



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

**AWARDS DINNER**



**Induction Ceremonies**

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

**November 14, 2014**

# Good Evening...

Welcome to the second Wilbur Wright High School Don Meineke Memorial Athletic Hall of Fame Awards Dinner.

Tonight we are here to recognize and honor ten outstanding athletes from Wilbur Wright's yesteryear. They will join twenty-seven previously-chosen athletes (the 2013 inaugural class) to form the current Wilbur Wright Athletic Hall of Fame.

As with the inaugural class, the athletes chosen for 2014 span nearly the entire history of the school. The Hall of Fame Committee didn't really plan it that way. We just tried to select the next ten most deserving athletes. The only change in the process this year was that we allowed extraordinary post-Wilbur Wright athletic success to be included in our deliberations. That practice will probably continue.

The Hall of Fame Committee is always receptive to constructive criticism and suggestions. For the future we have discussed the possibility of recognizing special coaches and entire championship teams. If there is a deserving athlete whom you feel we have overlooked (we may already have him or her on our radar), please mail your suggestion (preferably including a resume) to Dave Swartz, 201 Big Pine Rd., Dayton, OH 45431. Thanks for joining us. Enjoy your evening.

A large plaque, now displaying the names of 37 Wilbur Wright Hall of Fame athletes, may be viewed at most monthly Wilbur Wright luncheons. We hope to find an appropriate home for the plaque in the near future.

*The Wilbur Wright Athletic Hall of Fame Committee:*

Todd Carmichael, Gail DeSpain, Dave Gilbert

Dave Swartz, Lee Wiedeke



**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>Award Presentation</b>	<b>8:15 pm</b>

*Guest Speaker:*  
**Coach Don Donoher**

## *The Essence of a Legend...*

# **Don Donoher**



He began his career as a basketball player at Central Catholic High School in Toledo, Ohio from 1947-1950. In college he played three years of varsity basketball for Coach Tom Blackburn at the University of Dayton, scoring 578 career points in 72 games.

Returning to Dayton after the end of his service in the Army, he accepted a part-time basketball scout position offered by Blackburn. In February 1963, Blackburn made Don the University's first full-time assistant coach.

In March 1964, his mentor Coach Blackburn died from cancer and Don was formally named his successor.

During his tenure at Dayton, Coach Donoher led the Flyers to the NCAA tournament eight times, reaching the Sweet Sixteen five times, the Elite Eight twice and the national final once. Additionally, Dayton played in seven NIT post-season competitions under Donoher, winning the championship in 1968. He is Dayton's all-time winningest coach with a 437-275 record (.614), including a 20-16 post season record (.556). Donoher-coached teams were noted for their discipline, tenacity, and sound fundamentals, frequently besting teams with greater athleticism.

Don served as an assistant on the gold medal winning U.S. men's basketball team at the 1984 Summer Olympic Games.

Coach Donoher has been inducted into the Toledo Area High School Hall of Fame, the Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame, and the University of Dayton Hall of Fame. In 1998, the University of Dayton named the new state of the art addition to the University of Dayton Arena after their former coach.

**Wilbur Wright**  
**Athletic Hall of Fame**  
**Honorees**



Roy W. Begley, Sr.	'44	Donald J. Hurt	'63
Don "Monk " Meineke	'48	David L. Harris	'69
"Bunk" Warren	'55	Sedric A. Toney	'80
Gary R. McGhee	'56	Thomas Gordon Hatton	'81
Willie D. Turner	'62	Hope D. Barber	'82



**Roy W. Begley, Sr.**

**Class of 1944**

***Football Basketball Track***

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

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

**Football:** Second Team All-City Tackle '42;  
Second Team All-City Running Back '43.

**Basketball:** Starting Center on '43-44 team that was 4-2 in Big Seven, lost tie for championship in final game. Top rebounder, he always scored a few, in an era when scores were low.

**Track:** Events were Discus & Shot-put. Won some dual events and placed in a few Relays.

**College:** After military service (WW II) he worked out under Bear Bryant at Kentucky; decided on University of Dayton; Fullback 4 years.



# Don "Monk" Meineke

**Class of 1948**

***Basketball Baseball***

**Letters:** Basketball (2) (Transferred from Chaminade; ineligible Sr. year)

Baseball: WW had no spring team, therefore no letters.

**Basketball:** Honorable Mention All-City '47

**Baseball:** Pitcher and First Baseman for Gem City Roofing, WW's Summer League.

**College:** University of Dayton '52.

**Baseball:** Pitcher and 1st Baseman.

**Basketball:** '50-51, Third Team All-American. He led nation in field-goal percentages and UD to NIT finals '51-52, Second Team All-American and averaged 21.1 points per game. Again, he led UD to the NIT finals and to first NCAA tourney win. Totals were 1,866 points, leading rebounder, Charter Member of UD Athletic Hall of Fame. Put the Dayton Flyers in the college basketball spotlight, and is the school's first A-10 Men's Basketball Legend.

**Professional:** Fort Wayne Pistons 5 years, Cincinnati Royals 1 year. '52-53, First NBA Rookie of the Year. He was the first University of Dayton product to play in the NBA.

Monk was the organizer and driving force behind Wilbur Wright's Athletic Hall of Fame Program launched in 2013.



# "Bunk" Warren

**Class of 1955**

***Football Basketball Baseball***

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

**Football:** Offensive End, Scored the only TD in 7-6 loss to Chaminade.

**Basketball:** Guard, Occasional starter and 6th man on winning team.

**Baseball:** All-City caliber Pitcher (no AC awards in baseball) '54 and '55. '54 Summer, Shut down Cincy's Frisch's Mainliners in Regionals. '55 Spring, led Pilots to District championship, Regional finals.

**Professional:** 17+ years as Minor League Pitcher, Pitching Coach, and Mgr. with Orioles, Mets, Phillies, and Reds. Won 19, lost 5 with Auburn, N.Y. Mets in '62.

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# Gary R. McGhee

**Class of 1956**

***Football Basketball Baseball***

**Letters:** Football (1) Basketball (1) Baseball (2)

**Football:** QB '55, Journal Herald Player of the Week against Kiser. He was an unstoppable short distance runner.

**Basketball:** Second Team All-City '55-56.

**Baseball:** All-City caliber 1st Baseman (no All-City awards in baseball) '55 & '56. Solid .333 hitter. Hit .397 to help lead WW to District championship in '55.

**Post WW:** Two years AA baseball, One year Dayton Triangles Football, Class A City Champs Basketball.



# Willie D. Turner

Class of 1962

*Football Basketball Track*

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

**Football:** First Team All-City QB '61.

**Basketball:** Playmaking Guard.

**Track:** Events were the 100, 220, and 880 Relay. He had many firsts in dual meets. '62 Xenia Relays: 3rd in the 100, 5th in the 220, 2nd in 880 Relay.

**Semi-Pro Football:** 8 years as QB and DB for the Dayton Colts.

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# Donald J. Hurt

Class of 1963

*Football Basketball Track*

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

**Football:** Defensive and Offensive End, Special Mention.  
All-City '61, First Team All-City '62.

**Basketball:** '62-63 starter; Averaged 7-8 points per game.

**Track:** Events were 120 yd. High Hurdles, 180 Low Hurdles, the 440, and Mile Relay. In 440, once ran a 49.8, was 3rd in Dayton Relays, and never lost a dual meet.

**U.S. Army:** Two years football in Okinawa, Japan.





# David L. Harris

**Class of 1969**

***Football Basketball Track***

**Letters:** Football (4) Basketball (4) Track (3)  
(11 letters ties WW record set in 1944)

**Football:** Honorable Mention All-City '66 and '67, First Team All-City '68, First Team All Greater Dayton '68.

**Basketball:** Honorable Mention All-City '69.

**Track:** Events were the 100, 440, and Mile Relay. He won numerous events in dual meets. He also won 440 and Mile Relay points in City and District meets.

**College:** Four Year Football Scholarship to University of Iowa.

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# Sedric A. Toney

**Class of 1980**

***Football Basketball Track***

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

**Basketball:** Honorable Mention All-City '80 as a playmaking guard. Team won 13 games and lost only 4.

**College:** Played two years Junior College basketball and 2 years at the University of Dayton. Was starting Guard on team that made the NCAA Elite Eight in '84.

**Pro Basketball:** Played Point Guard in five NBA seasons for six teams: Atlanta Hawks (Drafted 3<sup>rd</sup> Round), Phoenix Suns, New York Knicks, Indiana Pacers, Sacramento Kings, and Cleveland Cavaliers. Director of Player Personnel, Assistant General Manager, New York Knicks.



# Thomas Gordon Hatton

Class of 1981

*Soccer Wrestling Baseball*

**Letters:** Soccer (3) Wrestling (4) Baseball (3)

**Soccer:** Third Team All-City '79 and '80

**Wrestling:** Nine tournament championships, Sectional runner-up '81, two-time District qualifier, Team MVP '81. He posted a record of 89 career wins.

**Baseball:** Pitcher and Outfielder, .300 hitter.

Athlete of the Month once each '79-80, '80-81.

Won Chuck Hardin Memorial Award '81

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# Hope D. Barber

Class of 1982

*Soccer Basketball Softball*

**Letters:** Soccer (3) Basketball (3) Softball (3)

**Soccer:** Honorable Mention All-City '80 on a MIXED team

**Basketball:** Honorable Mention All-City '81

**Softball:** 1st Baseman, good hitter, good defense.

**Volleyball Reserves:** Freshman year

Athlete of the Month, once each '80-81 and '81-82.

Scholar-Athlete of the Year '82

# 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.

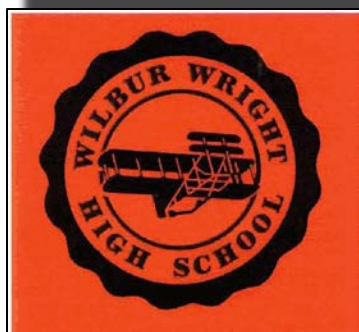
**Milton Athletic Club Team**

**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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