



Muncy High School Athletic Hall of Fame

Ed Ott

Class of 1970
Induction year 1976

Ed is one of the best all-round athletes to ever don the Blue and White. He excelled in anything that he endeavored.

Ed lettered three years in football and set numerous West Branch Valley records at the same time. He won back to back scoring titles in 1968 and 69. In 1968 he recorded 149 points and won his second title in his final game as he scored 14 points against Lewisburg to win the title. Ed scored 324 points during his three year career and tallied 48 touchdowns the same years 1967, 68 and 69. He was on the West Branch All-Star team all three seasons. His best performance was against South in 1968 as he scored all 32 points in snapping a losing streak against the Mounties.

Ed was an excellent wrestler as he competed at 165 lbs. all three years that he lettered. He was East Central champ his junior and senior years. He was a District and Regional Champ and finished as State runner-up his senior year. He helped win West Branch titles his junior and senior years.

Ed after excelling in Little League, Legion and West Branch baseball, was selected in the 23rd round of the June 1970 draft by the Pittsburgh Pirates. After four years in the Minor leagues, Ed made it to the Majors and played 8 seasons as a catcher. Ed was a career .260 hitter but 1979 was his best season as he batted .273 with 51 RBIs and made it to the World Series. He faced the Baltimore Orioles after beating Cincinnati in three games. Ed hit .333 in the series with 3 RBIs to help the Pirates win the World Championship in 7 games. An injury ended his playing career and then he coached with the Houston Astros and Detroit Tigers before retiring.

Ed was inducted into the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame and the West Branch Sports Hall of Fame.