

WILLIAM COYER

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William (Chub) Coyer, a 1936 Orrville High School graduate, known for his athletics throughout his life is one of the 10 inductees for the Orrville High School Sports Hall of Fame.

In 1932, Coyer earned his first baseball letter at OHS. By 1936 he had earned four letters in baseball, three in football and two in basketball. He was chosen all-league half-back in the Western Reserve League for two years and led in scoring in the 1935 season.

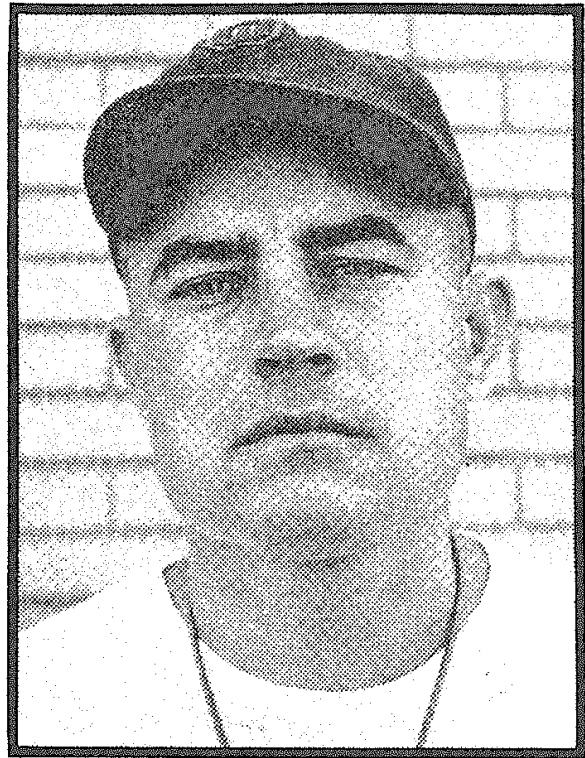
In one game against Kent Roosevelt, Coyer ran for four touchdowns, including an 80-yard jaunt to the goal-line.

At Ohio State, Coyer won a pair of letters in baseball and another in football while earning a degree in physical education. During high school and college he played on various baseball and softball teams throughout this area.

Coyer's coaching career began in 1940, as assistant football coach at Mount Union College in Alliance. His next position was at Clinton High School in Clinton, Ind., where he was head football coach. His 1942 team won the Wabash Valley League championship.

After service in the Navy during World War II, Coyer returned to his home town of Orrville to take over the duties of head coach in baseball, basketball and football, as well as physical education instructor.

In football, his teams won Northeastern Buckeye League titles in 1946, 1947 and 1948. They won the league basketball championship in 1949.



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The 1949 baseball team won the district crown. He also coached the American Legion Post 282, Wayne County Champions that same year.

In 1950, Coyer moved on to Elyria High School, where he stayed until 1955. The following year he became head football coach at Morton High School at Cicero, Ill.

From 1956-78 he was at Niles Township High School in Skokie, Ill., as head baseball coach and assistant football coach. His baseball teams won three state championships, and in one title game, his players stole 12 bases to set a state record.

He was inducted into the Wayne County Sports Hall of Fame in 1978.

He is retired and lives at 174 S. Locust Drive, Lake Havasu City, Ariz. 86403.