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An athletic hall of fame is something that the Chambersburg Area School District, its athletic department and community have been waiting for, for quite some time. Trojan athletics have had so much success over the decades that it would be criminal not to honor it. After a two-year process, we finally inducted our first ever class in 2024.

I want to personally thank everyone who has helped us along the way. From everyone on the hall of fame committee to the community who nominated these great athletes, it was a true TEAM effort! A special thanks goes to the CASD Administration for seeing the importance of an athletics hall of fame and allowing this process to take shape. Thank you to all of the local businesses who believed in the process and supported us financially.

Lastly, a huge thank you goes out to the *Chambersburg Area Sports Boosters* who led the way on this initiative. Without their support and backing, the HoF would've continued to be an "idea" that we all wanted to see happen.

Congratulations to the Chambersburg Athletics Hall of Fame Class of 2026! What a tremendous group of athletes and coaches to celebrate. This class continues to represent the "best of the best" when it comes to Trojan athletics.

The Chambersburg Athletics Hall of Fame is currently taking nominations for next year's class (2027). Please use the QR Code below to fill out the form. We are also taking contributions for future endeavors. Again, use the QR Code below to do so. If you have any questions or concerns, please email us at trojanhof@gmail.com.

We look forward to the future classes and how the Chambersburg Athletic Hall of Fame can continue to celebrate worthy Trojans!

Thank you,
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to the

2026 CHAMBERSBURG ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

- Carla (Shearer) Christian
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- Paul Kaiser Jr.
- Brooke (Jacobs) Lombardozzi
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- Norm Snowberger
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- Terri Yeager

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KELLEN WILLIAMS



Kellen Williams spent his high school years at Chambersburg As a quintessential and impressive three-sport athlete who Excelled in each of his endeavors. He was a two-way star in football, helped the basketball team to a District 3 crown and was a state contender in track & field.

He went on to have a stellar career at Kutztown University in football.

Williams made his mark on the football field as a clutch wide receiver and athletic cornerback. He was named the Public Opinion Player of the Year in his senior season (2012) when He caught 32 passes for 753 yards and 12 touchdowns, made 49 tackles, had 4 interceptions and broke up another 4 passes.

In basketball, Williams' highlight came in his junior season when the Trojans, seeded No. 15, swept 4 games in the District 3 playoffs and won the Class 6A title with a thrilling 52-49 upset over Harrisburg in the championship game.

Williams scored all of his 16 points in the second half, including a dagger of a 3-pointer with 0:58 left to put Chambersburg ahead after trailing by 11 early in the fourth quarter.

He averaged 14.3 points per game and 6.8 rebounds per game and was named the P.O. Player of the Year. He earned that award again as a senior when he put up 15.4 points and 6.7 rebounds per game.

Trojan coach Shawn Shreffler said at the time, "Kellen brings a lot to the table. He's a really special player and does so many things well in terms of scoring, rebounding and defense."

In the spring, Williams turned to track. His best event was the 300 hurdles, but he also helped Chambersburg in the sprints, relays and jumps.

In his junior season, he placed fifth in the 300 hurdles at the PIAA Championships with a time of 38.49. The next year, Williams was the state runner-up, with his time of 38.36 trailing only Wellington Zaza of Garnet Vallley (37.24).

When it came time to figure out where he wanted to go to college and which sport to play, Williams chose Kutztown University and football. It turned out to be a great fit.

He was a leader on the Golden Bears' offense in his last three seasons at wide receiver. Williams ended up as the school's all-time career leader in receptions (214), receiving yards (2,970) and touchdown catches (31), and all three of those records still stand. His 219 receiving yards in one game is the second-highest total in Kutztown history.

Williams was named to the PSAC East first team in 2014, 2015 and 2016. In 2016 he was a semifinalist for a national award, the William V. Campbell Trophy, given by the National Football Foundation to a college football player in any division for their academics, leadership and on-field performance.

By Ed Gotwals

PAUL KAISER JR.



It was a serendipitous moment in 1967 when Paul Kaiser Jr. was asked To start a new sports program at Chambersburg – boys cross country.

Kaiser coached the Trojans for the next 10 years and quickly built the program into a powerhouse. During those 10 years, Chambersburg compiled a dual meet record of 116-5-1, which included an incredible winning streak of 96 consecutive meets.

Kaiser was a 1958 graduate of CASHS and made his athletic mark on The baseball team. He then attended Shippensburg University and was a left-handed pitcher for the Raiders for all four years, and a co-captain in 1962.

After graduation, he became a teacher at Chambersburg and was named Teacher of the Year in 1964.

When he started the boys cross country program, his career took off in a new direction and it became a memorable journey for himself and many athletes. In addition to coaching cross country and track & field for the high school, Kaiser also served as an assistant baseball coach under Bob Thomas in the Franklin County American Legion League.

Kaiser returned to Shippensburg University as an assistant cross country and track & field coach in 1974. He served as head coach from 1977 to 1981 and then, after two years in private industry, he returned as head coach from 1983 to 1990.

Shippensburg's cross country team was turned into a national power in just a few years. The team placed 17th at the NCAA Division II national championships in 1978, eighth in 1979 and ninth in 1980.

The Shippensburg track & field program also flourished under Kaiser's direction. From 1984 to 1987, the Raiders achieved a 60-11 dual meet record, including four undefeated seasons.

Additionally, the Raiders captured PSAC championships in 1984, 1985, 1986 and 1990. Numerous SU individuals became PSAC champions through the years and dozens more were place winners.

During his coaching tenure, two Raider athletes earned NCAA Division II national titles, and 13 individuals earned a cumulative total of 20 All-America laurels.

In addition to his coaching duties, Kaiser served as the Director of Conferences and Field Representative for Athletics and served as the liaison for SU with the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association. He was the coordinator for the District 3 and PIAA State Track and Field Championships until his retirement from Shippensburg University in 2002.

He was inducted into the SU Athletics Hall of Fame in 2004. In 2005, the Shippensburg University Collegiate Invitational was renamed the Paul Kaiser Classic in his honor.

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CRAIG HELMUTH



By 1974, the Chambersburg wrestling program was still looking for an identity. The Trojans had become competitive as a team and several wrestlers had made postseason advances.

But Chambersburg was still looking for its breakthrough moment.

Enter Craig Helmuth.

By the time Helmuth finished his senior season, he had put the Trojans on the Pennsylvania wrestling map by defeating an elite field to win the 119-pound weight class at the PIAA Wrestling Championships.

Helmuth was not considered a favorite for the PIAA title. He had lost only twice all year, but one was to Newport's Andy Zook in the District 3 final, and Zook was also in the state bracket.

Yet Helmuth prevailed. He ended up beating four wrestlers at states who had a combined record of 92-2-1, including three regional champions.

On the first day, he rallied to defeat Dan Bedesen of Council Rock, 8-6, then followed with a pin in 4:57 over Dan Severen of Saucon Valley. In the semifinals the next day, Helmuth needed a takedown with 0:11 left to edge Tim Waller of Spring-Ford, 3-1.

The final was a high-scoring affair against Clay Fink of Tyrone. Leading 8-7, Helmuth secured a reversal with 0:54 left and rode Fink out for a 10-7 victory.

Helmuth said, "Lee Powell was my coach, and although he never wrestled, he was a student of the sport. He didn't just teach me how to succeed in wrestling, but also how to succeed in life. Most of my success as a high school teacher and coach was a result of what Coach Powell taught me."

After compiling a record of 67-15-2 with the Trojans, Helmuth's wrestling career continued at Gettysburg College, where he had a record of 89-12-1.

As a freshman for the Bullets in 1975, Helmuth went all the way to capture an NCAA Division III national title, beating Binghamton's Tim Borshoff in the final, 4-2. In his college career, Helmuth was a 3-time NCAA Division III All-American, a 4-time national qualifier and a 3-time Middle Atlantic Conference champion.

After graduating, he settled into a teaching and coaching career at Red Land High School in Lewisberry. In his 35 years as the Patriot coach, his dual meet record was 241-329 and his teams won two Mid Penn Keystone crowns.

But, drawing from his experiences, Helmuth coached three of his wrestlers to PIAA championships – John Worley, Brad Bush (2 titles) and Brian Baglio. All three also won their bouts in the Dapper Dan Classic (PA vs. USA all-stars) and two were named PA's Outstanding Wrestler.

Helmuth's achievements have earned him several honors: Gettysburg College Hall of Fame, Middle Atlantic Conference Hall of Fame, District 3 Wrestling Hall of Fame and West Shore Chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame.

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BROOKE (JACOBS) LOMBARDOZZI



For three-plus years, Mid Penn girls' soccer teams – especially their defenses – had to be very anxious when they were preparing to play Chambersburg.

That's because the Trojans fielded the best forward in the league, Brooke (Jacobs) Lombardozzi, and it was nearly impossible to keep her from scoring goals. "The Energizer Bunny," as several opposing coaches described her, used her elite speed and quickness, a superior set of soccer skills and a relentless work ethic to find the net time after time.

Lombardozzi, who graduated in 2007, scored 75 goals in her career and added 24 assists, and at the time was the area's all-time leading scorer. Her totals would have been even higher, but an ACL tear in the third game of her senior season ended her career early.

Here are some of her accolades:

- In 2004, 2005 and 2006, Lombardozzi was a Public Opinion first team all-star; a Harrisburg Patriot Big 11 first-team pick; and a Mid Penn Commonwealth first-team selection
- In 2005 and 2006, she was the Mid Penn Conference overall Player of the Year; an All-State choice; and was named to the NSCAA All-Region team
- In a Penn-Live story in 2025, Lombardozzi was named one of the top 25 Mid Penn girls soccer players of the century.

She was also quite good in cross country, helping the Trojans to a PIAA runner-up finish in 2003, and District 3 titles in 2003 and 2005. Lombardozzi placed 12th in District 3 and 45th in states in 2003; 11th in District 3 and 32nd in states in 2004; and 12th in District 3 and 72nd in states in 2005.

Lombardozzi said her favorite memories from her CASHS years were running cross country and playing soccer as a freshman with her senior sister, Ashley; getting to wear the Blue and White and representing her school along with her good friends; getting second place as a team in X-C at states; and serving as the Color Day Queen in her senior year.

After graduating, Lombardozzi played at the University of South Carolina for four years, starting in 65 games and scoring 17 goals, with 14 assists. With the Gamecocks, she played in the NCAA Tournament all four years and at one point scored in three consecutive tournament games.

She married former Major League Baseball player Steve Lombardozzi Jr., and they have three kids – Wesley, Madison and Alexis.

"I thank my husband and my children, who keep me active and got me back on the soccer field as a coach," Lombardozzi said.

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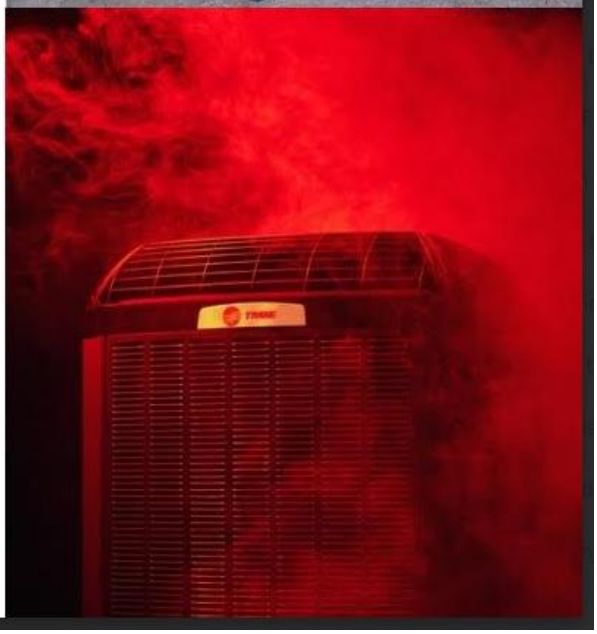
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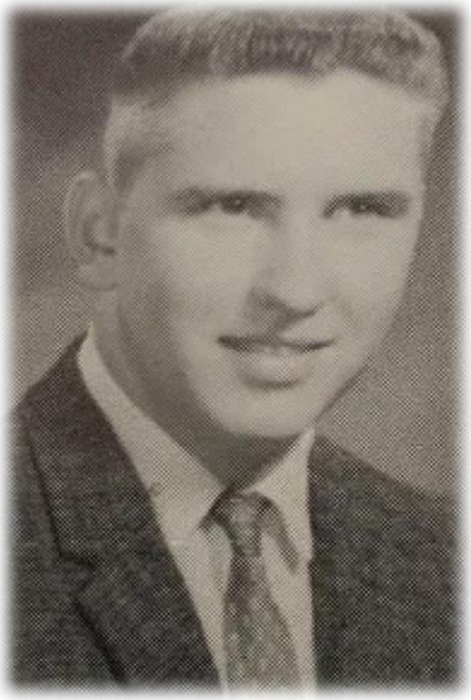




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NORM SNOWBERGER



The ultimate honor for a high school football player in Pennsylvania in the 1960s wasn't winning a state championship – the statewide playoffs didn't start until much later.

In that time period, participating in the Big 33 game was the pinnacle of success. The game in Hershey paired the best players of PA against a national all-star team, and it quickly became a highlight of the summer.

For the big 33's first four years, no Chambersburg player was selected to play in the game. However, in 1962, two-way lineman Norm Snowberger became the first Trojan to be selected.

In Snowberger's senior season in football, he was named to the All-South Penn Athletic League team, the All-Franklin County squad and was listed as an All-State player, on the third team.

The 6-foot-2, 220-pounder – who started for three years for Chambersburg — played offensive tackle and defensive line. That fall, the Trojans compiled an 8-1-1 record, rushing for 217.8 yards per game and giving up only 94.1 yards on the ground.

Also in high school, Snowberger was an accomplished track & field thrower, especially in the shot put. In his senior year, he placed second in the shot put and third in the javelin in the South Penn meet, and was fifth in the shot put in the District 3 championships.

Snowberger had football scholarship offers from more than 25 schools, and he picked Memphis State, but ended up transferring to Shippensburg University in time to play in the 1963 season.

After his college days, Snowberger was hoping to get a tryout with an NFL team, but was diagnosed with congenital spine narrowing. Instead, he signed to play with the Harrisburg Capitals in 1965-66.

Snowberger then played several years with the semi-pro Chambersburg Cardinals and Chambersburg Yellowjackets, garnering several All-Interstate Football League honors.

Cardinals president Bill Ramsey said in the mid-1970s, "Snowberger is the best football player to come out of Chambersburg in the last 40 years. The man who used to own the Harrisburg Caps said Snowberger was the best lineman they ever had."

Snowberger also competed in the Franklin County Track & Field meet for several years, including taking first place in the shot put in 1965 with a throw of 51-8.75.

By Ed Gotwals

JACK MULL



It's a long way from winning a city Little League championship with the Chambersburg Lions, to being a coach for Major League Baseball's San Francisco Giants, but that's the road Jack Mull traveled.

In between those teams, Mull's baseball talents helped Rotary in the Nellie Fox League, the Trojans in high school, Chambersburg in the Franklin County American Legion League (where he actually batted against former N.Y. Jets football star Joe Namath), the Franklin County Adult League, several U.S. Navy teams and minor league teams of the Giants and Chicago Cubs.

Mull, who graduated in 1962, was very active in sports in high school at Chambersburg. He lettered 4 years in baseball, 3 in football and 2 in basketball, and was very successful in all three. He was an All-American honorable mention pick in football, a South Penn Athletic League all-star catcher, and made the South Penn second team in basketball.

"I was just happy to be wearing a Trojan uniform, because of all the history of players before me," Mull said. "We were always very competitive in all sports and I was glad to share that with my teammates and friends."

After graduation, Mull joined the U.S. Navy and played on some Navy baseball teams. While playing in several tournaments, he was scouted by pro teams. After his 4 ½-year service, Mull signed a contract with the Cubs as a catcher and began his baseball odyssey in Quincy, Ill.

Mull was named to the Class A Midwest League's all-star team in his first season, 1969, and again the next year playing for San Antonio in the Texas League. In 1975, while with the Class AAA Phoenix Giants of the Pacific Coast League, Mull was named a player-coach.

The following season, his playing days ended after 7 years and his career as a manager began. He ended up working 38 years in professional baseball, from 1969 to 2006.

The highlight came in 1985 when Mull was named the bullpen coach with the Giants' Major League team in San Francisco. After that season, the Giants did a complete reorganization and Mull ended up back in the minors as a manager.

Among the other highlights:

- As a Minor League manager, Mull's teams earned over 1,250 victories
- He was the Texas League all-star manager in 1987 and 1988
- Mull was the Manager of the Year in the Midwest League in 1993
- 10 of his teams had a winning percentage above .500 and 7 made the playoffs
- He was employed for 6 years with the Cubs, 20 for the Giants and 12 for the Cleveland Indians
- He coached the Holland National Team in Amsterdam for 6 weeks in 1999
- Mull was inducted into the South Central Chapter of the PA Sports Hall of Fame in 2008.

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STEVE MOORE



This ought to paint a picture of how dominant Steve Moore was in the high jump in his senior year at Chambersburg, in 1979.

At the District 3 Championships, Moore did not even attempt a jump until the bar was raised to 6 feet, 6 inches. He cleared that height on his first attempt, and nobody else in the field could manage a clean jump at 6-6.

So, Moore competed against himself, finally setting a district record of 7 feet and ¼ of an inch.
He cleared that same height the following weekend in the PIAA Championships, 7-0.25, to win a state title and set a PIAA mark that lasted for many years.

Because his father was in the military, Moore lived in several different places while growing up. While in El Paso, Tx., Moore was introduced to the high jump in the fifth grade, and it took hold. In the seventh grade, he switched from the scissors-style jump to the Fosbury Flop, which is the style most-used today.

The family moved to Germany and Moore kept improving. As a sophomore, he reached 6 feet, 2 inches, was a national age-group champion and was named to the All-European team.

By the following year, his father got stationed at Letterkenny Army Depot, and Moore was welcomed to the Trojan track & field team in 1978.

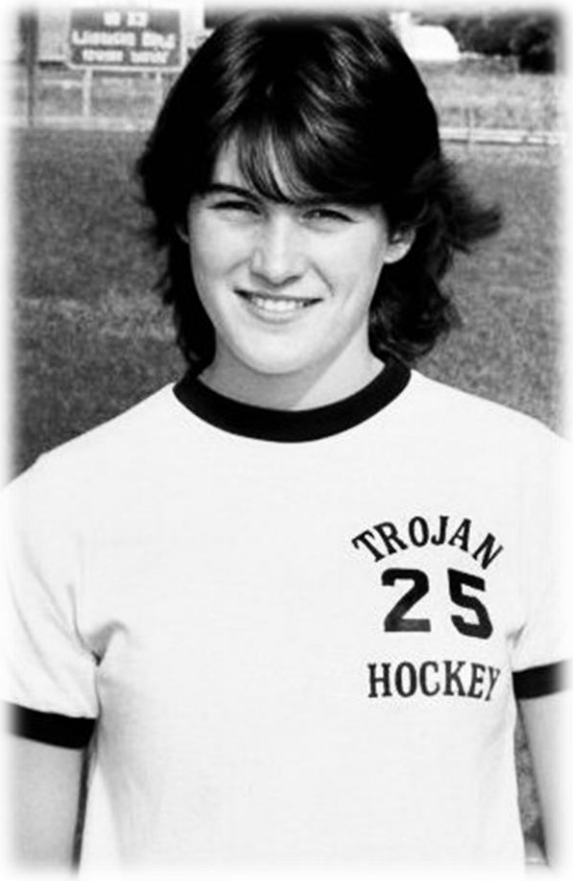
“The town of Chambersburg welcomed me so kindly,” Moore said, “for not being a local kid.”

In 1978 as a junior, Moore jumped a height of 6-8 to win a District 3 gold medal, and at the PIAA meet, his 6-8 effort earned him a tie for second place. He improved even more before his senior season, and in a dual meet on April 18, Moore cleared 7-1, setting a school, stadium and league record, which turned out to be his top height in high school. After breezing through District 3, Moore won the PIAA title – just the second-ever for Chambersburg (Tim Cook was the first) – with his effort of 7-0.25, beating David Clayton of Derry, who managed 6-10.

In all that spring, Moore hit jumps of at least 7-0 on 10 occasions, and he was named a H.S. All-American.
Moore said, “I’m really thankful to coach Dick Nye, who raised money for me to travel and compete in big national meets,” such as the Penn Relays, the Atlanta Classic and the Golden West Invitational in Sacramento, CA.
Moore, who stood 6-foot-5, was also a quality basketball player for the Trojans. Memorably, he was one of several players to try to guard Lebanon’s 6-11 Sam Bowie – a future NBA player – in a District 3 playoff game. Moore had numerous offers to compete in college, and ended up choosing the University of Georgia over Kentucky. While there, he was an All-SEC honoree eight times (4 indoor, 4 outdoor), won an SEC title and set a record, and competed on the USA Junior team. His personal-best jump was 7-5.25.

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CARLA (SHEARER) CHRISTIAN



Carla (Shearer) Christian kept busy in athletics during her time at Chambersburg, playing on 10 varsity teams – 4 in field hockey and 3 each in basketball and softball – and she excelled for each of them.

"I looked up to my two older sisters (Carmel and Caryn) from the time I was young and wanted so much to be like them," Christian said. "They were my first role models, and their influence helped shape not only the athlete I became, but also the love of sports that has stayed with me."

Christian not only performed at a high level, but she helped make her teams successful, too.

In field hockey, the Trojans won a South Central Athletic League title in her junior year and a Mid Penn Division I crown as a senior, and played in the District 3 tournament both years. In basketball, Chambersburg played in the District 3 tournament all 3 years – finishing as a runner-up in 1982 — and qualified for states once. In softball, the Trojans were second in District 3 in 1983 and took third place in states.

Of the three sports, field hockey was perhaps Christian's best sport.

Former CASHS coach Cheryl Reed said then, "Carla's almost phenomenal for a high school athlete for the sense of hockey she has and her athletic ability. She has good hockey awareness and understands the game."

Christian played center halfback and was picked for the Public Opinion first team all-star team in all three years and was also a Mid Penn all-star. She scored 8 goals over her final two seasons.

In basketball, Christian was a tough defensive guard who in her senior season averaged 11.2 points and 5.2 assists per game, and made 49 steals.

Softball was a relatively new sport for the Trojans, and Christian started 3 years at second base and one at shortstop. She was selected for the Mid Penn Div. I all-star team.

"Being a Trojan meant competing with pride, supporting one another and representing our school with heart," Christian said.

Success didn't slow down in college; in fact, it got even better. Christian played 4 years each in field hockey and basketball at Bloomsburg University and was inducted into the Huskies' Hall of Fame in 2003. With Christian on the team, Bloomsburg won two NCAA Division III field hockey championships and was the runner-up in the other two seasons. She was named an All-American in 1985 and 1986, and was selected as a member of the 25th Anniversary Team for NCAA Div. III. Christian scored 15 goals and had 15 assists in 1986 and finished with 27 goals and 29 assists in her career (29 assists was a school record at the time).

In basketball, Christian ended her career with 889 points (13th on the Huskies' career list), 334 assists (5th) and 184 steals (9th). She won the 1987 Elenor Rae Award as Bloomsburg's Outstanding Senior Female Athlete.

Christian has worked at the Chambersburg YMCA for the last 24 years, including the last 11 as the Executive Director.

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TERRI YEAGER



In Terri Yeager's time at Chambersburg – she graduated in 1970 — girls sports were just starting to expand their foothold. That makes it harder to produce a wealth of numbers or honors to show how good of an athlete Yeager was.

But trust us, she was a trailblazer for girls and women's sports and would have thrived on the fields and courts had she come through school at a later time.

When Yeager was at CASHS, the only girls sports were field hockey and basketball, plus one event in track & field. She played them all, including running the third leg of the 4 x 100 girls relay in track. The girls teams played only 8-10 games per season, and there were no such things as playoffs or all-star honors.

In field hockey, Yeager led her team in scoring with 7 goals in 1968. In her senior season, she set a school record for scoring in a basketball game, dropping in 41 points (28 from the field, 13-for-15 at the foul line) in a win over Fannett-Metal. She also set records that year for points in a season (161) and career (316).

After graduating, Yeager worked for Stanley Company manufacturing for 4 years. But she was then convinced to come to Wilson College and play field hockey and basketball under coach Marlys Palmer, who had also coached her in high school.

"Dorothy Wauls, Judy Caldwell and Ginger Secrist were coaches who influenced me, but the most influential was Coach Palmer," Yeager said. "She's probably the reason I'm the person I am today."

Yeager played 4 years of field hockey for Wilson and was selected to the Central Penn tournament team twice. She also played 4 years of basketball and she was good enough to be offered a spot on a semi-pro team, which she declined.

After college, Yeager remained a busy athletic competitor in the Chambersburg area. She became a teacher at Scotland School for Veterans Children, keeping that job for 31 years, and coached the field hockey, basketball and volleyball teams. Outside of school, Yeager played with the Franklin County Field Hockey Club from 1980-1993 and was invited to compete in two National Field Hockey Festivals.

She also became a local star in slow pitch softball, starting in 1971 and playing until 1996. Her first team, the Chamberettes, compiled a 51-game win streak, and she also won league championships with Hughes Superthrift, Canada Dry and Coors Light.

Yeager served as the president of the Chambersburg Women's Softball League for 6 years. She also stayed in touch with sports by becoming a PIAA official, working games for 34 years in field hockey and 10 in basketball.

Yeager also enjoyed watching her two daughters – Stephanie (VanBrakle) Prothro, who was inducted to the 2024 class of the Chambersburg Hall of Fame, and Monica (Yeager) Miller – play sports at CASHS.

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1989 GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

Chambersburg's girls' cross-country teams in the late 1980s won just about every meet they ran in … except for an elusive PIAA Championship. The Trojans placed third and second in the two years prior to 1989, so it almost seemed like destiny for the team to get that final reward.

And the Trojans ran a quality race that November day at Lehigh University. But they had to wait an agonizing 45 minutes to know what their fate would be.

The delay was for meet officials to tally the scores and make sure everything was correct. But it was a long 45 minutes.

Beth Muehl, the Trojans' No. 5 runner, said that day, "When you're out there running, you're doing everything possible to help you do what you want. But when you have to wait, there's just nothing you can do. You feel helpless."

The wait turned out to be worth it. Chambersburg totaled 171 points to 218 for runner-up Williamsport and 324 for third-place Altoona.

Kristie Guldin was the top runner for the Trojans, taking 5th place in a time of 18:31. It was the highest finish at states for a Chambersburg girls runner to that point.

The other scoring runners were Aundrea Helman (27th in 19:32), Dani Groce (36th in 19:39), Kelly Custis (45th in 19:47) and Muehl (58th in 20:03).

The other two runners who competed were Betsy Graybar (109) and JuliAnn Hopkins (145th).

"All of them ran their best times," said the late coach Tim Cook that day. "I'm not really surprised because I thought we were ready for this."

That state title was the perfect cap on a strong four-year run. From 1986 to 1989, Chambersburg was 39-0 in dual meets, competed in 20 invitationals and placed first in all but one of them, and captured four District 3 crowns. They finished ranked No. 10 in the U.S.

Here are a few reflections:

Groce: "Being on that team instilled a sense of being involved with something much bigger than myself. Within that setting, a sense of comfort, confidence and cooperation was allowed to grow."

Helman: "The closeness of that group – the camaraderie, the sportsmanship, the genuine love we had for one another – is something I've never experienced again in all my years of running."

Custis: "After my last race, a coach from another team pulled me aside and told me, 'I had run like a senior today.' That compliment meant more to me than any medal I ever earned."

Graybar: "Everyone was always happy to be there and ran with enthusiasm, even on the harder workout days. We spent a lot of time talking and connecting while pounding out the miles, which made it fun."

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