

DEFIANCE BOYS TRACK

DEFIANCE ENTERED THE NWOAL IN 1931 BUT DID NOT COMPETE IN TRACK AS VARSITY SPORT UNTIL 1934. FROM 1934 TO 1944 DEFIANCE DID NOT WIN A SINGLE MEET. THE 1940'S SAW A RAPID MOVEMENT OF THE PROGRAM TOWARDS IMPROVEMENT. DEFIANCE TRACKMEN MADE A MAJOR BREAK THROUGH IN 1947 WINNING THE NWOAL FOR THE FIRST TIME AND ALSO BROKE 7 SCHOOL RECORDS. THE DOGS WOULD REPEAT IN 1948. IN 1947 BOB SLOCULM IN 880 AND GENE HALE IN MILE BECAME FIRST DHS TRACKMEN TO RUN IN STATE MEET. SLOCULM WAS DEFIANCE'S FIRST REGIONAL CHAMP.

DEFIANCE WON NWOAL TITLES 1952, 53, 54, AND LEFT NWOAL IN 1955. DEFIANCE WOULD ENTER LAKE PLAINS CONFERENCE IN 1965 AND BEN HUNER WON THE SHOT AND DISC IN LEAGUE MEET IN 1966. 1966 MEET WAS WON BY BG WITH DHS SECOND LCC THIRD DEFIANCE WOULD REMAIN AS INDEPENDENT UNTIL IT ENTERED THE WESTERN BUCKEYE LEAGUE IN SEPTEMBER OF 1973. DHS DID WIN 1973 LEAGUE MEET WITH RECORD SCORE OF 135 POINTS. DHS HAS WON 16 WBL TITLES. THE DOGS WON 5 IN ROW 2007 TO 2010.

TRACK NOTES

GARY WAGNER SCORED DEFIANCE'S FIRST STATE MEET POINTS IN 1952 WITH 4TH PLACE FINISH IN 440. GARY WAS 5TH IN 1953. HE WON 8 NWOAL TITLES, AND PULLED OFF ONE OF THE GREAT TRACK MOMENTS BY WINNING 100, 220, 440, AND LJ AT NWOAL IN 1952. HE WAS 5TH IN STATE IN 440 IN 1953. HE ALSO QUALIFIED FOR STATE IN 100 IN 1952/53. HE WAS 2 TIME REGIONAL CHAMP AND RECORD HOLDER. GARY HELD THE DHS 440 RECORD FROM 1953 TO 2008. TIED 100 RECORD IN 1953. AARON DEMECSS BROKE 400 RECORD IN 2008.

RAY OSBORN - WON 8 NWOAL TITLES, QUALIFIED FOR STATE MEET 1948/49, WAS REGIONAL CHAMP AND RECORD HOLDER IN 100 IN 1949. SET 100 RECORD IN 1948 AND IT STILL STANDS TODAY. HE ALSO SET THE 220 AND 440 RECORD FOR DHS AND NWOAL IN 1948/49. RAY BROKE SCHOOL 100 RECORD 2 TIMES AND TIED IT ONCE, AND 220 RECORD 4 TIMES. RAY ALSO WAS 2ND IN DISC IN 1949. IN 1949 HE WON 100-200 -400 AT NWOAL.

CHET HARTER SR.-

1955 NWOAL SHOT CHAMP, BROKE THE DHS SHOT RECORD AT LEAST 10 TIMES, AND THE DISC RECORD 6 TIMES. THE SHOT RECORD LASTED FROM 1957, UNTIL IT WAS BROKE BY DAN ORTA JR. IN 2003. CHET ALSO RAN ON THE 4X220 SCHOOL RECORD BREAKING TEAM WHICH ALSO QUALIFIED FOR STATE IN 1956. CHET WAS ALSO EXCELLENT 440 RUNNER. HE QUALIFIED TO THE STATE MEET IN SHOT IN 1956, AND IN 1957 HE WON THE REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP IN THE SHOT, AND QUALIFIED 3RD IN THE DISC IN 1957.

WILLIE HOLCULM- WILLIE RAN FAST HIS ENTIRE CAREER. ALWAYS IN LOW 10S FOR 100 YDS., LOW 50S FOR 440. HE BROKE LONG JUMP RECORD IN 1962 20'10 ½" AND IN 1963 HE JUMPED 21' 4" TO EXTEND THAT RECORD. WILLIE QUALIFIED FOR STATE MEET IN 1962 IN 440 AND IN LJ AND 4X220 IN 1963. HE ESTABLISHED 220 RECORD IN 1963 AT 21.9-21.7(200) THIS RECORD STILL STANDS. WILLIE RAN ON NATIONAL RANKED RELAY 4X100 AT BW.

DAVE PRESTON -SET 8 SCHOOL RECORDS, WON 110HH, 180LWS,LJ, 4X220,IN 1973 WBL. DAVE WAS BG RUSHING RECORD HOLDER, AND WENT TO PLAY PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL

GREG KAMPE- SET DHS HJ RECORD . HE WAS STATE QUALIFIER IN HJ IN 1974. HE WON LJ,HJ,440, IN 1974 WBL. HE WAS ALL STATE IN FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL,AND TRACK IN 1974. HE WAS SECTIONAL/DISTRICT CHAMP IN HJ 1973. HE WON DISTRICT AND REGIONAL IN 1974 IN HJ. PLAYED FOOTBALL AND BASKET BALL AT BG. HE IS NOW THE HEAD BASKETBALL COACH AT OAKLAND UNIVERSITY AND HAS 500 WINS, SEVERAL NCAA APPEARENCES.

JIM WINDNAGLE-SET AND STILL HOLDS RECORD FOR 1600 AND 3200 METERS. HE WON WBL MILE IN1975,76, 77 AND THE 3200 IN 76 ,77. IN 1977 HE WON 800,1600, 3200, WBL TITLES. HE SET SCHOOL MILE RECORD 3 TIMES IN 1976, AND 4 TIMES IN 1977. HE SET 3200 RECORD 3 TIMES IN 1976 AND ONCE IN 1977. HE WAS DISTRICT CHAMP IN MILE IN 1976-77, AND 3200 CHAMP 76,77. HE WAS SECOND IN MILE AT STATE IN 1977 . HE RAN FOR TEAM OHIO IN 1977, AND WENT ON TO RUN FOR TOLEDO AND WAS ALL MAC IN CC. JIM WAS ANCHOR FOR RECORD SETTING 4X1600, DISTANCE MEDLEY, 4X8. HE ALSO BEEN A HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL COACH.

MARK KOENIG- WON 800 AND 1600 IN 1974 WBL . MARK BROKE THE 800 RECORD TWICE, THE 1600 AND 3200 4TIMES. HE WENT ON TO RUN AT CASE WESTERN RESERVE, WAS ALL AMERICAN AT 800METERS (2AND)

DENNY SHANNON – HE WAS WBL CHAMP IN HJ IN 1976,AND SET RECORD WHICH STILL STANDS FOR WBL AND DHS. HE BROKE OR TIED THE HJ RECORD 6TIMES. DENNY WAS A NATIONAL QUALIFIER FOR ADRIAN COLLEGE. HE ALSO PLAYED BASKETBALL AT ADRIAN

CRAIG COX – WAS SCHOOL RECORD SETTER AT 110HH. HE WAS ALL STATE IN 1983 110HH. HE WON WBL LJ IN 1981,82,83. AT BGSU HE WON MAC DECATHALON CHAMPION.

ALEX SPRAGUE – WON 110HH 300IM AND HJ IN 1994 WBL , WAS ALL STATE IN HJ IN 1994. ALEX WAS MAC CHAMP IN DECATHALON, WAS NATIONAL CONTENDER. ALEX WAS ALSO USA BOB SLED TEAM MEMBER.

KURT KNUEVE – WON 1600 AND 3200 AT 1994 WBL . KURT WENT ON TO HILLSDALE COLLEGE. HE WAS NATIONAL QUALIFIER ALL AMERICAN IN CC. KURT WAS ALSO ALL AMERICAN IN INDOOR AND OUTDOOR TRACK.

DREW HARYDK- HE WON WBL LJ IN 1986 AND 1987. HE WAS STATE QUALIFIER IN LJ IN 1987. DREW RAN TRACK AT CINCINNATI AND WAS SUN BELT LJ CHAMP AND NATIONALLY RANKED. HE IS A TRACK COACH AT PENN STATE

PATRICK MOUSER- WON 1600 AND 3200 AT 2001 AND 2002 WBL . HE WAS ON 4X8 WBL CHAMPS 2000,2001, 2002. THE 2000 4X800 WERE DISTRICT AND REGIONAL CHAMPS,AND

STATE QUALIFIERS. PATRICK WAS IN STATE MEET 2000,2001,2002. HE WAS ALL STATE AT 3200 METERS 2001 AND 2002. HE LETTERED IN CC AND TRACK AT AUBURN.

IT WAS IN 40S AND 50S THAT QUALIFYING FOR STATE WAS THROUGH A DISTRICT MEET. THEN IT CHANGED TO SECTIONAL - TO DISTRICT- TO STATE, NOW IT IS DISTRICT- REGION - STATE.

40S AND 50 S WE HAD ONLY 2-DIVISIONS. THIS MADE FOR SOME TOUGH COMPETITION.

IN 1983 WE CHANGED TO METERS AND CONVERTED OUR RECORDS.

VIRG FEENEY HOLDS THE JAVLIN RECORD, WE HAVE NOT THROWN IT FOR MANY,MANY YEARS. IT IS ILLEGAL IN HIGH SCHOOL.