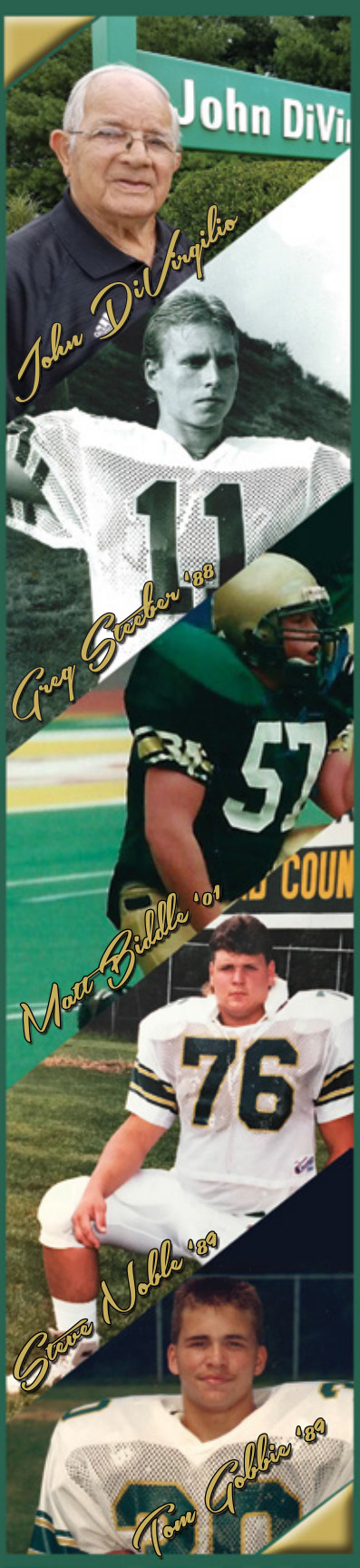


# 19th Annual BVA Football Hall of Fame Night

**BELLE VERNON  
AREA  
VS  
AMBRIDGE**



**JAMES WEIR STADIUM  
FRIDAY,  
AUGUST 31, 2018**



*Tom Goldie '89*

**The communities that have made up Belle Vernon Area Football  
1922 through 2017**

<b>Team</b>	<b>Won</b>	<b>Lost</b>	<b>Ties</b>	<b>Games Played</b>
Marion Generals Orange & Black 1938-1950	64	36	12	112
Fayette City Bulldogs Red & White 1927 – 1938	31	64	7	102
North Belle Vernon Jackrabbits Navy and White 1938 – 1945	4	53	4	61
Belle Vernon Wildcats Blue and Gold 1922 - 1945	87	76	15	178
Vernon Bulldogs White, Blue and Gold 1946 – 1950	26	14	2	42
Bellmar Hurricances Black and Gold 1951 – 1964	85	37	7	129
Rostraver Leopards Green and White 1933 – 1964	123	130	25	278
Belle Vernon Area Leopards Gold and White 1965 – 2017	305	232	6	532
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>725</b>	<b>642</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>1434</b>

A special thanks to Dr. Roger Saylor of Hobe Sounds, Florida for compiling the records

## **BELLE VERNON AREA FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE WELCOMES YOU!**

Induction into the Belle Vernon Area Football Hall of Fame has grown into a widely-recognized honor.

Long after many people believed the program would not be sustained, the small, dedicated group of directors continues to raise funds, research records, prepare the commemorative book, write the news releases and do multiple other organizational tasks to keep the BVA tradition alive.

They are dedicated to school athletic history that goes back generations, including football teams that date to 1922, stars whom have brought us fame and sports achievements that have gained us respect among peers.

Tonight's Class of 2018 represents the 19th year of the BVA Football Hall of Fame. Directors will be inducting the 176th, 177th, 178th, 179th and 180th former standout football players and coaches, as well as another special individual who has made notable contributions to the success of sports opportunities for the boys and girls of our school district.

The football honorees are Matt Biddle, center on teams in which the BVA Leopards won three consecutive Keystone Conference titles and captain in his senior year; Tom Gobbie, a feisty 130-pound, dual-threat out of the backfield and a ferocious tackler on defense; Steve Noble, the "Gentle Giant" who lettered all three years as an imposing tackle offensively and defensively; and Greg Steeber, not only a highly-sought quarterback but a multi-sport athlete who earned 11 varsity letters in high school.

This year's special inductee is John DiVirgilio, who has spent a lifetime of "giving" to boys and girls in sports. Now 91 years old, a local legend and still going, his dedication prompted the Rostraver Township Commissioners to name their sprawling Cedar Creek recreation facility as the "John DiVirgilio Sports Complex." He was named to the township's Recreation Board nearly 51 years ago, and, remarkably, he has never missed a regular or special meeting.

The BVA Football Hall of Fame is once again proud to call public attention to these individuals who are part of our history, part of our legacy.

Each year, the committee asks for help. Almost always, no one steps forward. But we have always come through, supporting our credo: "To preserve and honor the student-athletes, teams, coaches and contributors who have helped bring recognition and excellence to BVA's storied football program."

Please note the advertisers in today's program. Without their support, we would be unable to continue.

*Joe Grata*

(An informative booklet by our BVA Hall of Fame Historian Steve Russell and titled "*The History of BVA High School Football*" can be digitally received by contacting Russell at [stephenrussell1106@comcast.net](mailto:stephenrussell1106@comcast.net))

## CLASS OF 2000

Charles P. Ahlborn, D.M.D.	Gary Cramer	Joseph D. Rudolph
Jim W. Bair	Milton Dupree	Thomas A. Vitale, Sr.
Art "Banner" Bandini	Craig M. Fayak	Donald Brougher
Ronald Basile	Richard "Dick" Fields	Danny Wassilchalk
Gene Belczyk	John F. Hewitt	John Edward Wozniak
James T. Brown	Don Klochak	Andrew "Zip" Zabawsky
Jessie Burkes	Frank Mascara	<b><u>Special Inductees</u></b>
Ron Coates	Frank W. Mazzei	James Weir
Louis S. Comadena	Raymond E. Mullen	Ed R. Hogan
Paul E. Comadena	Ronald Quinto	Bap Manzini
Bill Contz	Bert Rechichar	Bill Leithold

## CLASS OF 2001

Raymond "Ram" Barker	Marlon McIntyre	Pete R. Zelenko
Frank A. Bello	Eugene "Casey" Melvin	<b><u>Special Inductees</u></b>
Bill Blick	Earl H. Neil	Harry S. Muckle
Richard S. Caputo	Al Jo Neupaver	Donald Williams
Gary Dongilli	John Pakish	Jeffrey Petrucci
David Driver	Terrence W. Peto	1995 WPIAL Class AAA
Peter J. Duda	Drew Rainey	and Keystone
Wayne Hewitt	Jeffrey F. Sefchock	Championship Team
Dave Kavscek	Samuel Sergi	
Norman Legg	George Trenk	

### **CLASS OF 2002**

David Bashada	Frank E. Mascara	Louis M. Wenick
Michael C. Fields	George W. Rainey	Mark J. Wenick
Ralph Iacoboni	Earl Thompson	<b><u>Special Inductees</u></b>
Frank D. Joseph	Ernie "Sonny" Trozzo	George Estok
Joseph "Joey" Lopez	Joe Vadella	Joesph D. Sarra Sr.
Robert "Bobby" Lynch, M.D.	Babe Weightman	

### **CLASS OF 2003**

John Adametz	Norman Luce	Ed Weightman
Roy Evans	Mike Metikosh	<b><u>Special Inductees</u></b>
Tom Johnston	Jason Murray	Dale Hamer
Dan Kovatch	R.J. Pabis	Elizabeth Hurley-Rainey
Denny Lotti	Mike Spitznagel	

### **CLASS OF 2004**

Jim R. Cramer	Ed "Mickey" Miller	<b><u>Special Inductee</u></b>
Jack Jolley	Raymond "Ray" Sanino	Mark "Cookie" Cook
Ron Krepps Jr.	George P. Turner	

### **CLASS OF 2005**

Eugene Dolfi	Jason Nogy	<b><u>Special Inductee</u></b>
Dave Legg	Russ Theakston	Stephen V. Russell
Frank Manown		

### **CLASS OF 2006**

Wayne "Skip" Bruce	Walter L. Sickles	<b><u>Special Inductee</u></b>
Larry E. Comadena	Dennis Steiner	John K. Clark Jr.
James J. Reed	Rudy L. Suzich	

### **CLASS OF 2007**

Kenneth Paul Callaway

James Eley

**Special Inductee**

Brian Chorba

Steve Shearson

Joe Grata

### **CLASS OF 2008**

Tom Biksey

Justin Jennings

**Special Inductees**

Jack L. Curran

Curt McCarthy

Joe "Coach K" Kroskie

Jamie Guerra

Jon Miller

Tomm Lazar

### **CLASS OF 2009**

Dave Fields

Ronald J. Schmidt

**Special Inductee**

Alvin "Creep" Hussar

Adam R. Spitznagel

John R. Bunardzya

Michael K. Sauritch

Dan Wassilchalk

### **CLASS OF 2010**

Galen Brown

Jim Schivley

**Special Inductee**

Jesse J. "Tink" Cramer Jr.

Robert "Rob" Street

Francis J. "Fran" Delmastro

Ryan Patrick Russell

### **CLASS OF 2011**

Darrin Belsick

Brett Kalakewich

**Special Inductees**

Dennis Carson

Ben Keffer

Brian Herman

Dana Chester

Frank E. Indof

### **CLASS OF 2012**

Shawn Dominico

Rich Triggiani

**Special Inductees**

Jereme Dudzinski

Tom Young

James C. Bush

Jason Shawley

Bernadine Fabriziani

1962 Rostraver HS  
Leopards WPIAL Champs

### **CLASS OF 2013**

Shaun Baker

Rich Planey

**Special Inductee**

Josh Cramer

Greg Shearson

Jesse J. Cramer

Doug Indof

### **CLASS OF 2014**

Dennis Delmastro

Vaughn Hewitt

**Special Inductee**

Roy Dudgeon

Erick Pabis

Donald Asmonga

Jon Fowler

### **CLASS OF 2015**

Mike J. Dominick

Gary Jenkins

Ted Pettko

Brian "Eck" Eckles

Bert Osborne

Barry Senich

### **CLASS OF 2016**

Brad Bowden

Tom Lazzari

Aland Senko

Matt Druciak

Scott McClintock

Jim Trenk

### **CLASS OF 2017**

Larry Callaway

Ron Clawson Jr.

Eric McElvenny

Jim Cicchini

Pat Gimbara

Tim Susick

# *Matt Biddle*

## **CLASS OF 2001**

During his three years of high school football, the BVA Leopards won their fifth, sixth and seventh Keystone Conference titles.

He was team captain in his senior year.

He played for the school's all-time, winningest coach, Gary Dongilli.

While those three statements already say plenty about Matt Biddle, Class of 2001, he was chosen for induction into the BVA Football Hall of Fame this round for far more contributions to the Leopards rise to prominence.

He played key roles on those 1998, 1999 and 2000 squads that racked up a combined record of 30 wins and four losses, propelling the teams to those consecutive Keystone Conference titles. They advanced to the WPIAL semi-finals one year and the finals in another year.

Asked what made the Dongilli-era Leopards so successful, Matt credited "everyone in the community, from coaches to the parents. They created an environment that supported the athletes from midgets through high school."

Biddle credited the hard work that Tom Lazar (HOF 2008) put into the BVA midget football programs for his start.

His performances took off during his junior year when the coaches and team set a goal of reaching the WPIAL championship. As starting center on that 1999 team that fought its way to Three Rivers Stadium, Biddle earned Honorable Mention All-Keystone Conference honors.

BVA met its goal but lost to West Allegheny, 37-12, in the title game. During his senior season, carrying the same aspirations as the previous year, Matt achieved even more success as BVA's starting guard and defensive tackle. Once again, however, the Leopards fell to West Allegheny, this time by a 24-7 score.

His senior-year performance earned him First Team All-Keystone Conference and other honors. He was picked to play in the Foothills Football Classic.

Reflecting on the lessons learned during his football career at BVA, Matt listed the staples





of hard work, leadership and discipline. He emphasized the unique perspective of teamwork in the so-called trenches. "All five offensive linemen had to work together in unison to be successful. You're not always in the spotlight, but you do your job to the best of your ability."

To this day, Matt said he utilizes these lessons in his approach to life and career. After graduating from BVA in 2001, Matt continued both his academic and athletic careers at Waynesburg University, where he played for the Yellow Jackets from 2001-2004.

He was a standout athlete as a three-year starting center and four-year letterman. Matt's performance in his sophomore season earned him Honorable Mention All-Presidents' Athletic Conference honors. In his junior season, Biddle helped the Yellow Jackets reach the national playoffs. As a senior, Matt helped take the Yellow Jackets to the 2004 Eastern College Athletic Conference Southwest Bowl.

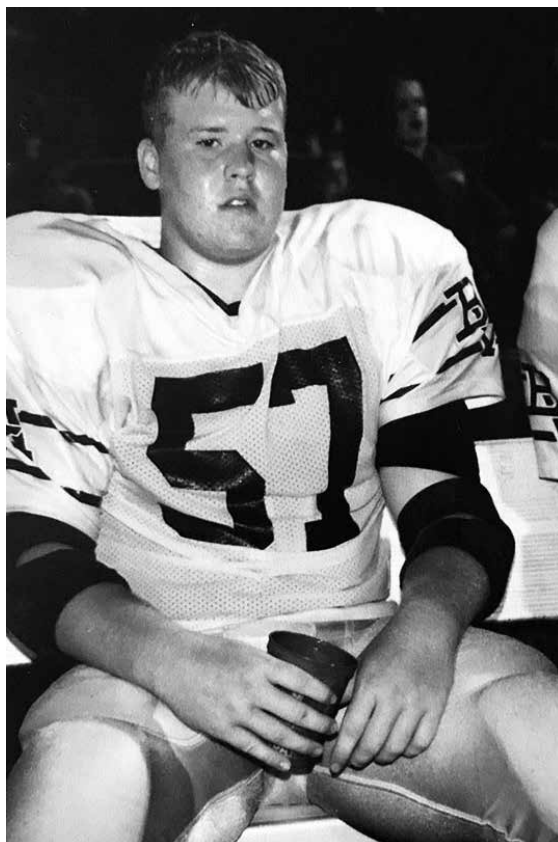
As a result of Matt's performance during his junior season in 2003, he earned Second Team ALL-PAC honors. Biddle repeated the feat during his senior season.

Matt graduated from Waynesburg University in 2005 with a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice Administration. When asked about BVA teammates and coaches who still stand out in his mind, Matt immediately acknowledged one of his coaches, Tommy Thompson.

"(Thompson) still shows significant interest in my life, continues to be a solid role model and encourages me in all that I do. I can't say enough about how much he has positively impacted my life."

Biddle also fondly remembers fellow offensive lineman, Billy Stile, Chad Mazzei, Craig Petrus, Tommy Maise, Justin Hill, and Jereme Dudzinski. He and many of his teammates maintain a solid relationship to this day.

At Waynesburg, Matt met Sarah (Pingley), who would later become his wife. After graduation, they moved to Hagerstown, Md., where they still reside. Sarah is employed as a language arts teacher while Matt work as a case management specialist for Maryland's Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services. Matt and Sarah have two children, Ella and Ben.



# *John DiVirgilio*

## **SPECIAL INDUCTEE**

Maternal advice that Jessie DiVirgilio gave her son, John, while he was a youngster became the credo by which he has lived.

“God gave you two hands, the one to receive and one to give,” she said. “The most important one is your right hand, the one to give.”

At age 91, he's still giving not only time and leadership but privately helping young people in ways that reward the heart and

soul. That's why Belle Vernon Area Football Hall of Fame directors enthusiastically endorsed him as “special inductee” among its Class of 2019 honorees.

Activities, achievements and honors that he reluctantly discusses and humbly acknowledges are likely to forever go unmatched hereabouts, including:

—In nearly 51 years as a member of the Rostraver Recreation Board, he has never missed a single regular or special meeting.

—As a driving force behind the expansion of recreation and athletics for young people, Rostraver Township Commissioners designated their facilities next to the Municipal Building as the John DiVirgilio Sports Complex in 2001.

—As a longtime coach and umpire, Williamsport-headquartered Little League Baseball presented him with the District 9 Volunteer-of-the-Year award in 1992, an honor that followed years of umpiring Little League games including its World Series and training other umpires.

—The Greater Rostraver Chamber of Commerce chose DiVirgilio for its prestigious “Community Service Award” in 2017 for his “countless hours to youth programs and other aspects of Rostraver Township.”

The list goes on for the BVA Football Hall of Fame honoree, affectionately known as “Johnny D.” Much of the memorabilia is displayed in the basement of his Rostraver house, where he and his wife, the late Wanda Painter DiVirgilio, moved in 1950 and raised two daughters — Linda (George) Patterson and Sharon (Guy) Fleming.

What a difference from growing up in Perryopolis during the Great Depression, when his Italian immigrant parents, Jessie and Dominic, four sons, three daughters and two “boarders” shared a four-room house with no hot water and an “outhouse.”

That's when mom advised him about how it's better to give than to receive.



"It always made me happy to see kids enjoying sports," said DiVirgilio, a retiree of the former Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel Co. "My wife never cared about the time or money as long as it was for the kids."

A World War II and Korean War veteran of the U.S. Navy, he played softball for many years before hanging it up to manage Little League starting in 1950 and then becoming an umpire shortly thereafter, launching a career of public service dedicated to youth and community.

Who knew, for example, when a mom brought her three boys to register for Rostraver kid baseball, she had enough money to pay for only one of them to participate. The other two didn't cry for long because DiVirgilio dipped into his pocket to buy those gloves, a couple of baseballs to use for practice and pay their fee, an act of kindness he repeated often over the years.

Who knew, for example, that when he learned a Monongahela soccer program was unable to raise enough funds for its program after an incident of vandalism and theft, DiVirgilio donated the balance of money needed to meet the goal?

Who knows how many times he has spent personal money to buy things for less fortunate children or to make certain they were able to participate with other boys and girls?

When Rostraver named its Sports Complex in honor of DiVirgilio, the grounds consisted of four ball fields, a grandstand, concession stand, two scoreboards, lighting on the upper ballfields, a walking track, batting cages, sprinkler system, combination football/soccer field, dugouts and related facilities.

The township is currently in a new phase of expansion, development and renovation that will upgrade lighting, provide special needs access, paving, a tot lot, fencing and an additional ballfield.

"Over the years, our population has nearly doubled and interests go beyond baseball," DiVirgilio said. "We want facilities that meet the needs and interest of all children, including opportunities for girls."

When DiVirgilio was appointed to the Rec Board in 1967, it had a bank account of \$13,144. Today, the operating budget is \$124,340, operates under township auspices, and appropriates funds for programs ranging from midget football and soccer to cheerleading and girls softball.

"We've had good residents, good volunteers," he said. "I always looked for people who were sincere, whom I could trust, not self-serving people."



# *Tom Gobbie*

## **CLASS OF 1989**

“Pound for pound, he was the toughest player we had,” said Coach Bill Connors. Tom Gobbie was considered a dual-threat by receiving and running the ball out of the backfield. He was also a ferocious tackler as corner back on defense.

By the time he became a senior, his 130 pounds were packed onto a lithe, 5 ft., 4 in. frame that he used to great advantage. What he didn’t have in size, he compensated in experience, quickness, agility, determination and football “smarts.”



“Every week, opponent offenses looked at him and thought, ‘He’s the guy to pick on’ on our defense,” Connors said of the 1989 BVA grad. “They soon learned Tom was no weak link. He was a coaches’ player. When games ended, his efforts on the field stuck in your mind, not his size” in comparison to so many others.

Tom Gobbie vividly remembers the summer going into his sophomore year. At the football team’s sign-up, several upper classmen suggested he shouldn’t waste his time. Not only would he not play, but he might suffer serious injury, they warned.

His philosophy was that he would rather try and fail than never try at all. So at 5 ft., 2-in. and 100 pounds as a 10thgrade newcomer, Gobbie joined the Leopards.

Tom knew he had to work harder than most and be twice as good as any teammates at his position. He virtually lived in the weight room, spending summers going to the gym two times a day, lifting weights and working on speed and agility drills.

Beside the experiences and camaraderie that come with football, the biggest lesson for Gobbie was to never give up.

Then sports editor Jeff Oliver ofThe Valley independentwrote: “While being the smallest player on the field week after week, Gobbie is like a chainsaw cutting down or through Sequoia redwoods around him.”

His hard work paid dividends such as a three-touchdown game and racking up over 100 combined yards in a game against Keystone Oaks.

He led the team in both rushing and receiving and made a key interception to seal an impressive victory against Canon-McMillan. In a game versus Uniontown, Gobbie scored two touchdowns and recorded 12 tackles on defense. Coaches voted him "defensive player of the week."

His many honors include the prestigious Richard O. Dolfi Scholar-Athlete award, U.S. Army Reserve National Scholar-Athlete award, 1stteam Big Nine Conference All-Star (tailback and cornerback),The Pittsburgh PressBig Nine 1stteam All-Conference tailback, Washington County 1stteam All-Star tailback,Herald-Standard2ndteam,Five-CountyAll-Star "Dream Team" tailback,The Washington Observer-ReporterAll-District 1stteam, selected as Defensive Player of the week on three occasions by the coaching staff and selected twice asThe Valley IndependentHonorable Mention Player of the Week.

Tom was a two-year letterman in football and track. He was chosen football team captain for playoffs in his senior year.

He attributes much of his success to the entire coaching staff, especially coaches Bernie Chorba and Joe Kroskie. Some of his fondest memories go back to time spent in the weight room and on the field with friends and teammates including Jon Vitale, Todd Cascianni, Joe Rudolph, Ted Pettko, Craig Fayak, Kevin Sadowski, Ethan Aitken and Chad Thompson.

After his successes in academics and athletics at BVA, Tom enrolled at Penn State, graduating in 1993 with a bachelor degree in biology.After graduating from Palmer College of Chiropractic in 1997, he began practicing. He has owned and operated Gobble Chiropractic Center in Peters Township for the past 17 years.

Tom Gobbie married Kelly Hussar, a 1993 BVA graduate. She is an Assistant Vice President of Communications. They live in the South Hills of Pittsburgh.



# *Steve Noble*

## **CLASS OF 1989**

With his broad smile, easy laugh and willingness to help family, friends and strangers, Steve Noble has been affectionately known as the “Gentle Giant.”

To football opponents, not so much.

He was an imposing tackle who played both offense and defense, earning letters for all three years in high school, gaining wide recognition for outstanding performances and receiving a full scholarship to James Madison University.

A Big 33 nominee as a senior, Steve Noble was named in 1988 as first-team tackle on the Big Nine, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette All-Conference and Uniontown Herald-Standard “Dream Team” all-stars. He also received honorable mention on numerous teams during his career, especially for his play as a defensive tackle.

He fondly remembers and credits numerous coaches and fellow players going back to second grade, where it all started for him in the Rostraver Midget Football League under Tomm Lazar and Al Carson. At Bellmar Junior High School, he moved from linebacker to lineman, improving his skills under Coach Jesse Cramer.

At BVA High School, where he also participated in track, Steve said assistant coaches Tom Doman and Lou Rood offered individual guidance that helped lead to his football success. Teams under Bill Connors won a total of 21 games during his time, including becoming Big-Nine co-champs in his senior year.

At James Madison, he said football was fun but demanding, leading him to realize education would be most important to his future. He completed his post-high school education in 1994, earning an associate of science degree in automation technology, with a concentration in robotics, from California University of Pennsylvania.



Noble began what became a successful career in the highway construction industry, using surveying, engineering and other expertise as part of project teams that built locally well-known projects such as the Pennsylvania Turnpike's Mon-Fayette Expressway and the Port Authority's Light-Rail System.

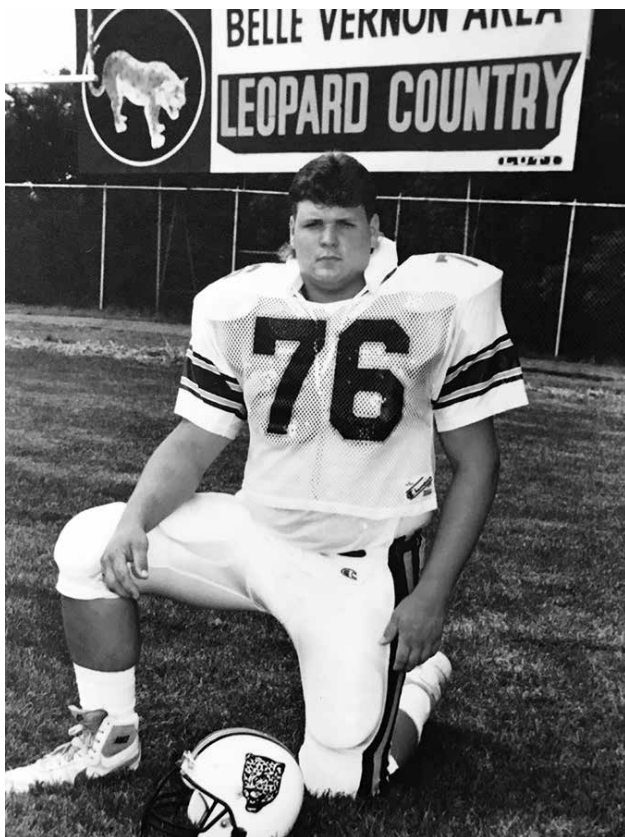
His life changed forever in 1988. After experiencing pain, his then fiancée Karen took him to Mon Valley Hospital where he was diagnosed with cancer. After multiple surgeries, removal of a lung and extensive chemotherapy in Pittsburgh hospitals, he made a tenacious, remarkable comeback. The "Gentle Giant" in him prevailed and he returned to his engineering position. Today, he handles administrative roles such as project management and estimating for his employer, Advance Builders.

In addition to his professional career, Steve Noble turned a passion for food and cooking into a barbecue business in 2012.

"No Bull Barbecue" took home trophies from barbecue competitions in Pittsburgh, at Nemacolin Woodlands and other places. Word and reputation spread, so business now offers catering and event services throughout Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

Steve Noble asked to mention the emotional support of his mother Frances, his late father Barry and sisters Linda, Pam and Lori, along with his wife of 19 years, Karen, for helping him get through tough times and tribulations during his challenging bout with cancer. So done.

The Nobles, who live in Monongahela, enjoy sports cars, their pool, daughters Heather and Brittany and granddaughter Delaney.



# *Greg Steeber*

## **CLASS OF 1988**

Students, parents, staff and friends of the Belle Vernon Area School District know Greg Steeber as a computer whiz who serves as its ever-busy, forward-looking technology coordinator.

They may not realize that this BVA Class of '88 honors grad was an exceptional all-around athlete who earned 11 varsity letters in football, baseball, basketball and track.

Football was his best sport. As quarterback, his performance merited selection to first-team Big 10 Conference, Pittsburgh Press, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette and Uniontown Herald-Standard "Dream Team" all-star squads and second-team Greensburg Tribune-Review All-District team.



As a 6 ft., 1-in., 175-pound junior, Greg Steeber was already considered a Division 1 college prospect because of his speed, mobility and throwing ability.

His most memorable play was an 85-yard touchdown pass to halfback Jim Cicchini in a 1986 playoff game against Mt. Pleasant Area. At the time, it was said to be the longest pass play in Big 10 Conference history, although the Leps lost the game to the eventual WPIAL champions.

An arguably equally memorable experience occurred in his senior year one week after he was injured in an Elizabeth-Forward game and had to be carried off the field. The Leps staff cooked up a classic deception against Brownsville, whose coaches thought Steeber was still sidelined and unable to play.

They didn't recognize Steeber while he was going through pre-game warmups because he was wearing sweat pants and another quarterback's jersey! After kickoff, he trotted onto the field wearing his number "11" to lead his BVA teammates to victory.

His most cherished achievement was being chosen as a finalist of a prestigious



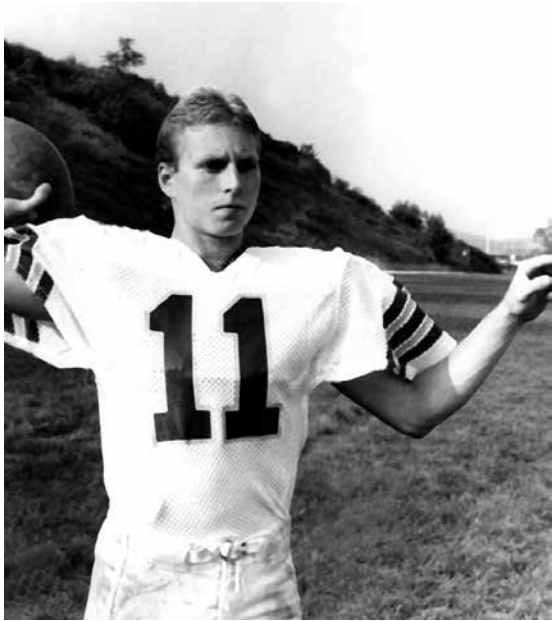
Judge Charles E. Marker Scholar-Athlete Award established by the late Westmoreland County jurist.

Numerous schools including Pitt, West Virginia, Akron, Louisville, Indiana University of Pennsylvania and Carnegie-Mellon sought Greg Steeber as a recruit for his combination of academic and athletic achievements. He chose IUP, “one, for football (and its successful coach Frank Cignetti), two, for my education and, three, I was also chasing baseball at the time.”

A serious automobile accident at age 19 left him with a broken sternum, cuts, bruises and knee and other injuries, including a long-term issue with his left leg. A short-lived transfer from IUP to Louisville was followed by a move to California University, where he graduated in 1993 in computer science.

His professional career has included employment with IBM, Westinghouse, PPG and West Virginia University. He was hired at Belle Vernon Area in 2001 at a time when technology was bringing new needs to education. He has achieved certified professional status with Microsoft and Cicsco.

“After the accident, I realized sports can take you only so far and it was time to get more serious about education and a career,” he said.



Steeber starting coaching high school athletics including football, baseball and basketball in 1991 at Belle Vernon Area, Ringgold and Frazier. Today, he’s head coach of the BVA Middle School football team as part of high school coach Matt Humbert’s senior staff and BVA’s head freshman baseball coach under Daryl Hixenbaugh.

Born and raised in Rostraver, Greg Steeber and his wife, Melanie, live in Fayette City. They’re the parents of three children: Tyler, 19; Lindsay, 17; and Tanner, 14.



**Class of 2017 Friday, September 1, 2017, James Weir Stadium**  
*Left to Right: Larry Callaway, Pat Gimbara, Special Inductee Eric McElvenny,  
 Tim Susick, Ron Clawson, Jim Cicchini*



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**BELLE VERNON AREA HIGH SCHOOL 1995 WPAL CLASS AAA CHAMPIONS**

## Belle Vernon Area Football Records

Year	Conference	Rank	Won	Lost	Tie	Coach
1965	Big 8		5	4	0	Russell
1966	Big Ten		4	4	1	Russell
1967	Big Ten		4	5	0	Russell
1968	Big Ten		7	3	0	Russell
1969	Big Ten		5	4	0	Fields
1970	Big Ten		2	7	0	Fields
1971	Big Ten	2	7	2	1	Fields
1972	Big Ten		4	5	0	Fields
1973	Big Ten		1	8	0	Fields
1974	Big Ten		4	5	0	Fields
1975	Big Ten		2	7	0	Petrucci
1976	Big Ten		8	2	0	Petrucci
1977	Big Ten		6	4	0	Petrucci
1978	Big Ten	Champ	11	1	0	Petrucci
1979	Big Ten	Champ	8	2	1	Petrucci
1980	Big Nine	Champ	11	1	0	Petrucci
1981	Big Nine		5	5	0	Machesky
1982	Big Nine		3	7	0	Machesky
1983	Big Nine		1	9	0	Machesky
1984	Big Nine		1	9	0	Machesky
1985	Big Nine		5	4	0	Connors
1986	Big Ten		7	3	1	Connors
1987	Big Ten		7	3	0	Connors
1988	Big Nine	Co- Champ	7	4	0	Connors
1989	Big Nine	Champ	10	2	0	Connors
1990	Keystone		0	9	1	Connors

Year	Conference	Rank	Won	Lost	Tie	Coach
1991	Keystone		3	7	0	Connors
1992	Big Nine		5	4	1	Connors
1993	Big Nine		3	7	0	Ruscitto
1994	Keystone	Champ	10	2	0	Dongilli
1995	Keystone	Champ	12	2	0	Dongilli
1996	Keystone	Champ	11	1	0	Dongilli
1997	Keystone	Champ	8	2	0	Dongilli
1998	Keystone-Big Nine	Co-Champ	8	2	0	Dongilli
1999	Keystone-Big Nine	Champ	11	1	0	Dongilli
2000	Keystone	Champ	11	1	0	Dongilli
2001	Keystone	2nd	5	5	0	Cramer
2002	Keystone	Champ	7	3	0	Cramer
2003	Keystone	4th	3	7	0	Cramer
2004	Keystone	3rd	5	5	0	Cramer
2005	Keystone	6th	0	10	0	Cramer
2006	Keystone	3rd	5	5	0	Rood
2007	Keystone	2nd	5	5	0	Rood
2008	Big 7		4	6	0	Rood
2009	Big 7	3rd	5	5	0	Krepps
2010	Big 8	2nd	5	5	0	Krepps
2011	Big 8	4th	4	6	0	Krepps
2012	Big Nine	6th	4	6	0	Krepps
2013	Big Nine	5th	4	6	0	Krepps
2014	Big Nine	4th	5	5	0	Humbert
2015	Big 10	Champ	10	1	0	Humbert
2016	Quad-A Big 9	3rd	7	3	0	Humbert
2017	Quad-A Big 9	Champ (2nd)	10	1	0	Humbert
		<b>Total</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>6</b>	

## Belle Vernon Area Football Record Holders (1965-2017)

<i>Category</i>		<i>Player Name</i>	<i>Record</i>	<i>Season</i>
Passing Yards	<i>Career</i>	Josh Cramer	4,185 yards	1997-2000
	<i>Season</i>	Matthew Naylor	1,461 yards	2010
	<i>Game</i>	Josh Cramer	292 yards	1998
	<i>Play</i>	Josh Cramer	99 yards	2000
Receiving Yards	<i>Career</i>	Erik Gill	1,137 yards; 58 catches	1998-2000
	<i>Season</i>	Ian Dobbins	754 yards; 35 catches	2010
	<i>Runner-up</i>	Jason Shawley	603 yards; 29 catches	1998
	<i>Game</i>	Bret Kalakewich	157 yards; 8 catches	1995
	<i>Play</i>	Aaron Krepps	99 yards	2000
Receptions	<i>Career</i>	Erik Gill	58 receptions	1998-2000
	<i>Season</i>	Bret Kalakewich	37 receptions	1996
	<i>Game</i>	Bret Kalakewich	8 receptions	1995
		Ian Dobbins	8 receptions	2010
Rushing Yards	<i>Career</i>	Jason Murray	4752 yds. on 532 Att.	1994-1996
	<i>Runner-up</i>	Nick Kalcevic	4,343 yds. on 409 Att.	1998-2000
	<i>Season</i>	Nick Kalcevic	2,151 yards	1999
	<i>Runner-up</i>	Jason Murray	2,033 yards	1995
	<i>Game</i>	Nick Kalcevic	303 yards	2000
	<i>Play</i>	Nick Kalcevic	99 yards	1999
Furthest Field Goal		Jonathon Fowler	49 yards	2002
	<i>Runner-up</i>	Caig Fayak	48 yards	1989
Most Field Goals	<i>Career</i>	Craig Fayak	20 Field Goals	1986-1989
	<i>Season</i>	Jonathon Fowler	10 Field Goals	2002
	<i>Game</i>	Craig Fayak	3 Field Goals	1988
Extra Points	<i>Career</i>	Jon Fowler	82	2000-2002
	<i>Season</i>	Jon Fowler	42	2000
	<i>Game</i>	Jon Fowler	8	2000
Touchdowns	<i>Career</i>	Nick Kalcevic	58	1998-2000
	<i>Season</i>	Nick Kalcevic	27	1999
	<i>Game</i>	Jason Murray	5	1996

Passing TD's	<b>Career</b>	Josh Cramer	49	1999
	<b>Season</b>	Josh Cramer	17	1999
	<b>Game</b>	Josh Cramer	3	1999
Rushing TD's	<b>Career</b>	Nick Kalcevic	55	1998-2000
	<b>Season</b>	Nick Kalcevic	26	1999
	<b>Game</b>	Jason Murray	4	1996
Receiving TD's	<b>Career</b>	Erik Gill	13	1998-2000
	<b>Runner-up</b>	Brett Kalekewich	10	1994-1996
	<b>Season</b>	Ian Dobbins	7	2010
	<b>Game</b>	Erik Gill	3	1999
Yards per Carry	<b>Career</b>	Nick Kalcevic	10.6 yards/carry	2000
	<b>Runner-up</b>	Gene Belczyk	9.7 yard/carry	1968
Most Points	<b>Career</b>	Nick Kalcevic	354 points	1998-2000
	<b>Season</b>	Nick Kalcevic	166 points	1999
	<b>Game</b>	Jason Murray	30 points	1996
Interceptions	<b>Career</b>	Dave Bashada	11	1977-1979
		Jon Miller	11	1978-1980
	<b>Season</b>	Jon Miller	8	1980
	<b>Game</b>	Dave Bashada	3	1978
Take Aways	<b>Season</b>	Coach Humbert	36	2017
	<b>Runner-up</b>	Coach Dongilli	31	1995
Interception Return Yards		Dave Bashada	102 yard interception return	1978
	<b>Runner-up</b>	Jake Burritt	99 yard interception return	2011
Most Tackles	<b>Career</b>	Scott McClintock	440 Tackles	1998-2001
	<b>Season</b>	R. J. Pabis	218 Tackles	1995
	<b>Game</b>	Dave Legg	35 Tackles	1979
	<b>Runner-up</b>	Brian Eckles	27 Tackles	1986
Most Sacks	<b>Career</b>	Jamie Guerra	35	1995-1997
	<b>Season</b>	Jamie Guerra	22	1997
	<b>Game</b>	Jamie Guerra	6 vs Yough	1997
Longest Play		Dave Bashada	102 yard interception return	1978

<b>Longest Punt Return</b>	<b>Longest</b>	Dave Bashada	99 yards	1978
	<b>Runner-up</b>	Ryan Russell	75 yards	1999 vs EF semi finals
	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Nick Norelli	72 yards	1995
	<b>Runners-up</b>	Aaron Krepps	72 yards	2000
<b>Total All Purpose Yards</b>	<b>Career</b>	Jason Murray	5,046 yards	1994-1996
	<b>Season</b>	Nick Kalsevic	2,387 yards	1999
	<b>Game</b>	Nick Kalsevic	412 yards vs Yough	1999
<b>Team, Most Points Scored</b>	<b>Season</b>	Coach Dongilli	457 points	1999
	<b>Game</b>	Coach Dongilli	67 points	1996
	<b>Runner-up</b>	Coach Humbert	66 points	2015
<b>Team, Least Points Allowed</b>	<b>Season</b>	Coach Petrucci	22 points allowed 10 regular games, 7 shut-outs, 49 total points 12 total games	1978
	<b>Runner-up</b>	Coach Dongilli	75 points allowed 14 games, 8 shutouts	1995
<b>Head Coach Wins</b>	<b>Career</b>	Coach Dongilli Coach Petrucci Coach Connors Coach Humbert Coach Fields Coach Krepps	71 Wins (7) seasons 46 wins (6) seasons 44 wins (8) seasons 32 wins (4) seasons 23 wins (6) seasons 22 wins (5) seasons	1994-2000 1975-1980 1985-1992 2014-2017 1969-1974 2009-2013

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1. Must have played football or coached for Belle Vernon Area High School, Rostraver High School, or Bellmar High School, and
2. Must have graduated from high school a minimum of 10 years from the date of induction, or
3. Must have given support or made significant contributions to the BVA football program

After nominations are received, the BVA Football Hall of Fame committee will select the inductees.

If you wish to nominate a candidate, please send their name, address, phone number, and email, along with a summary of their qualifications to:

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Monongahela, PA 15063

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