



Induction Ceremony
January 26, 2013

*Inaugural Ironton Fighting Tiger
Hall of Fame Inductions*

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Welcome **Rick McKnight**
Secretary/Treasurer HOFc

Explanation: Hall of Fame **Mark LaFon**
Athletic Director/Chairman HOFc

Master of Ceremony **Jason Philyaw**

Blazer Presentation **Coy Bacon**

Presented by: Dean Nance

Mike Burcham

Presented by: Rick McKnight

Ken Fritz

Presented by: John Wolfe

Bob Lutz

Presented by: Tim Thomas

George McAfee

Presented by: Mark LaFon

Closing Remarks **Mark Lafon**

Inductees

Coy Bacon

Coy Bacon was an outstanding football and basketball player at Ironton High School who went on to play at Jackson State. He then played a year of minor league football for the Charleston Rockets where he was discovered by a Dallas Cowboys' scout and signed to the team's taxi squad.



When starting defensive tackle Roger Brown went down with an injury, the Los Angeles Rams traded for Bacon in 1968. He became a starter on the defensive line and was part of the Fearsome Foursome that included Lamar Lundy and future Hall of Fame players Deacon Jones and Merlin Olsen.

He had 11 quarterback sacks in 1971 and was voted second team All-Pro and the team's Defensive Lineman of the Year. He was second team All-Pro again in 1972.

In 1973, San Diego needed a pass rusher and traded for Bacon. It was during that season he returned an interception 80 yards for his only career touchdown.

He was traded to the Cincinnati Bengals in 1976 and set a then-NFL record with 21.5 sacks. The original total was 26 but was downgraded by the NFL. He was voted the Bengals' Most Valuable Player, was a second-team All-Pro, and was selected to the Pro Bowl.

Washington traded for Bacon in 1978 where he set a franchise record with 15 sacks in 1979 and had 11 the next year. He finished his career with the Washington Federals of the USFL.

Mike Burcham

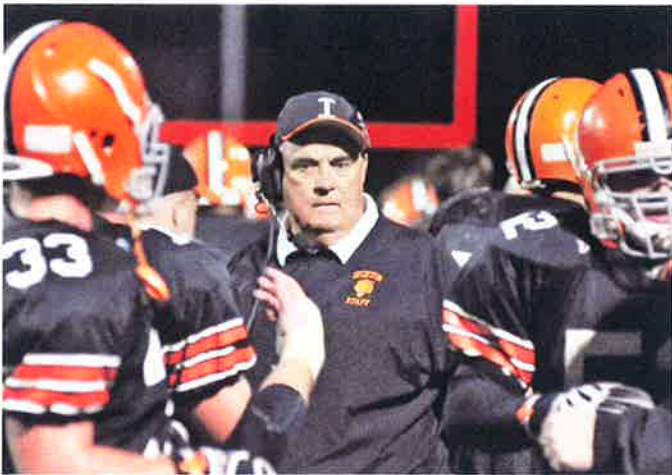
Mike Burcham is a 1961 graduate of Ironton High School where he played football and baseball.

Burcham went to the University of Rio Grande where he was a standout catcher in baseball. He set the school's all-time home run record that still stands and was elected to the school's Hall of Fame.

Burcham was the head baseball coach at Ironton for 17 years and posted a 323-129 record. His teams won seven league championships, 10 sectionals, four districts, one regional, and the 1972 Class AA state championship.

He was elected to the Ohio High School Baseball Coaches Association's Hall of Fame.

A long-time football assistant coach, Burcham also served as the school's athletic director for 30 years and was elected to the Ohio High School Athletic Directors' Hall of Fame.



Ken Fritz

Ken Fritz was a three-year football starter at Ironton High School where he played on two play-off teams. He was named the 1975 Associated Press Ohio Class AA Lineman of the Year. He was also voted the SEOAL Co-Player of the Year, a rare accomplishment for a lineman.

Fritz played at Ohio State and was a four-year letter winner and a three-year starter at guard. He was named first team All-Big Ten in 1978 and 1979, and was a two-time first-team Associated Press All-American. He was also a two-time team captain.

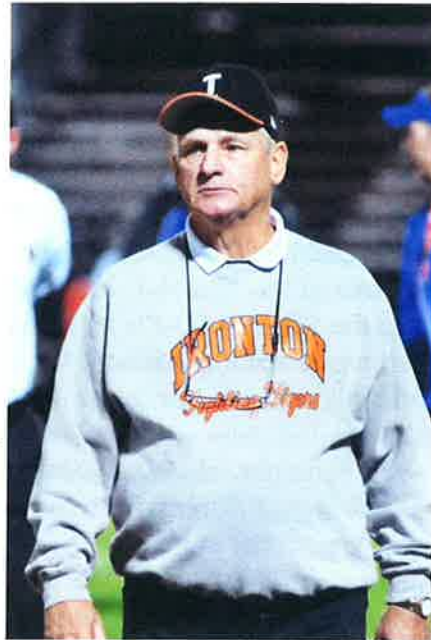
Fritz helped lead Ohio State to the Big Ten championship in 1979, an 11-0 regular season, and a berth in the Rose Bowl. Top-ranked Ohio State lost 17-16 to Southern Cal, costing the Buckeyes the national championship.

Fritz was later drafted in the 10th round of the NFL draft by the Super Bowl champion Pittsburgh Steelers.



Bob Lutz

Bob Lutz retired as the Ironton High School head football coach in 2012 as the Ohio High School all-time leader in victories. He had a 381-91-5 record for a career that spanned three years as the head coach at Ironton St. Joseph and 39 at Ironton. His record at St. Joseph was 20-8-1 and 361-83-4 at Ironton.



His teams at Ironton qualified for the postseason playoffs 28 times, and his playoff record was 43-26.

Lutz coached Ironton to state championships in 1979 (Class AA) and 1989 (Division III). He had six teams finish as state runners-up (1973, 1982, 1988, 1992, 1993, 1999) and 10 teams were state semifinalists.

Lutz was a two-time Associated Press Coach of the Year, and he was elected to the Ohio High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame as well as the National High School Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

Lutz became the all-time wins leader when Ironton beat Nelsonville-York 32-12 on Oct. 23, 2009, at Tanks Memorial Stadium for victory 361. He passed former Hamilton Badin coach Terry Malone.

A 1961 graduate of St. Joseph, Lutz signed with Marshall University and was slated to start in the secondary position as a freshman when a knee injury ended his playing career.

George McAfee

George McAfee led Ironton High School to an undefeated season in 1935 and was named first team All-Ohio. He then went to Duke University where he was a two-time All-American.



After college, McAfee played for the Chicago Bears and legendary coach George Halas who called him "the greatest running back I ever saw."

The second pick overall in the 1940 draft, McAfee played from 1940-41 and 1945-50 with his career interrupted by a stint in the military due to World War II.

During his career, he scored 234 points, gained 5,313 combined yards, intercepted 25 passes in eight seasons, held the record for punt return average at 12.78 yards, and was the NFL punt return champion.

He led the league with a 7.3 yards per carry average during his rookie season and scored 12 touchdowns in an 11-game season.

Known for his explosive speed, McAfee was on three NFL championship teams, and was named All-Pro three times, and to the 1940s All-Decade Team. He was enshrined into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1966.

His No. 5 jersey was retired by the Bears.

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