

Subject: Nomination for 2014 Airport High School Hall of Fame

Name: Ron Hatcher

Graduation Year: 1956

Ron was outstanding athlete in 3 sports at Airport High School (Football, Basketball & Baseball). His strongest sport was Basketball. As a junior he led Monroe County in scoring.

Meyer's Three TDs Pace Jet 28-7 Win

(Special to The Evening News)

NORTH ADAMS — Trailing 7-0 at the half against the big North Adams elected, Coach Bill Wilson's Airport Community Jets, led by the sparkling runs of Co-Captain Herb Meyer, scored four big touchdowns in the last half to win, 28-7, here Friday night. The victory gave the Jets a 5-2-1 season record with the school entering the Southeastern Michigan Conference next fall.

Meyer, hurt in the opening game with Saline and playing little since, turned in a great bit of running in his final high school game. He scored three touchdowns and a conversion point to lead the Airport rally. Big Robert Allen, also playing his final game although a junior, was an outstanding performer all the way. Allen will be too old to compete another year. Jim Whiteside, Earl Wiseman and Paul Johnson were other stalwarts for the Jets.

It was Johnson who turned the tide to the Jets. The first period was scoreless with North Adams led by the 190-pound fullback, Hulett, starting a second quarter drive. Quarterback Bob Duncan tossed a 15-yard flat pass to Hulett and he rambled 50 yards more for a touchdown. Duncan added the point and it was 7-0.

Airport kicked off to start the second half and forced North Adams back to their own 10. Preston, back to punt, got a high pass from center and Johnson, a tackle, recovered in the end zone for a touchdown. Ronnie Anson added the point to tie the score. Then Meyer took over.

Meyer returned a punt to the 45 and, alternating, with Ramsey, Clarence Frankhouse and Anson, took the ball to the North Adams 25. Meyer, turning end, was downed on the one-yard line but scored on the next play and Ramsey bucked for the point. Another march, all on the ground, went to the North Adams 15 and Meyers slanted off tackle to score. He also added the point.

In the last 4 minutes, Anson reeled off a 40-yard gain to the North Adams 20 and Meyer went around end for the score. Dale Hause sneaked over for the final point.

AIRPORT COMMUNITY 28

Ends—Whiteside, Hatcher, Hanzy, Gaynier.

Tackles—Johnson, R. Allen, Spalding, N. Allen.

Guards—Fleming, Jobe, Ploeger Hollister.

Centers—Wiseman.

Backs—Hause, Frankhouse, Ramsey, Meyer, Anson.

NORTH ADAMS 7

Ends—C. Towe, D. Seely, A. Arbogast.

Tackles—Henvy, Sanders, Giel, Smith.

Guards—Taylor, Thornton.

Centers—Arbogast, Snider.

Backs—Duncan, Preston, Hulett, Dunbar, Williams.

Score by Periods:

Airport Community . . . 0 0 14 14—28

North Adams . . . 0 7 0 0—7

Touchdowns—Meyer 3, Johnson, Hulett.

Points After Touchdowns—Duncan

(placekick); Anson, Meyer, Ramsey, Hause

(runs).

Ronnie Hatcher
4 letter
man in football

Sophomore



Jets Lose Only Three Seniors

Airport Waits

(Special to The Evening News)

CARLETON — Two factors that worked against Airport Community in the recent season, its worst in history, may become assets next year.

The Jets of Coach William T. Wilson had 15 returning lettermen at the start of the 1954 campaign. And they were big and fast.

But instead of the winning record that everyone expected, the Newport-South Rockwood-Carleton consolidated school went into a tailspin. They failed to score in three straight mid-season encounters and they wound up with a 2-6 mark.

Next year Airport is certain to be much more lightly regarded. But Coach Wilson has nearly the same potential as he had this season and if the boys play up to their capabilities, the Jets could pull some surprises.

The second element that blocked Airport was youth. The 1954 squad was big and fast but many of its members were juniors and only a few were seasoned performers.

Next year that same youth will allow all but three of the 17 lettermen named by Coach Wilson to return with a year's growth and experience.

The Jets have elected Ron Hatcher and Jim Whiteside, a pair of ends who have played since Airport out of the doldrums in 1955. Hatcher is a fine receiver and blocker and plays a defensive half-back.

Whiteside co-captained the 1954 squad with Jerry Spalding, a hard-running fullback who was bothered by injuries. The 1955 leaders scored three touchdowns between them. Most Valuable Player and Most Improved Player awards will be given at the spring athletic banquet.

Coach Wilson, who has compiled a brilliant record in seven campaigns at Airport, finally had the bad season that sooner or later strikes every coach — often without warning. The 1954 Jets set or tied six school records for ineffective play.

Nevertheless, Coach Wilson's career stands at 32 wins and 23 losses for a .582 percentage. It was 30-17 before the last go-round which marked only his second losing season.

In addition to the poorest win-loss mark in Airport history, the slowed-down Jets set a new record for most points-against with 138 and tied the 1949 club for fewest points-scored at 66.

Consecutive losses to Bedford Rural Ag, Catholic Central and Hillsdale in mid-season was the first such stretch for Airport and the club failed to score in all three games for another undesirable mark.

The sixth record was for the biggest losing margin, a 40-0 loss to Bedford which duplicated a 40-0 reversal at the hands of the Mules five years ago. Bedford also holds a 41-6 win over the Jets for the

most points scored against Airport in a single game.

High-scoring honors went to full-back-quarterback Clarence Frankhouse, a junior who counted four touchdowns and an extra point for 25 markers. His best game and the squad's top performance came in a 22-7 victory over a strong Grosse Ile club.

The Bedford contest Oct. 1, which opened the initial season of Southeastern Michigan Conference play for the Jets, was the turning point of the campaign. Airport suffered a 40-0 lacing and never came back.

AIRPORT SEASON

	Airport	Opp.
Sept. 17—Saline	12	13
Sept. 24—Grosse Ile (a)	22	7
Oct. 1—Bedford Rural (a)	0	40
Oct. 8—Cath. Central	0	19
Oct. 15—Hillsdale	0	7
Oct. 22—Tecumseh (a)	19	9
Oct. 29—Ida Rural (a)	0	25
Nov. 5—Manchester (a)	12	10

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Southeastern Michigan Conference

Individual Scoring

	TD	PAT	TP
Frankhouse	4	1	25
Hatcher	2	0	12
C. Ramsey	1	1	7
Belanger	1	1	7
Whiteside	1	0	6
Tilley	1	0	6
Price	0	1	1

Letter Winners

Co-Captain Jerry Spalding, Bob Hollister and Bob Reed, seniors, Co-Captain Jim Whiteside, Co-Captain-Elect Ron Hatcher, Earl Witeman, George Mell, Norman Allen, John Jobe, Ron Ansen, Clarence Frankhouse and Ron Brethner, Juniors; Stanley Rogers, Doug Ramsey and Charles Ramsey, sophomores; Ted Price and Larry Dolinger, freshmen.

Reserve Awards

Craig Reeve, Doug McComas, George Tilley, Lloyd Lambrix, Charles Lambrix, Jim Connally, Roger Hoog, Ed Angulum, Anthony Ourham, Bill Kalbaum, Leslie Griffith, Jerry Tilley, Bob Haut, Chuck Saunders, Ron Keilman, Jim Fish, Roger Carne, Ray Doede, Jerry Harvell, Bob Beck, John Rogers, Grant Stewart, Ron Masserant, Joe Hamilton and Jerry Kuderick.

Managers

Connie and Glen Hopgood and Larry Hoffman.



JIM WHITESIDE

RON HATCHER

—Evening News Photos

Airport's Ron Hatcher Leads Area Scorers

A pair of juniors, Ron Hatcher of Airport and Calvin Smith of Ida, finished one-two in the final individual scoring record of Monroe a prep basketball teams. With the exception of two weeks, they have paced the top fifteen throughout the season and both will track next year. In fact, five of the top fifteen have another year of high school eligibility.

Hatcher finished the regular season with a total of 302 points in 16 games, an average of 18.9 points per game. He has one or more tournament games to play in addition to the school scoring record which was set a year ago by Bob Allen at 283 points. Allen played in 19 games. Hatcher tied Allen's single game record of 29

points when Airport lost to Ford Mules, 58-57, on the court.

Smith finished the regular season with 282 points in 16 games and a per game average of 17.6. His best single game production was 26 against Onsted in the Little Six tournament game Jan. 20 at Adrian. Ida's season and single game records are the 394 and 55 points respectively tallied by George Nieman in 1951.

Seniors took the next three places with Don Mathews of Flat Rock at 17.2, Dale Losee of Milan at 16.9 and Ron Janssen of Ida at 16.7. Mathews had 25 points against Milan to tie his own school single game record for the third time. Losee set a new Milan single game mark with 32 points against Chelsea Feb. 4 while Janssen's top single game was 28 against Deerfield Feb. 11.

Dick Vigliotti of Catholic Central (No. 5) and Harold Schankin of Summerfield (No. 7) also set individual single game scoring records for their schools with 39 and 34 points respectively.

Dundee has three of the top fifteen in Paul Dean, Lonnie O'Lone and Ron LaMonde while Ida, Rural, Airport, Catholic Central, Summerfield and Bedford each have two, Flat Rock and Milan each have one with Monroe's Trojans shut out. Dave Spangler leads the Trojans with an even 10.0 points average.

Top Fifteen

	G	Pts	Ave
Ron Hatcher, Airport	16	302	18.9
Calvin Smith, Ida	16	282	17.6
Don Mathews, Flat Rock	14	241	17.2
Dale Losee, Milan	14	236	16.9
Ron Janssen, Ida	13	217	16.7
Dick Vigliotti, CC	14	239	14.9
Harold Schankin, Sum.	14	226	14.8
Paul Dean, Dundee	16	220	13.8
John Rollman, Bedford	15	194	12.9
Lonnie O'Lone, Dundee	16	197	12.3
Charles Lemerand, CC	14	193	12.1
Ron Breitner, Airport	16	188	11.8
Ron Goshma, Bedford	15	166	11.1
Ron LaMonde, Dundee	16	173	10.8
Bill Odneal, Sum.	13	133	10.2

Season Records

	W	L	Pts	Opp	Pct.
Dundee	13	3	924	773	.813
Ida	11	5	870	796	.688
Flat Rock	8	6	751	728	.571
Bedford	8	7	815	848	.533
Cath. Cent.	8	8	930	971	.500
Summerfield	8	8	851	862	.500
Milan	7	8	752	760	.467
Airport	7	9	870	886	.438

good basketball and once more turning in a big quarter, captured the school's first class B district championship here Saturday night by beating Airport Community's Jets, 58-42, in the tournament finals. Coach John Magiera's Vikings will continue their state title quest in the strong field of B entries at Livonia-Bentley High School this week. It is only the second year of competition for the Vikings in class B but district titles in basketball are no novelty as the Vikings were consistent title holders in class C.

The Vikings, who shared the Huron League championship with Chelsea's Bulldogs and Saline's Hornets, will be the only one of the three in regional play although both Chelsea and Saline competed in class C. The Hornets were defeated by Napoleon, 62-59, in an overtime tilt here Saturday night while Chelsea was upset, 53-48, by Ypsilanti Roosevelt in the tournament finals at Ypsilanti Saturday night. Roosevelt tied for sixth place in the Huron League and lost twice to Chelsea during the regular season, 70-49 and 57-58. But the Bulldogs couldn't make it three straight.

Coach Magiera, handling his first Dundee quintet after six years at Chelsea, used his starting five of Lonnie O'Lone, Paul Dean, Larry Busch, Carl Popelar and Ron LaMonde almost all the way against the Jets. Jerry Wenzel replaced Popelar for three seconds of the

first half when Popelar collected four personal fouls in the second quarter. Popelar returned at the start of the second half and played until Coach Magiera substituted for all five starters with a minute and ten seconds to play. The Vikings chances against the Jets who are capable of running up points in a hurry.

The Jets, coached by John Shadford, used only six players un-

Drawings at 4 P.M.

(Special to The Evening News)

LIVONIA — Drawings for the class B regional tournament will be made at 4 p.m. today with Dundee, Redford Union, Redford St. Mary, Inkster, River Rouge and Ecorse as the competing teams. Two games will be played Wednesday night with the semi-finals Friday and the finals Saturday.

til Shadford conceded defeat with a minute and a half to play.

The Vikings stopped the drives of Ron Hatcher by plugging up the middle and the key man in the maneuver was Busch who turned in probably his best game of the season. Busch turned the trick without drawing a foul and he contributed 14 points on offense. Another stalwart for the Vikings in the title game was the junior, Carl Popelar, who played the pivot. Paul Dean topped the Viking scorers with 19 points with LaMonde hitting for 12 points. O'Lone, top scorer with 21 points against Tecumseh, had only five in the final game. All came in the third period. Hatcher led the Jets with 16, Ron Breitner and Jim Whiteside each getting 10.

The teams traded baskets at the start with Dean hitting four free throws in succession to send Dundee into a 12-6 lead. A stolen ball by Hatcher and a fast break dribble cut the score to 13-8 at the quarter.

A three-point play by Whiteside when fouled by Popelar and baskets by Ron Breitner and Clarence Frankhouse put the Jets back in contention. They trailed 13-11

Vikings Enter Strong Field at Livonia-Bentley

Dundee Wins B Title

Vikings, Jets in Finals

Five Jets Complete Three-Year Careers

Airport Has 8-9 Season

(Special to The Evening News)

CARLETON—Airport Community, a veteran squad that never quite realized its potential, finished the recent basketball campaign with an 8-9 record.

Coach John Shadford, dean of sea cage mentors, today announced recipients of nine varsity, four junior varsity and nine reserve letters.

At times his Jets were brilliant but they lacked consistency, especially away from home. Airport knocked Hillsdale out of a tie for the Southeastern Michigan Conference crown in its final regular season tilt, but the squad blew a late lead against Tecumseh in the Class B District Tournament.

The Jet season can be sliced into two halves, one embracing the first 10 games and the other covering the last seven tilts. Airport was 4-6 for the initial period and closed with a 4-3 burst.

Big difference came in the scoring department. The Jets failed to hit 55 points or better during their first 10 games and fell be-

low that figure only once the rest of the way.

High point of the campaign came Feb. 3 when the Shadford-men rolled up 77 points against Monroe Catholic Central for a school record. It broke the mark

Three-Year Jets

	1954	1955	1956	Tot.
Hatcher	113	330	249	697
Breitner	72	212	174	458
Whiteside	128	130	68	326
Frankhouse	44	118	158	320
Jabe	7	16	31	45

of 76 set Jan. 28, 1953, against Dexter. Gary Adair, Junior Tolen, Everett Reeves and George Maxwell all hit double figures that night.

The recent crew continued its high scoring four days later by notching 76 tallies against Huron Township and posting the club's third straight triumph.

Coach Shadford faces a near-complete rebuilding job next season. Eight of the nine varsity letterwinners are seniors, five of them members of the squad since their sophomore years.

The "Big Five," reduced in effectiveness because they lacked a tall rebounder, included Ron Hatcher, Ron Breitner, Jim Whiteside, Clarence Frankhouse and John Jabe.

Hatcher, a hard-working forward, completed a brilliant three years, although he failed to equal his scoring of last season. His 249 points led the squad and his 697 tallies are a career record for Airport.

Breitner, an excellent shot, and Frankhouse, a speedy guard, ranked 2-3 in the scoring department. Whiteside was limited first by a hernia operation and later by a knee injury.

Others receiving varsity letters were George Mell, Earl Wiseman and Gordon McLaughlin, seniors, and Ted Price, sophomore. JV awards went to Lloyd Lambrix, Glen Colver and Stanley Rogers, juniors, and George Campbell, sophomore.

Coach Bill Leach gave Reserve letters to Don Sherman, David Dumont, Charles Sanders, Ron Masserant, Leslie Griffith, Larry Belanger, John Kuderick, Larry Leforce and Jerry Tuley.

Hatcher was named the squad's Most Valuable Player with Frankhouse and Breitner honored as co-captains.

AIRPORT SEASON

Dec. 2—Belleville (a)	49	36
Dec. 9—Cath. Cent.	53	39*
Dec. 16—Hillsdale (a) X	53	46*
Dec. 20—Dundee (a)	49	62
Jan. 6—Bedford Public	48	46*
Jan. 10—Grosse Ile (a)	48	46
Jan. 13—Tecumseh (a) X	45	54*
Jan. 17—Huron Twp. (a) X	43	45
Jan. 20—Riverview (a)	46	57
Jan. 24—Saline	53	50
Jan. 31—Grosse Ile	61	49
Feb. 3—Cath. Cent. (a)	77	51*
Feb. 7—Huron Twp.	76	60
Feb. 10—Bedford Pub. (a)	53	60*
Feb. 17—Tecumseh	42	63*
Feb. 24—Hillsdale	60	44*
Mar. 9—Tecumseh (a)	57	63*

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* Southeastern Michigan Conference
X Overtime
Class B District at Tecumseh

Individual Scoring

	G	FG	FT	PF	Pts.	Ave.
Hatcher	17	88	73-118	40	249	14.7
Breitner	17	71	32-53	35	174	10.2
Frankhouse	17	63	22-38	50	158	9.3
Whiteside	12	25	16-26	34	68	5.7
Price	16	34	18-45	32	36	5.4
McLaughlin	15	21	29-43	24	71	4.7
Jabe	17	10	11-23	43	31	1.8
Wiseman	13	7	5-11	20	19	1.5
Rogers	10	6	3-9	7	14	1.4
Lambrix	5	1	2-6	4	4	0.8
Campbell	4	1	0-1	2	2	0.5
Colver	6	1	0-1	1	2	0.3
Mell	8	0	2-4	1	2	0.3