



**SCOTTY WILSON  
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR & COACH 1972-1987**

When Scotty Wilson arrived at Portage Central as teacher, coach and new athletic director in 1972, Title IX had just become law; which among other things, allowed girls the same opportunities as the boys on the athletic fields. During Scotty's tenure, Portage Central's athletic program more than doubled in size. Scotty was the guiding force in establishing and enhancing the Portage Central girls programs, plus adding swimming, soccer and ice hockey to the athletic program. More importantly, Scotty's gregarious personality and tireless work ethic, coupled with Scotty's basic coaching philosophy; "run a great program and compete with class," elevated the Mustang Athletic Department to the highly respected and competitive level that it remains today. *Biggest thrill in athletics- "having my parents be supportive and encouraging about my endeavors.*

**PORTAGE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL and OTHER HONORS**

**Portage Central High School**

- Served as Athletic Director from 1972-1987
- Varsity Basketball Coach from 1972-1980. He retired from coaching, due to health reasons, with an overall winning record, including a Big 8 Conference Championship in 1977. Scotty's coaching philosophy can best be described by one of his favorite sayings, "there is no "I" in team".
- Volunteer Baseball assistant coach from 1998 to the present.
- Volunteer Football scoreboard and timing from 1987 to the present

**Other Achievements and Honors**

- Played shortstop for Western Michigan University from 1948-1951. Scotty played on three MAC Championship teams and earned All-MAC honors in 1951. He also captained the 1951 team.

- Scotty was drafted by the St. Louis Browns and played one summer in their system until being drafted into the U.S. military in the fall of 1951.
- Taught and coached in the Kalamazoo Public School System from 1954-1970.
- Inducted as a member of the WMU Athletic Hall of Fame in 1988
- Inducted into the Kalamazoo Central Athletic Hall of Fame in 2008
- Selected as the WMU "W" Club "Man of the Year" in 1987
- Served as a volunteer assistant baseball coach at WMU from 1989-1997
- Past president of the Michigan Sports Sages and serves on their Board of Directors.
- Observes and evaluates umpires at all MAC baseball games at WMU for the past 14 years.

