

East Noble High School Welcomes:
2019 Hall of Fame Inductee

Stan Frazee (1964-1968)

Celebrating the rich tradition of East Noble Athletics as we do on Hall of Fame night, it is important to look back at some of the people who established the expectation of excellence in Knight athletics. One of the most vital figures in this establishment was Stan Frazee.

Stan began his high school career in 1964 at Kendallville High School and began attending East Noble when it opened in 1966. A three-sport athlete, Stan proved that you could not only compete, but excel in multiple disciplines.

Stan played quarterback and defensive back for coach Darrel Casey's Football team. He was a three-year starter who helped lead the Knights to the NEIAC Conference Championship in 1967. He held or shared the record for touchdown passes in a game for 40 years, and still holds the record for longest fumble recovery for a touchdown, with a scoop and score from 97 yards. Stan was honored as an All-Conference quarterback in 1968.

The winter seasons found Stan playing on coach Gene Racht's Basketball squads. He was a vital part of the 1967 Sectional Champion Knights, and as a Senior was the team's second leading scorer and earned Honorable Mention All-Conference.

Stan's all-around athleticism followed him in the spring, where he competed in coach Dave Bowers' Track and Field program. Stan helped lead the Knights to Sectional Championships in both his Junior and Senior years, when he also tied a Conference record in the pole vault, vaulting fourteen feet even. He qualified for the Regional meet in the pole vault and was also a member of the school's 1968-mile relay team.

Graduating from East Noble in 1968, Stan's successes only continued. He attended Ball State University on a Track scholarship, he lettered as a Cardinal while earning both a bachelor's and master's degree. He was a member of the Ball State Physical Education Honorary Society and was on the 1975 and 1976 Registrar's Roll of Honor.

Stan's contributions to athletics and education was just beginning; he enjoyed a long and distinguished teaching career, which included the experiences of reaching and coaching on the island of Guam; following that he taught at Muncie North High School, where he also coached Football, Wrestling, and Track. He then coached and taught at Wurzburg American High School in Germany in the Department of Defense Dependent School System from 1980-1993.

Returning to Indiana in 1993, he taught Physical Education and at various times coached Track and Football. He retired as a full-time teacher from Carroll High School in June of 2013. His last year in education he was an instructional assistant in the Special Education department at North Side Elementary in Kendallville.

Stan lives in Fort Wayne with his wife, Ann. He and Ann have two children, Caitlin and Zach. The contributions of Stan Frazee are significant not only in the arenas of both Kendallville High School and East Noble, but span generations as not only a great athlete, but an exceptional educator.

Welcome Mr. Stan Frazee to the East Noble Hall of Fame.

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Brody Dixon (2001-2005)

Playing on the offensive and defensive lines in football proves ripe for metaphors; people toiling in the trenches so others can thrive. This description perfectly describes the skill, effort, and ultimately the impact of Brody Dixon on the landscape of East Noble athletics.

A three-sport athlete at East Noble, Brody was a vital contributor to coach Bill Cain's Baseball team and was part of both an NHC and Sectional Championship team in coach Gary Ort's Track and Field program; but it was as a player on coach Chris DePew's football squad that Brody made his most long-lasting impact.

The 2003-2004 Football seasons were magical rides for the Knights, and Brody Dixon was literally and figuratively in the middle of all the accomplishments. The Knights in 2003 won the NHC Conference Championship, the Sectional, Regional, and Semi-State titles, and fell in the IHSAA State Championship game. Brody, in his Junior year as a two-way lineman, was 1st Team All-NHC Conference, 1st Team All-Area, and was the rare Junior to earn 1st Team All-State honors as an offensive lineman.

In 2004 the Knights continued their run of dominance, again capturing the NHC Conference Championship. Brody was again named 1st team All-Conference and 1st Team All-Area. He was also named 1st Team All-State for the second consecutive year as an offensive lineman. In addition, he was further honored by being named to the Indiana Top 50 Team, and the Indiana Tremendous 26 Team.

During his time in the program, Brody also was a two-time recipient of the Golden Pear Award.

Graduating in 2005, Brody attended William Rainey Harper College, where as a Freshman he was named 1st Team All-Conference, 1st Team All-Region, and 1st Team NJCAA All-American. In 2008, he was again voted 1st Team All-Conference, All-Region, and All-American, along with being voted as the Top Lineman in the Nation. His accomplishments helped pave the way for William Rainey Harper to win the 2008 NJCAA National Championship.

In 2009 Brody had his first taste of coaching football, helping East Noble and Coach DePew's staff guide the Knights to an NHC Championship.

Transferring to Marian University, Brody was in his first year at Marian named 1st Team All-Conference and 1st Team NAIA All-American, while helping lead the Knights to a MSFA Conference championship.

In 2012 he was again named 1st Team All-Conference and 1st Team All-American, again helped the Knights win the MSFA Conference Championship, and was instrumental in Marian winning the 2012 NAIA National Championship.

Following his graduation at Marian, Brody took part in an NFL rookie combine and had a tryout as an offensive lineman with the Indianapolis Colts. He played professionally for multiple teams in the Arena Football League and Indoor Football League, including a starting stint for the Cedar Rapids Titans in which he helped propel to the franchises' first ever playoff appearance. Brody had chances to continue playing professionally but chose to pursue coaching.

He worked coaching at the collegiate level at Walsh University for 2 ½ years as offensive line and tight ends coach.

Brody lives in Edgerton, Ohio and currently works at DeKalb High School, where he is a Professional Career Internship Instructor and an instructor for the I.C.E. Program. Brody also coaches on the Baron Football staff, serving as an Offensive Coordinator and Offensive Line coach. In that role he helped guide DeKalb to its first winning season in 11 years while guiding the NE8's top rushing offense.

As a conclusion to Brody's significant accomplishments, he would like to emphasize that he is a 2-time East Noble Alumni Football Game MVP and is also undefeated (3-0) in those contests.

Congratulations Brody Dixon on your enrollment into the East Noble Hall of Fame.

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Chris DePew (1994-2012)

Success in athletics requires not only exceptional athletes, but leadership to accumulate, push, inspire, and guide the talent into success and meaningful experiences in the athletic arena. Chris DePew's nearly two-decade tenure at East Noble is a shining example of leadership that enables separate individuals to come together and collectively achieve excellence.

Graduating from Garrett High School in 1986, Chris received his educational degree from IPFW in 1992, and followed up with a master's degree in Administration in 2000. Coach DePew's journey as a Knight began in 1994, and he proved his versatility by fulfilling a wide variety of roles at East Noble, serving as a teacher, as an assistant coach in Baseball, Football, and Track and Field, Assistant Principal, Athletic Director, and Head Football Coach.

Upon his hiring at East Noble, Coach DePew became an assistant football coach. Chris was elevated to Offensive Coordinator for the Knights as the program continued to elevate, winning the school's first Sectional Championship in 1999.

The confluence of years of youth programming and sheer talent met in the fall of 2000, and Coach DePew and his patented powerful offense were instrumental in the magical ride of the Knight's run to a State Championship. Coach DePew's offense, which featured a bruising running attack, perfectly mirrored the qualities of the community as it beat foes into submission. Coach Tim Able left following the 2000 season, and Chris was named the Knights head football coach.

Winning is very difficult; maintaining that level of excellence is nearly impossible, but Coach DePew proved equal to the task. In his eleven years at the helm, East Noble Football further developed its reputation for excellence with a succession of great athletes and a continual display of desire and "guts" that continues to serve as a hallmark of Knight football today.

He finished his EN career with a 77-42 record and left with the most wins in school history. He won the highly competitive NHC Championship in 2003, 2004, 2005, and 2010. In 2003, he oversaw another magical tournament run, as his Knights were Sectional, Regional, and Semi-State Champions before falling in the State Championship game.

In the fall of 2012 Coach DePew returned to his alma mater to assume the duties of Athletic Director and Head Football Coach for the Railroaders. His coaching abilities have continued to be evident in his seven seasons there, highlighted by Garrett's Semi-State run in 2016.

Coach DePew and his wife Chrissy live in Garrett and have three daughters: Katie, Rachel, and Sarah.

Coach DePew's time at East Noble, and his pursuit of excellence as a Knight, has made him an indelible part of the tradition of East Noble Athletics. We welcome him as he takes his rightful place in the East Noble Hall of Fame.

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Chris Strater (1976-1980)

Even in East Noble's rich athletic history, one would be very hard pressed to find an athlete with a more diverse set of skills than Chris Strater.

Attending East Noble from 1976-1980, Chris was a part of the wave of young women who through their skills and dedications proved the viability of women's athletics.

Chris' induction into the EN Hall of Fame is elementary for many reasons, but maybe none so much as the incredible accomplishment of attaining 13 varsity letters, which Chris did compete in four different sports.

Chris played Volleyball for coaches Evelyn Whitcomb and Rose Rickey, winning four of her varsity letters in that sport. As a Junior, Chris was named 2nd Team All-NEIAC Conference, and was recognized as the team Most Valuable Player. She was named 1st Team All-NEIAC Conference as a Senior.

Chris stayed indoors on the court for her winter seasons as a standout basketball player for coach Bob Farmer. A four-year letter winner, she earned 2nd team All-Area honors, along with 2nd team All-Conference accolades. Chris also has the distinction of being the first female Channel 21 (WPTA) player of the week, in October of 1978. She continued her excellence as a Senior, earning 1st Team All-Area, 1st Team All-Conference, and 1st Team All-Sectional, along with being named team Most Valuable Player. Chris maintained her excellence in the spring athletic seasons as a performer on Evelyn Whitcomb and Rose Rickey's track squads. A four-year letter winner, she was a four-time All-Conference performer.

As a Sophomore, she set the school record in the 80-yard hurdles. Her Junior season saw her as a Sectional Champion and Regional qualifier in both the 100- and 80-yard hurdle events on her way to also being named team Most Valuable Player. As a Senior, she again was a Sectional Champion and Regional qualifier in two events, the 100-meter dash and the 100-meter hurdles and was again team MVP.

Her 13th varsity letter was won as a member of coach Bob Grawcock's 1977 Tennis team and was active in all areas of student life, also lettering all four years as a member of the East Noble band.

A 1980 EN graduate, Chris' excellence extended far beyond her high school career. Attending Franklin College, she earned four letters in Basketball, four in Track, where she broke school records in the 100-meter hurdles, 100-meter dash, and long jump, and won two letters in Field Hockey, being named to the NAIA All-District team as both a Junior and Senior.

Chris went on to coach Basketball, Volleyball, Track and Field, and Field Hockey at both the high school and collegiate levels while becoming an accomplished and award-winning educator. An elementary Physical Education teacher for Aurora Public Schools since 1987, she is also an adjunct professor at Metro State University in Denver and was a Cadre member for the Colorado Department of Education. She has done extensive work and has presented on the relationship between Physical Education and brain function and is a two-time honoree as Colorado SHAPE's Elementary Teacher of the Year.

As a pioneer and performer, Chris Strater has demonstrated excellence in every aspect of her life during and after her EN career. Congratulations on your well-deserved introduction into the East Noble Hall of Fame!

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Mike Englehart (1977-1981)

The late 1970's and early 1980's were instrumental in East Noble establishing itself as a powerhouse in athletics; an indelible part of this program-defining era were the skills and accomplishments of Mike Englehart.

Possessing the rare combination of sheer talent and incredible work ethic and dedication, Mike was a three-sport athlete at East Noble. He played for coach Charlie Barnam's Football squad and coach Tom Lewis' Basketball teams, but it was his accomplishments on coach Fred Inniger's [Baseball](#) team that left Mike's largest legacy in East Noble athletics.

That was a golden era of East Noble Baseball, and Mike helped expand that heritage by being an integral part of several program accomplishments. The Knights were Conference Champions in 1980, and Sectional Champions in 1981. Mike was a part of the 1980 Baseball team which became the first East Noble team to be state-ranked in any sport.

Teams aren't made without players, and a glance at Mike Englehart's individual accomplishments gives a keen insight into why those teams were so formidable.

A four-year Varsity letter winner, Mike earned both 1st Team All-Conference and 1st Team All-Area honors for both his Junior and Senior seasons. After his Senior year, Mike was named to the prestigious Indiana All-Star Baseball team.

Awards are impressive, but to truly grasp the magnitude of Mike's accomplishments, it helps to look at some of the specific statistics from his time on the diamond. In his last two seasons, Mike posted a 17-8 pitching record. Amazingly, for those two seasons he also struck out 188 batters while pitching only 126 innings. In the 1980 season, he also pitched a perfect game (no runs, hits, or walks) against West Noble, striking out 10 of the 15 batters he faced in a 10-0 Knight win. He again threw a no-hitter as a Senior against Columbia City, registering 16 strikeouts. His exploits weren't limited to the pitcher's mound; Mike also led the team in hitting during his Senior season, finishing with a .432 batting average.

After graduating from East Noble in 1981, Mike studied Business Management in Construction Technology at Vincennes University, and studied Business at the University of Louisville.

Returning to Kendallville after college, Mike is currently a service manager for Snyder Food Service. He and his wife Lynn have three daughters, Wendy, Carlee, and Valerie, and Mike is the proud Grandpa of five grandchildren.

Mike has been a proud supporter of East Noble Girls' Cross-Country program; he has put in countless hours volunteering to support not only his girls, but all East Noble athletes. It is a very fitting legacy that someone who was such an incredible teammate has continued even after his athletic career to make all who are around him better.

Congratulations to Mike Englehart on his well-deserved introduction into the East Noble Hall of Fame.

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Chuck Leamon (1991-1995)

Excelling in one sport is incredibly difficult; reaching a hall of fame level of excellence in multiple sports requires an entirely different combination of talent and dedication. Three sport standout Chuck Leamon demonstrated those qualities in the East Noble athletic arena in the early 1990's and created a legacy as diverse as any Knight athlete ever has.

Chuck's athletic years began on the tennis court. A four-year varsity letterman for Coach Doug Desper's squads, he helped lead the Knights to East Noble Invitational tournament titles in 1992, 1993, and 1994. The 1993 team also won the Sectional championship. On an individual level, Chuck's honors included being named 1995 All-Conference in Doubles tennis, along with his partner Troy Ihrle.

Chuck spent his winter athletic seasons working with EN Wrestling coaches Keith Hoffer, Cam Lahee, and Gary Ort on the mat. Wrestling demands continual discipline and focus, and Chuck proved to have these assets in abundance. As he had in Tennis, Chuck earned four varsity letters for the Knights, racking up an incredible individual resume along the way. As a sophomore in 1993, he won the championship at 103 pounds at the East Noble Invitational. This was a precursor to even more impressive wins, winning the NHC conference championship, and becoming the Sectional Champion at 103. He continued to wrestle well deep into the IHSAA tournament, and as a sophomore began his streak of three straight years qualifying for the Semi-State Wrestling tournament. As a Junior and Senior, Chuck switched weight classes, moving to 112, but the excellence remained. Along with continuing his three-year run as a Semi-State qualifier, he won a second Sectional championship in 1994, along with an additional EN Invite title. He was named 2nd team All-Conference in both his Junior and Senior seasons, and in both of those years was named the East Noble Most Valuable Wrestler.

The spring athletic season saw Chuck excelling on the baseball diamond. Playing for coaches Kevin Cook, Randy Risedorph, and Steve Cooper, Chuck earned three varsity letters as part of one of the most successful team runs in EN history. The 1993 Knights won the Sectional championship. As a Junior, Chuck suffered an injury, but bounced back as a Senior to put together one of the most distinguished seasons an EN player ever has. In leading the Knights to their last Sectional championship, he was named All-Conference and was also named to the prestigious North/South All-State team. In fitting recognition to his all-around excellence in athletics, Chuck won the 1995 Pop Guyman award, given to East Noble's most accomplished all-around male athlete.

Chuck's contributions to athletics did not stop upon his graduation. Chuck has chosen to use his talents to inspire a new generation of athletes. He has coached both high school and middle school wrestling, dedicating 17 years to the latter. He has also coached teams in the East Noble Youth Baseball League for 5 years and served on the league's board of directors. He has continued to coach baseball, now working with his son Walker's travel baseball teams, including at present, where he works with the 16-under Fort Wayne Diamondbacks.

When not coaching, Chuck is a plant manager at Forest River. He and his wife Lynette have three children, Whitney, Paige, and Walker.

Chuck Leamon's excellence on the athletic fields of East Noble have left an impressive legacy for all who follow. Congratulations, and welcome to the East Noble Hall of Fame.

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Josh Treesh (1992-1996)

The emotional heart of the tradition of East Noble Athletics has always resided in the Big Blue Pit, and few athletes ever lifted that heart or the hearts of Knight fans the way that Josh Treesh did as an East Noble athlete.

Josh was a three-sport athlete during his time at EN and established himself in all three sports as an individual who was able to combine talent with incredible work ethic and a selfless dedication to the success of his teammates.

He played Baseball for four seasons for coach Kevin Cook, where he was named to the All-Area team in both 1995 and 1996.

In his fall seasons he was a tremendous performer for coach Doug Desper's Tennis teams. A standout player, Josh was named 1st team All-Conference in 1993, 1994, and 1995. In his Senior campaign of '95, Josh also was awarded Honorable Mention All-State.

It is perhaps as a member of coach Marty Johnson's Knight Basketball teams that Josh is best remembered as a performer. A member of some of the most accomplished teams in school history, he was also incredibly successful on an individual level.

Josh was named 1st Team All-Area and 1st Team All-Conference in both his Junior and Senior campaigns. During those two seasons the Knights won two Sectional Championships, and in 1996 also won the Regional Championship. East Noble's records for those two seasons, playing some of the most difficult competition in the state, was 39-12.

Graduating in 1996, Josh's athletic success continued at the collegiate level. He earned his degree in Physical Education at Tri-State University while playing basketball for the Thunder, where he distinguished himself as an All-Conference player in both 1999 and 2000.

Josh returned to the East Noble community upon finishing college, teaching and coaching in the system for many successful years and continues to teach Physical Education at East Noble Middle School. Most recently he took over the Girls' Basketball program at Central Noble and has led them on an unprecedented run of success. In the 2016-2017 season his team won Sectional and Regional titles, and the 2017-2018 team again won Sectional and Regional crowns, also adding a Semi-State Championship, and the 2017-2018 Cougars were the Indiana State Basketball Champions.

Josh and his wife Summer live in Kendallville and have two children, Caden and Mason.

Whether as an athlete or as a coach, Josh Treesh has continually demonstrated that he not only pursues excellence but has the talent and tenacity to achieve it. Everywhere he has gone has been made better by his talent and dedication.

Congratulations to Josh Treesh on his induction into the East Noble Hall of Fame.

EAST NOBLE HIGH SCHOOL WELCOMES:
2011 Hall of Fame Inductee

Jim Calvin (1969-1974)

Jim Calvin came to East Noble in the fall of 1969 after East Noble posted a school worst four and seventeen record in boys' basketball. He immediately turned the program around and in his five years at East Noble (1969-1974) was 80 and 34 which is still the highest winning percentage of any East Noble basketball coach. During his first two years, Jim also coached the Knight's baseball team to two Sectional titles.

In his five years as basketball coach he had five winning seasons and recorded two Sectional and Conference Championships. His 1974 Sectional Championship team stunned third ranked Fort Wayne North Side in the Ft. Wayne Regional which many people still say was the greatest game East Noble has ever played.

Jim was known as much for his flamboyant personality and flashy clothes as for being an intriguing and successful coach. He got the community buzzing and received state wide attention when his first East Noble team lost to sixth ranked DeKalb by the score of 10 to 5. East Noble made 487 passes in that game with only two turnovers and trailed just 3 to 0 going into the fourth quarter. He had a flair for the unexpected and started the phrase "BIG BLUE PIT" while packing the gym every night his teams played both home and away. His patented white boots and bellbottom pants brought cheers from the home crowd and boos from visiting fans, but either way, people filled the gym to watch a well-coached team and to see what Calvin had up his sleeve each night. Jim united the East Noble community after a consolidation of three schools was still not totally accepted. There were so many season ticket holders during the Calvin Era that a lottery had to be formed in order to get sectional and regional tickets. People would line up outside the gymnasium three hours before home games in order to get their favorite seats for the game. He brought the music and all the pomp and circumstance to the BIG BLUE PIT, but his coaching ability also brought many wins and great games.

He was Area and Conference Coach of the Year three times each and was the State District Coach of the Year twice. He was a player's coach and always gave credit to his players for any success and as you would expect, players loved to play for him. He was truly a legend during his five years at East Noble. Jim had a great supportive wife, Phyllis, who never missed a game. He and Phyllis were blessed with two sons, Kevin and Kelly.

When Jim left East Noble his successes continued to mount as he won many awards while coaching in college and professionally. It would take five pages to list all of his achievements. He continued to coach on the college level and worked as an Athletic Director at various schools, coached overseas, and coached in the C.B.A Jim was a great high school athlete at Farmersburg High School (now North Central) where he was on 3 Sectional basketball teams and was on many State and National Championship baseball teams. He was signed by the Pittsburgh Pirates and played professional baseball until he developed arm trouble. That was too bad for Jim but a blessing for East Noble as Jim then pursued a basketball coaching career.



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