



# The Flash Back

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## Champion Alumni Association Inducts Inaugural Athletic Hall of Fame Members

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On Saturday, November 27, 2004, the first class of the Champion Athletic Hall of Fame was inducted at a Banquet/Induction Ceremony at Champion High School.

2004 Inductees are as follows:

**Renea Ackerman**, girls varsity basketball coach for 21 years-1973-1990 & 1995-1999. She accumulated 383 wins and 87 losses; 15 league championships, 8 regionals & 1 state semi-final.

**Jaclyn Beavers**, 1995 grad, 1st Team Softball All-Ohio for 3 yrs.; holds all Champion pitching records; State Championship Team '94.

**Darrin Chapin**, 1984 grad, earned 10 varsity letters at CHS in football, basketball & baseball; 3league championship teams; All-State Honors: Pitched for Yankees, Phillies.

**Jack Christein**, 1943 grad, 4 yr. letterman in basketball, baseball & track; All-State in 10th grade; held school single game scoring record (42) for 58 yrs.

**Tracey Lynn**, 1990 grad, 4 varsity letters in basketball & softball. Scored 1,883 points and averaged 19.2 pts. per game; holds record for most points per game (40), most rebounds in a game (27) & most career rebounds (1,281); 1st Team All-State 1990; Trumbull Co. Player of the Year in 1989 & 1990.

time letterman in basketball & football; All-County & All-League honors, record for total rebounds; illustrious career at Ohio State; All-American & Academic All-American in '74; 2 Rose Bowl games; Ohio State Sports Hall of Fame, played 10 seasons for Denver Broncos, never misses a pro game in 145 games; earned 7 Pro-Bowl appearances; named All-Pro 5 times; NFL Defensive Player of Year 1978; Denver Broncos Hall of Fame 1989.

**Craig Kuszmaul**, 1971 grad, lettered 3 yrs. basketball, 2 yrs. baseball; member of 1971 state runner-up basketball team; holds school record for most points in a season (577); member of 1974 National Championship Team from North Carolina State University(4 yr. scholarship)

**Andrea Kyser**, 1986 grad, 4 yr. letterman basketball-3 yr. volleyball & softball; holds school record and Trumbull County record for most career points (1,977); most career rebounds record for both boys & girls; 1st Team All-State 1999; named Trumbull Co. Girls Player of the Century by Tribune.

**Ray Sweeney, Jr.**, coached 3 sports at Champion-basketball, track and baseball from 1945-1964. In 19 seasons he compiled a 286-158 record including 5 conference titles. Champion's baseball field is named "Ray Sweeney Field" in his honor. He was also a 9 letter

athlete at Youngstown South High School & participated in 4 sports at Westminster College.

**Matt Thiry**, 1992 grad, a 4 yr. letterman in both track & football; in track, Thiry was the Division II State Champion in the 200 meter dash & the State Runner-up in the 100 meter dash; a three time TAC-8 MVP; currently holds the Division II record in 200 meter dash at 21.2 seconds; received football scholarship as wide receiver to Akron Univ.

**Bill Thorne**, Champion's baseball coach for 26 yrs.; finished with record 398-168, including 14 league titles, 11 sectional championships, two district & one regional title appearance; 3 time Trumbull County Coach of the Year.

**Ward Vesey**, 1922 grad, played on Champion's 1st basketball team; umpired girls softball & boys' baseball; chosen to Athletic Hall of Fame at 102 yrs. of age.

Many thanks to the Athletic Hall of Fame Committee: Tim Cope, Larry Durch, Shirley Horsley, Fred Kunar, Tom Neighbarger, Arne Salo, Ray Sweeney and Patty Wolfe.

### Special points of interest:

- Become an active member of your Alumni Association by contributing your time, talent, information or by making a monetary contribution!
- Achievement Hall of Fame will be future endeavor
- Do you have any great memories for Flash Facts?