick Bitzer

**Class of 1955**  
*Basketball Track*

**Letters:** Basketball (2) Track (2)

**Basketball:** 1955: Special Mention All-City

**Track:** Events were high jump, high and low hurdles, mile relay  
1955 District Meet: First low hurdles. 1955 City Meet: First in low hurdles; new record of 19.9. Second in high hurdles, First in mile relay with Kronenberg ('56), Grottke ('57), and Mann ('56) and new city record of 3 min. 32.9 sec.  
1955 State Meet: Participated in low and high hurdles



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# L. "Corky" McCune

**Class of 1955**  
*Football Basketball Baseball*

**Letters:** Football (3) Basketball(2) Baseball (4)

**Football:** Offensive end. Most of his TDs came on passes from classmate Jim Beard.

**Basketball:** 1953: Honorable Mention All-City

**Baseball:** RH pitcher, nearly untouchable in four years. Good hitter. 1955: Beat Fairview 2-0 in Regional semis at Crosley Field. 1953-1955: Led WW to three championships. 1955: All-State

**Pro Baseball:** Cincinnati Reds: 2 1/2 years at Moultrie, GA, Visalia, CA, and Highpoint, NC



# J. "Bootie" Harris

**Class of 1958**

***Basketball Track***

- Letters:** Basketball (3) Track (3)
- Basketball:** 1958: First Team All-City  
Scored 29 in one game
- Track:** 1958: City Meet: Fourth in high jump  
Miami Relays: Fourth in high jump  
District Meet: Third in high jump,  
Fourth in broad jump
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# Bob Snider

**Class of 1959**

***Football Basketball Baseball Track***

- Letters:** Football (3) Basketball (3) Baseball (2) Track (1)
- Football:** 1957, 1958: First Team All-City running back  
1958: Third Team All-Ohio  
1958: Played in North/ South All Star game  
Gained 1.5 miles of yardage over 3 years
- Basketball:** Floor leader at guard. Scored 259 points in 3 years
- Baseball:** Junior and Senior years batted over .300, in Spring and Summer leagues
- Record:** Dayton's only 4-sport letterman and 3-sport captain
- College:** Northwestern: Over 20 scholarship offers received.  
Four year player in both football & baseball



# Jerry Booher

Class of 1960

*Football Basketball Baseball*

**Letters:** Football (3) Basketball (3) Baseball (3)

**Football:** 1959, First Team All-City linebacker. As running back averaged 19 yards per carry

**Basketball:** 1960: Second Team All-City guard

**Baseball:** Outfielder with .300 batting average

**Special Gym:** Four years of trampoline, hand balancing, tumbling, and pyramids

**Scholarship Offers:** Air Force Academy and others.

**Won the prestigious White-Allen Athlete of the Year trophy**



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# Dave Gilbert

Class of 1963

*Cross Country Basketball Track*

**Letters:** Cross Country (1) Basketball (3) Track (3)

**Basketball:** 1961: Honorable Mention All-City. 1962: First Team All-City, Third Team All-Greater Dayton. 1963: First Team All-City, First Team All-Greater Dayton, All-State Honorable Mention and Parade Magazine All-American with 956 career points.

**Track:** Events were high jump, broad jump, and a dab of discus.  
1962 high jump: Third in City Meet, fifth in District Meet.  
1963 high jump: Third in City Meet, fifth in District Meet.  
1963: Tied Bing Davis's WW high jump record of 6'3"

**College:** Louisville: 11 pt. avg. on top 10 team in Jr. and Sr. years



# Ricky Lewis

Class of 1964

*Football Basketball Track*

**Letters:** Football (4) Basketball (4) Track (1)

**Football:** 1960: Second Team All-City running back

First freshman to make All-City.

1961: First Team All-City, first in rushing, TDs, and punting. 1963: Special Mention both offense and defense despite injuries.

**Basketball:** Started varsity as a freshman from 6<sup>th</sup> game on.

1963: Third Team All-City and Honorable Mention All-Greater-Dayton. 1964: Special mention All-City

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# Tony "The Pony" Lewis

Class of 1966

*Football*

**Letters:** Football (3)

**Football:** 1964: First Team All-City running back; First Team All-Greater-Dayton

1965: First Team All-City running back; First Team

All-Greater-Dayton. All-State: Played in North/

South All-Star game in Canton. Dayton Daily News,

Nov.14, 1965: "Tony Lewis, the most prolific ground gainer in Dayton prep football history," was a unanimous choice.

1965: Parade magazine First Team All-American



# Steve Fickert

**Class of 1968**

***Football Basketball Baseball***

- Letters:** Football (3) Basketball (2) Baseball (3)
- Football:** Offensive end. 1966: First Team All-City and First Team All-Greater Dayton. 1967: First Team All-City and First Team All-Greater-Dayton.
- Baseball:** 1966, 1967, and 1968 All-City overpowering right hand pitcher
- Pro Baseball:** California Angels: 1 year at Idaho Falls, ID



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# Jack Schulte

**Class of 1971**

***Football Basketball Baseball***

- Letters:** Football (3) Basketball (4) Baseball (4) (Tied WW record)
- Football:** Wide receiver, defensive back, and punter.  
1968: Honorable Mention All-City. 1969 and 1970: First Team All-City. 1970: First Team All-Greater-Dayton, and Honorable Mention Sunkist All-American. (4 State records)
- Basketball:** 1969 Special Mention All-City. 1970 Third Team All-City. 1971 First Team All-City, First Team All-Greater-Dayton, and Special Mention All-State. Game high 41 points, 23 point avg. Career: 1054 points, seventh city player to top 1000.
- Baseball:** (shortstop): 1969 and 1970 Honorable Mention All-City. 1971: First Team All-City.
- Totals 1971:** WWMVP for football, basketball and baseball.
- College:** Miami of Ohio: Lettered in football 1973 and 1974.



# Kirk Lewis

## Class of 1973

### *Football Basketball*

- Letters:** Football (3) Basketball (3)
- Football:** 1970: Special Mention All-City  
1971: First Team All-City quarterback  
1972: First Team All-City running back, Special  
Mention All-Greater-Dayton
- Basketball:** 1972: Second Team All-City.  
1973: First Team All-City, Third Team  
All-Greater Dayton
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# Carlos Roberts

## Class of 1976

### *Football Basketball Baseball Track*

- Letters:** Football (4) Basketball (3) Baseball (3) Track (1)  
(11 Letters ties WW record)
- Football:** 1974: Special Mention All-City offensive end.  
1975: First Team All-City and First Team  
All-Greater-Dayton
- Basketball:** 1975: Honorable Mention All-City. 1976: First Team  
All-City and Third Team All-Greater-Dayton
- Track:** Events were 880 relay and high jump
- College:** Central State: One year. UCLA (Urbana College of  
Liberal Arts): Three years. 3 letters in basketball





# Gary Worthy

**Class of 1979**

***Football Basketball***

**Letters:** Football (3) Basketball (3)

**Football:** 1976: Second Team All-City running back.  
1977: Second Team All-City, Special Mention  
All-Greater-Dayton  
1978: First Team All-City, Honorable Mention  
All-Greater-Dayton

**Basketball:** Played on a team (16-5) with four All-City players,  
including Player of the Year, Eric Bradley



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# Sheila Wallace

**Class of 1981**

***Basketball Track Volleyball***

**Letters:** Basketball (3) Track (1) Volleyball (3)

**Basketball:** 1979: Second Team All-City, Honorable Mention  
All-Area, Wilbur Wright MVP  
1980: First Team All-City, Second Team All-Area.  
1981: First Team All-City, First Team All-Area

**Volleyball:** 1981: Second Team All-City, Coaches Passer and  
Setter Award.

**Named top female athlete of the year in her WW class by  
Flight 1981 Yearbook**



# Tony Carmichael

**Class of 1981**

***Football Wrestling***

**Letters:** Football (3) Wrestling (4)

**Football:** 1979: First Team All-City defensive lineman, and All-Area Honorable Mention. 1980: First Team All-City defensive tackle. And First Team All-Area.

**Wrestling:** City Champion (175 pound weight class) in 1980 and 1981. Wrestler of the Year Award 1980  
Wrestling State Alternate 1980 and 1981

**Named top male athlete of the year in his WW class by Flight 1981 Yearbook**

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# Debbie Long

**Class of 1982**

***Cross Country Basketball Track Softball***

**Letters:** Cross Country (2) Basketball (3) Track (2) Softball (2)

**Cross Country:** All-City 1980 and 1981

**Basketball:** All-City 1980, 1981, and 1982

All-Greater-Dayton and All-State 1982

**Track:** Events were the 800, 1600 meter runs, and 1600-meter relay. 1982 Roosevelt Memorial Meet: Third in 800 meters.

**Softball:** All-City 1980

**College:** Xavier: 4 year BB avg.: 15 pts., 3 steals, 8 rebounds

**Semi-pro Basketball:** State of Ohio League runners-up 1988, '89

# Notes

## Acknowledgement

The logistics in making an event like this successful requires the support of more than a few people. The Committee would like to extend a thank you to the following individuals for going that extra yard in making tonight a memory maker.

**Milton Athletic Club Team**

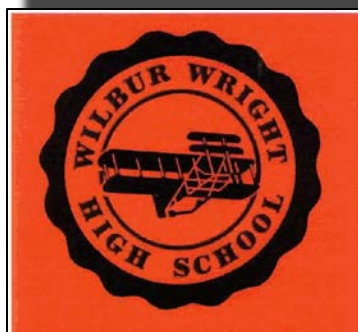
**Tani (Eckert) Melnick**

**Chuck Ray '56**

**Ron Vincent '56**



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## **THE WILBUR WRIGHT HIGH SCHOOL FIGHT SONG**

*Down the field to Victory  
Roll up the score for Wilbur Wright!  
Here's to fame and loyalty;  
Let's win the game, so fight! Team fight!  
Red and Black we're all for you  
we'll never let your colors trail!  
Cheer let's cheer for Wilbur Wright.  
Her spirit will not let us fail.  
Fight! Fight! Fight!  
Fight! Fight! Fight!*

(Repeat the song)

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