



## Lowell Matteson- Class of 1932

Considered one of the best Michigan HS basketball players of his era. Spending two years at the basketball varsity level, Lowell led Portage High School to a 43 -1 record which included one state championship in 1932. So impressive were his exploits on the basketball court, the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan (BCAM) selected Lowell Matteson as its "Retro" Mr. Basketball for 1932 (all classes).

As a baseball player, Lowell was a starter at shortstop in 1931 & 32, and helped Portage High win the County championship his senior year. After high school, Lowell went on to play and coach on both city basketball and baseball teams. During that time he led multiple teams to city championships and also had an opportunity to play against the Harlem Globetrotters.

**Biggest thrill in sports:** *leading the Portage High School basketball team to the 1932 class D basketball state championship.*

- Lowell led the team in scoring with 231 points (10.0 average) and to an undefeated (23-0) season culminating in the 1932 MHSAA Boy's Class D State Basketball Championship.
- During the 3 games of the State Finals, Lowell led all of the more than 175 participating tournament players, including all classes, in scoring with 36 points.
- In the 2 years that Lowell started on the Varsity Basketball team, Portage High School recorded a won loss record of 43-1 losing to the eventual state champion in the 1931 Regional Finals.
- Lowell served as Captain of the 1932 team.

### Other Distinctions

- A starter at shortstop for the 1931 and 1932 Portage High School Baseball team.
- After high school, Lowell participated for the next 15-20 years in both basketball and baseball as a player, player/coach, and player/manager with many City of Kalamazoo Recreational League championship teams. During this time period, he also played in many of the annual Milk fund Charity Basketball Events featuring locally known All-Stars playing against the World Famous Harlem Globetrotters.
- Lowell passed away on June 4, 1990 at the age of 76.