

HOWARD 'TINY'OTT-Class of 1932
Coaching-Football-Baseball-Track

Tiny was a four-year letter winner in football. His senior year in 1932, they finished 5-5 overall. The same year the West Branch Conference was formed. Muncy came in second with wins in schools in the West Branch Valley. Big wins were 20-6 over Hughesville and a 22-6 victory over Montoursville. Tiny was one of three Muncy players honored on the West Branch all-conference team. He played both ways at left tackle and was known for his hard hitting on defense while he opened big holes for his running backs on offense. Coach Dan Staley had high praise for his stellar play.

Tiny lettered three-years on the track team and specialized in the shot put and javelin. His teams won first place in 1930 at the Lycoming County Track meet and finished runner-up in his senior year, 1932.

Tiny in the late 1950's coached the 13-15 West Branch Intermediate baseball team before moving up to the 16-18 year olds who competed in the eight-team Central League. The Muncy team was sponsored by the AFL-CIO, Local 3181(USW). Muncy won the championship in 1962 when they went 19-1 as they won 14 in a row before losing to Jersey Shore. They went 14-6 a year later and made the playoff.

Tiny who was recognized for starting the local Legion program by the Pennsylvania American Legion Hall-of-Fame. He was inducted into the prestigious Hall on November 23, 1968, by State Legion Commander John E. Gilbert. The activities director Charles Ganawere had notified Mr. Ott on his selection and noted his responsible work on training and coaching several players over the years. Several of his players advanced to Legion All-Star games. Two of them were sons Tom and Ed. Tiny chaired the East-West Legion All-Star game in Philadelphia (Aug. 1963), son Tom participated in the game. Six years later son Ed competed in several All-Star games with the final one at Harrisburg on Aug. 2nd.

Tiny was signed on as a area scout for the Pittsburgh Pirates from 1965 to Nov.10, 1969. Son Ed was drafted by the Pirates in the 23rd round in June 1970. After a successful stint in the minor leagues, Ed capped off his nine year major league career with a World Championship in 1979 with the Pittsburgh Pirates.

In closing Tiny was a heck of a coach and leader to his sons and drove all his players to be the best they could be. Hard work and dedication to baseball was a trait that coach Ott emphasized. Muncy baseball will never forget him, welcome to the Hall, Tiny Ott.

