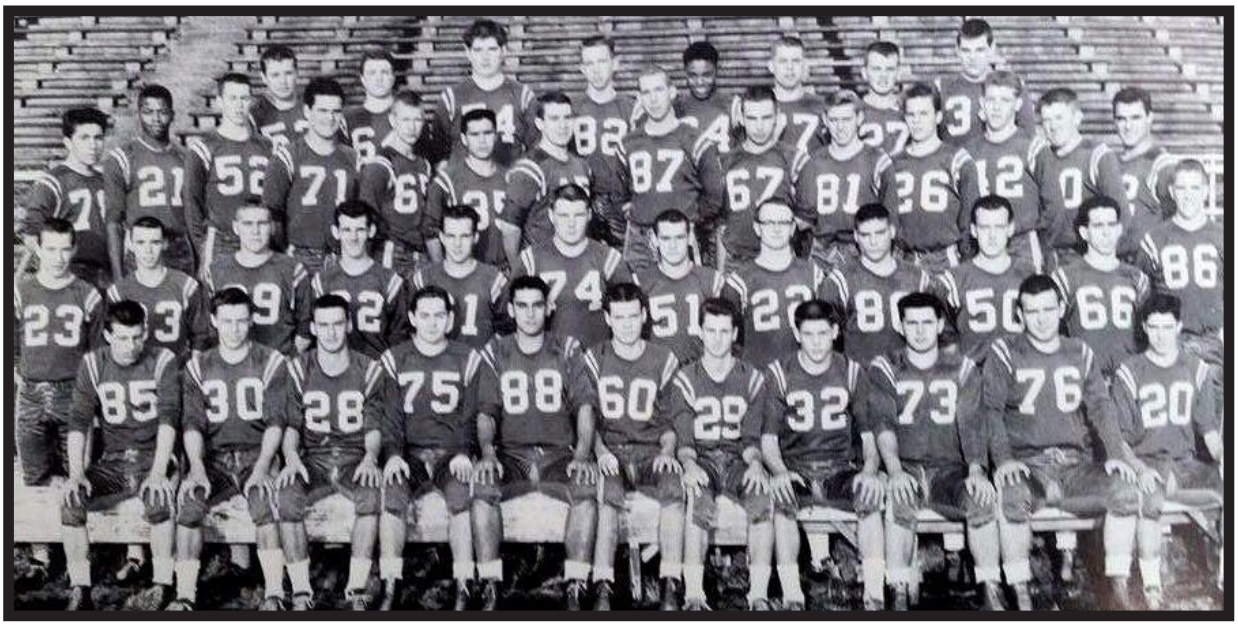
MARTINS FERRY HIGH SCHOOL TEAMS OF DISTINCTION

1917 First Unbeaten Football Team



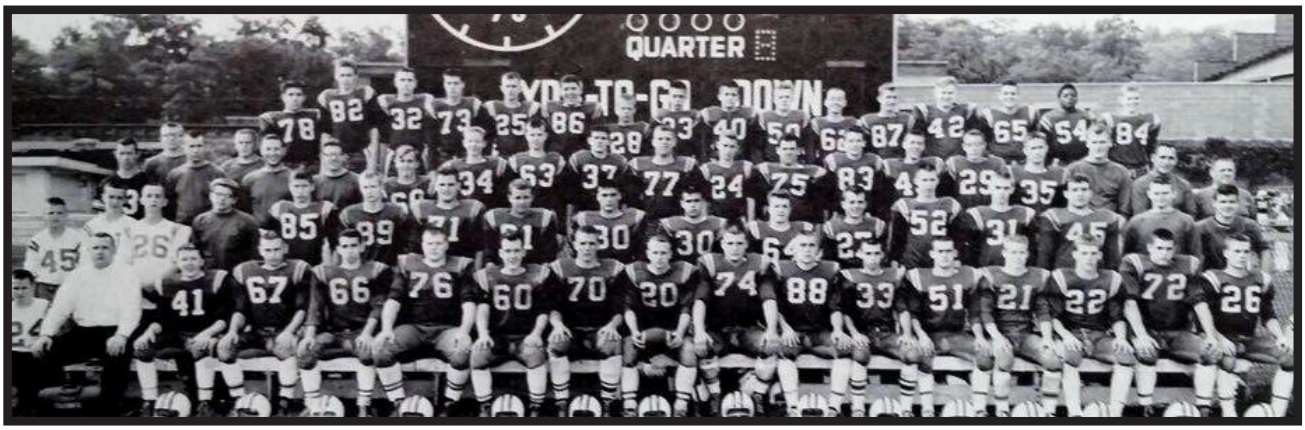
The 1917 football team, coached by Mike Hagley, became the first unbeaten team in school history with an 8-0-2 record marred only by scoreless ties to rival Bellaire and Wheeling. Members of the squad (not listed in order in photo) included 'Stash' Rankin, Jimmy Aiken, 'Dude' Vickers, John Evans, 'Cadet' Paden, 'Peck' Wilson, Joseph Lipscher, 'Surd' Lattimer, Ralph Vince, Howard 'Fat' Applegarth, Ralph Heldman, 'Red' Craver, William Clark, Ken Kerr, Edwin 'Punch' Judy, Kenn Caine, Woodfred 'Tex' Romig, George Cochran and Willard 'Dutch' Riethmiller.

1959 Unbeaten Football Team



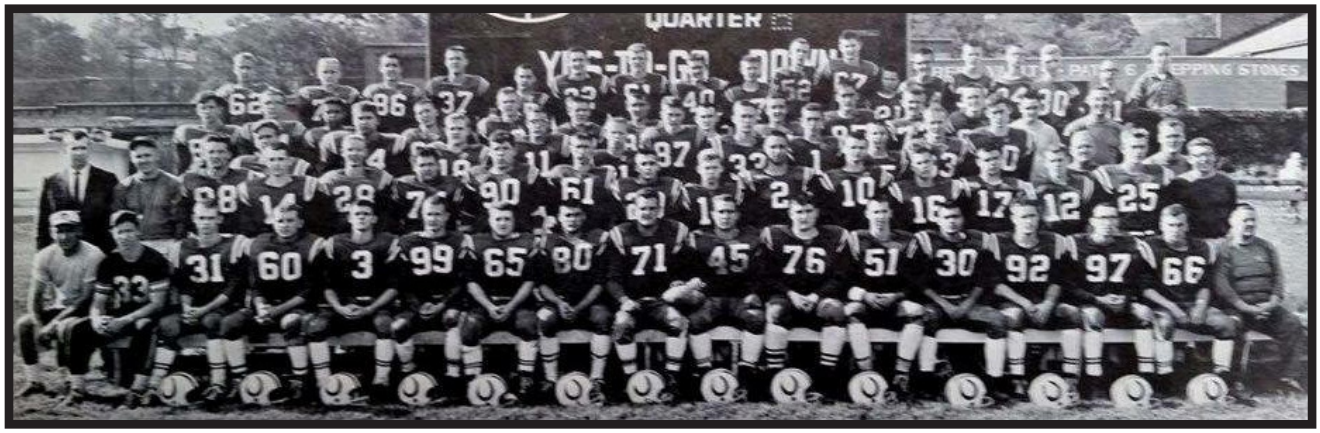
The 1959 Martins Ferry High football team which posted a spotless 10-0 record. First row, left to right, Bill Hanson, Bob Bruney, Dick Matesic, Bill Laughman, Charlie Mamula, Dick Cochran, Carl Gross, DonVeloski, George Toundas, John Morris and Tom Edmundson. Second row, Floyd Perry, Chuck Coss, Bill Lude, Russ Ebright, Ron Bennett, Frank Stauffer, Bill Deal, Bill Brown, Bill Yeager, Mick Canter, Bob Harrigan and Ted Torok. Third row, Manuel Scordos, Bob Howard, Bob Scheehle, Joe Minder, Dale Deaton, Vic Rose, Larry Duck, Ron Daubenmeyer, Rodger Keenan, Bill Deaton, Bob Samuel, Tom Kidney, Jim Ruthers and John Kritikos. Fourth row, Bill Thoburn, Bill Britt, Bill Longenette, George Bennett, Ed Jackson, Ernie Minder, Don Bellville and Tom Hughes.

1960 Unbeaten Football Team



The 1960 Martins Ferry High football team which completed a 10-0 season. First row, left to right, manager Tom Hart, trainer Tom Wilson, Bob Snyder, Roger Keenan, Bob Harrigan, Phil Ward, Mick Canter, Ted Torok, Bill Brown, Frank Stauffer, Bill Lude, Charlie Coss, Bill Deal, Jim Doty, Tom Kindney, Tom Hughes, Bob Samuel and manager Jack Sommerville. Second row, managers Tom Samuel, Jim Tennyson and Larry Wheeler, Louis Martin, Roger Snodgrass, Dale Deaton, Joe Minder, Bill Thoburn, Bill Yeager, Vic Rose, Bill Britt, Don Bellville, Bob Scheehle, Rick Witton, Larry Duck, Herb Young and John Mueller. Third row, head coach Bob "Smokey" Wion, assistant coaches Phil Regoli, Carl Mamone and John Vrotsos, Bob Delbridge, Bob Burns, Chuck Coyle,Vic Applegarth, Ernie Minder, Bob Kies, Stanley Minder, Tom Brandon, Skip Bumbico, Steve Molnar, Chuck Canter, assistant coaches Jim Henthorn, Ed Joseph and Ed Bruney. Fourth row, Chuck Cuddihy, Tom Schultz, Manuel Scordos, Bob Smith, Louis Saus, Ed Griffin, Frank Sall, Curt Zeigler, Rich Snyder, Stoney Padgelak, Ken Shemenski, Bob Lucas, Jim Martin Darryl Becker, John Hinzey, Jim Grove, Randy Hocker and Larry Willming.

1961 Unbeaten Football Team



The 1961 Martins Ferry High football team which turned in the school's third consecutive 10-0 season. First row, left to right, assistant coach Ed Joseph, head coach Bob "Smokey" Wion, Rick Witton, Bill Thoburn, Vic Appplegarth, Dale Deaton, Bill Britt, Bill Yeager, Joe Minder, Larry Duck, Bill Longenette, Bob Scheehle, Vic Rose, Charles Canter, Terry Williams, Bob Delbridge and assistant coach Ed Bruney. Second row, assistant coaches Phil Regoli and Gordon McAfee, Tom Brandon, Smith Myers, Bob Burns, Stanley Minder, Kurt Ziegler, Roger Snodgrass, Ken Shemenski, Larry Willming, Gene Joseph, Herb Young, Gary Craig, John Mueller, Bob Kies, Frank Sall and assistant coach John Vrotsos. Third row, Bob Smith, Louis Martin, Bob Lucas, Steve Molnar, Rich Snyder, Dan Moran, Rich McFarland, Ken Joseph, Gary Greer, Larry Deaton and Frank West. Fourth row, Larry Brandon, John Mason, Rick Austin, Russ Thompson, Jim Litton, John Shablack, Dave Leach, Jim Sockman, Jerry Wanetick, Dan Mamula, Ernie Feorene, Craig Chambers, Tom Roberts and assistant coach Carl Mamone. Fifth row, Larry Harmon, Bernard McBee, Edson Jenkins, Don Cook, Will Tomer, Bob DiStefano, Paul Briggs, Chris Lindelof, Bob Henry, Don Sommers, John Paull, Bob Darrah, Bruce Bennington, Curt Armstrong, Jack Sommerville and Jim Hilke.

1929 Baseball Team State Qualifier



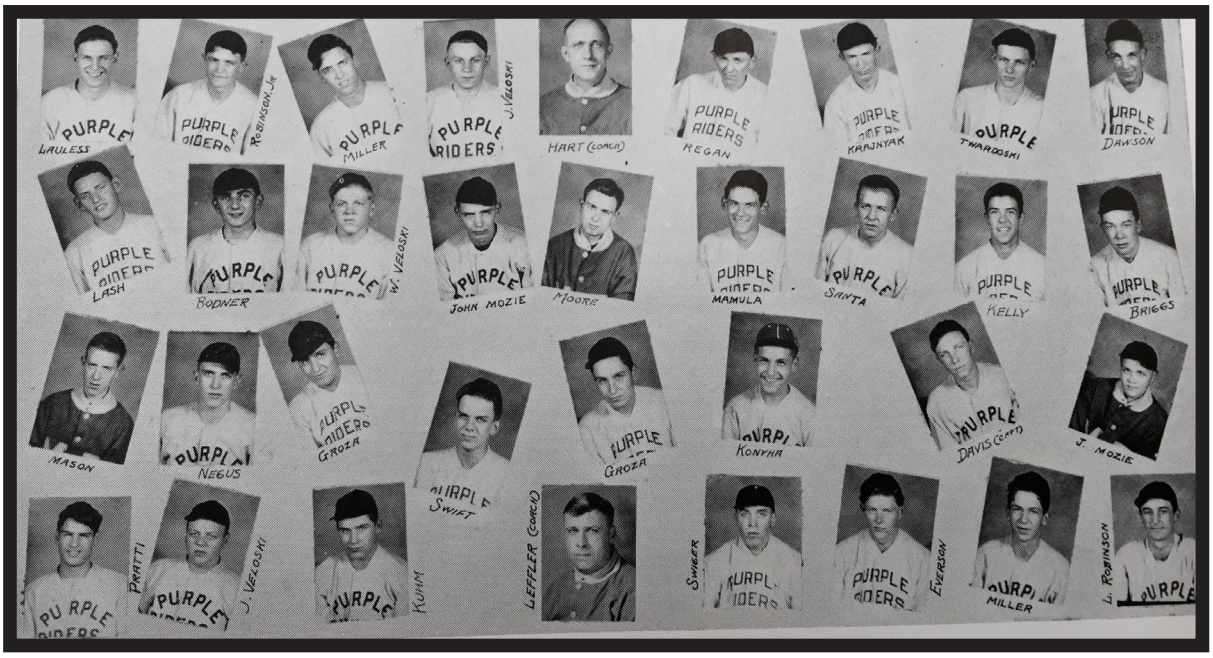
The 1929 baseball team, coached by Fred Hart, reached the Ohio Class A State Tournament semifinals where they lost 12-1 to Canton McKinley. The team (not listed in order) included James Vince, John McFarland, George McCaffery, Patrick Stupak, Frank Reynard, Steve Santa, John Thomas, Wayne Daubenmeyer, John Vargo, Paul Lucas, Kenneth Barber, Irwin Zimmerman and Alex Horvath.

1931 Baseball Team State Qualifier



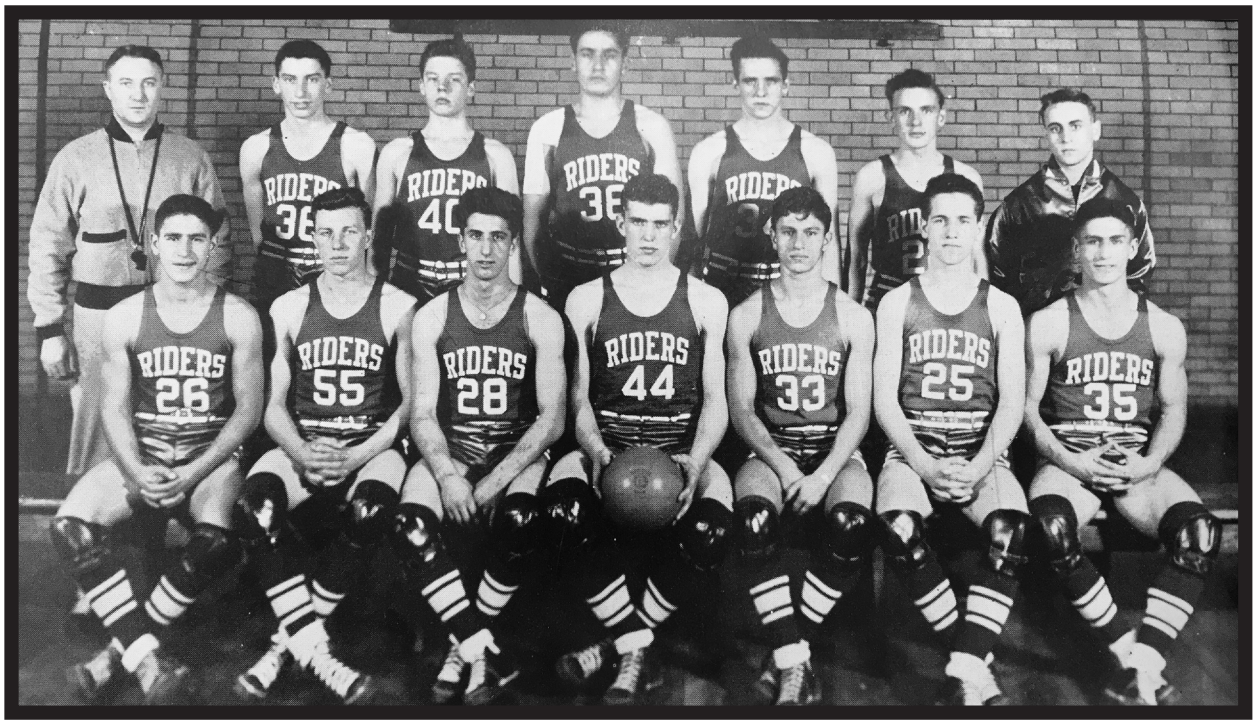
The 1931 baseball team, coached by Fred Hart, followed up the 1930 team's championship by returning to the Ohio Class A State Tournament. Among the team members were Alex Horvath, Paul Lucas, John Groza, Scott Lewis, John Thomas, John Almashy and Mike Hodick (other names not available). The assistant coach was Ed Erb and the team manager was James Oliver.

1939 Baseball Team State Qualifier



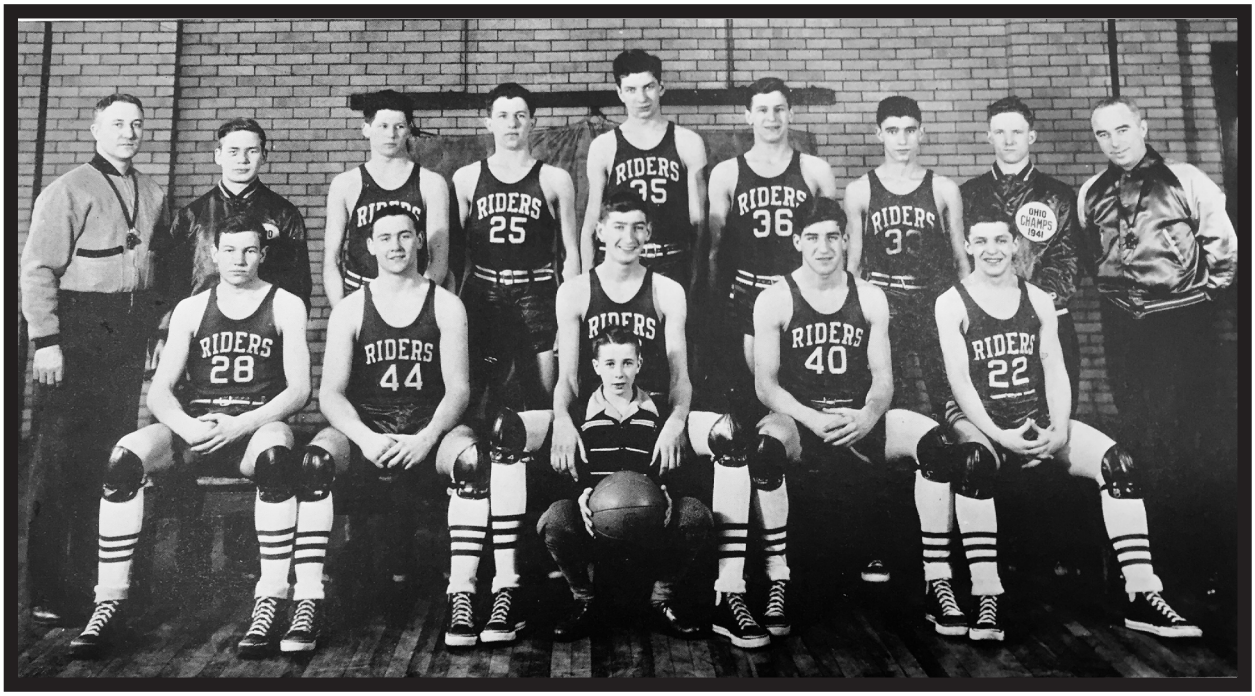
The 1939 baseball team ended a stretch of success under Coach Fred Hart with the school's fourth appearance in the Ohio Class A State Tournament in 11 years. Top row, left to right, Nelson Lauless, Lonnie Robinson, Jr., John Miller, Walter J. Veloski, head coach Fred Hart, Joseph Regan, Steve Krajnyak, Stephen Twardoski and Jack Dawson; second row, Bob Lash, Frank Bodnar, Walter E. Veloski, John Mozie, Charles Moore, Sam Mamula, Charles Santa, Thomas Kelly and Carl Briggs; third row, Walter Mason, Fred Negus, Lou Groza, Robert Swift, Paul Konyha, Russell Davis, Julius Mozie, Orlando Pratti, John Veloski, John Kuhn, assistant coach Harold Leffler, Jack Swiger, Carl Everson, Herman Miller and Elige Robinson.

1940 Basketball Team State Qualifier



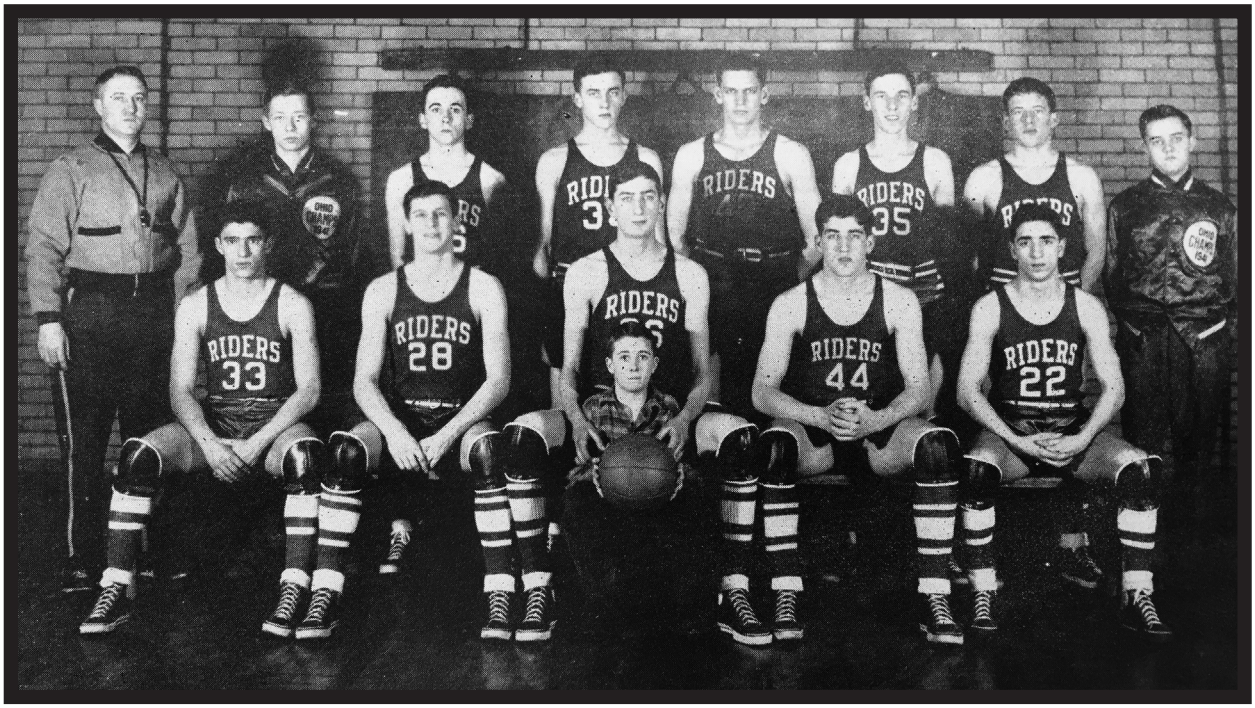
The 1940 basketball team set the foundation for what was to come the next year – a state championship – by reaching the Ohio Class A State Tournament and posting an overall 20-7 record. The team included, front row left to right, Ed Joseph, Jodie Davis, Lou Bevilacqua, Fred Negus, Albert 'Zip' Joseph, Paul Konyha and Bill Elias; back row, Coach Floyd Baker, Bill Monios, Bob Bowen, Lou Groza, Bill Simpson, Joe Domyan and manager Jack Litten.

1943 Basketball Team State Qualifier



The 1943 Purple Rider basketball team posted the school's first unbeaten regular season (18-0) and reached the Ohio Class A State Tournament Semifinals before falling to eventual champion Newark (44-36) to finish at 24-1. The team included, front row left to right, Ed Sterling, Bill Young, Alex Groza, Nick Vrotsos and Lou Domyan; back row, head coach Floyd Baker, manager James Haynes, Paul Rees, George Konyha, Bob Doughty, Jack Scheehle, Eugene Joseph, manager James Hodge and coach Seraphim Pope. In front is mascot Barry Baker.

1944 Basketball Team State Semifinalist



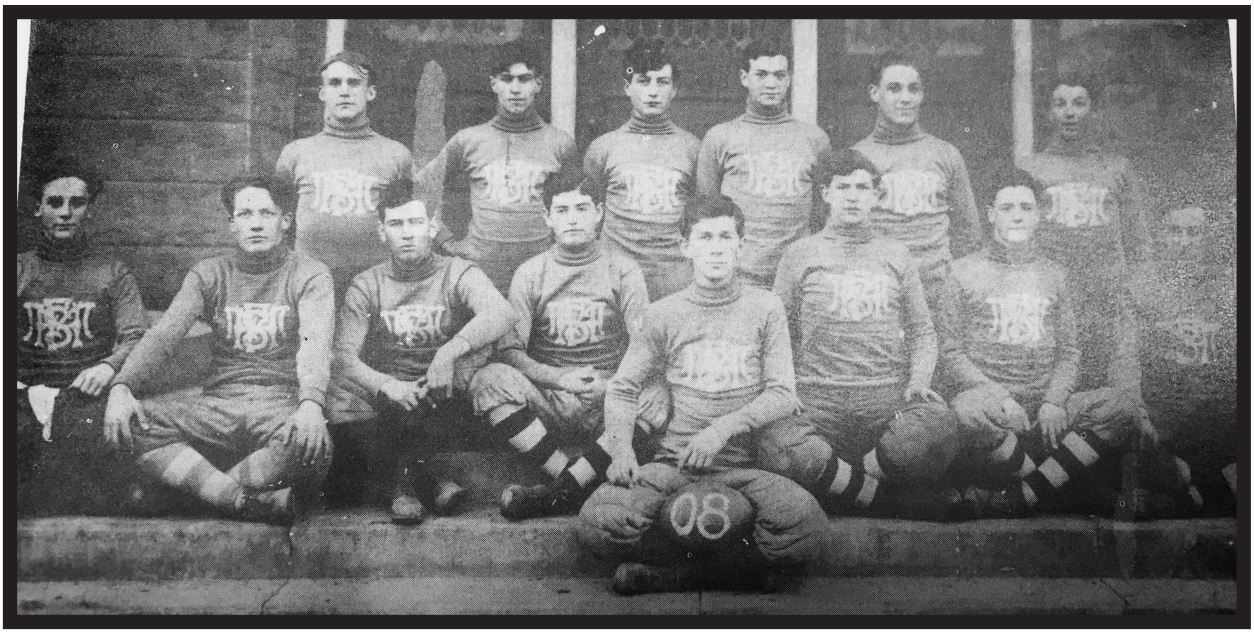
The 1944 squad made it four trips to the Ohio Class A State Tournament in five years, going 20-0 in the regular season and reaching the semis before falling to Middletown (38-34) to finish at 26-1. The team included, front row left to right, Eugene Joseph, Jack Scheehle, Alex Groza, Nick Vrotsos and Virgil Oancea; back row, Coach Floyd Baker, Bill Holmes, Robert Samuel, Robert Voytecek, Ralph Short, Jack Jones, John Vrotsos and manager James Holley. In front is team mascot Barry Baker.

1941 Unbeaten Tennis Team



The 1941 tennis team, in only the second year of the sport at MFHS, compiled a spotless 14-0 record under Coach Howard Sandrock. The team (not listed in order) included Fred Romal, Ken Kadar, Bob Bowen, Dupke, Jack Weber, William Hagan, Nelson Hocking, Howard Mandry, David Williams, Robert Snider, James Rowson, Byron Williams, James Sutherland, Jack Scheehle, George Sisley, Paul Reese, Philip Vale, William Ault and Jim Worley.

1908 Football Team



The 1908 team dominated the opposition with the exception of a loss and tie to Wheeling High in a 7-1-1 record season where the Riders outscored the opponents by a collective 131-9. MFHS beat Cathedral (16-0), Shadyside (5-0), Mingo (11-0), Bridgeport (25-0), Shadyside (25-0) and Cathedral (32-0); lost to Wheeling (0-9); beat Mingo (17-0); and tied Wheeling (0-0). Team members (not in order) included John Bergundthal, Winfield, Stricklin, Elza Shriver, Ralph Talbot, Wilbur Heslop, Russell Thompson, John Jones, Schwender, Morris, Lindemuth, E. Heslop, Dunn, Williams and Dew.

1912 Football Team



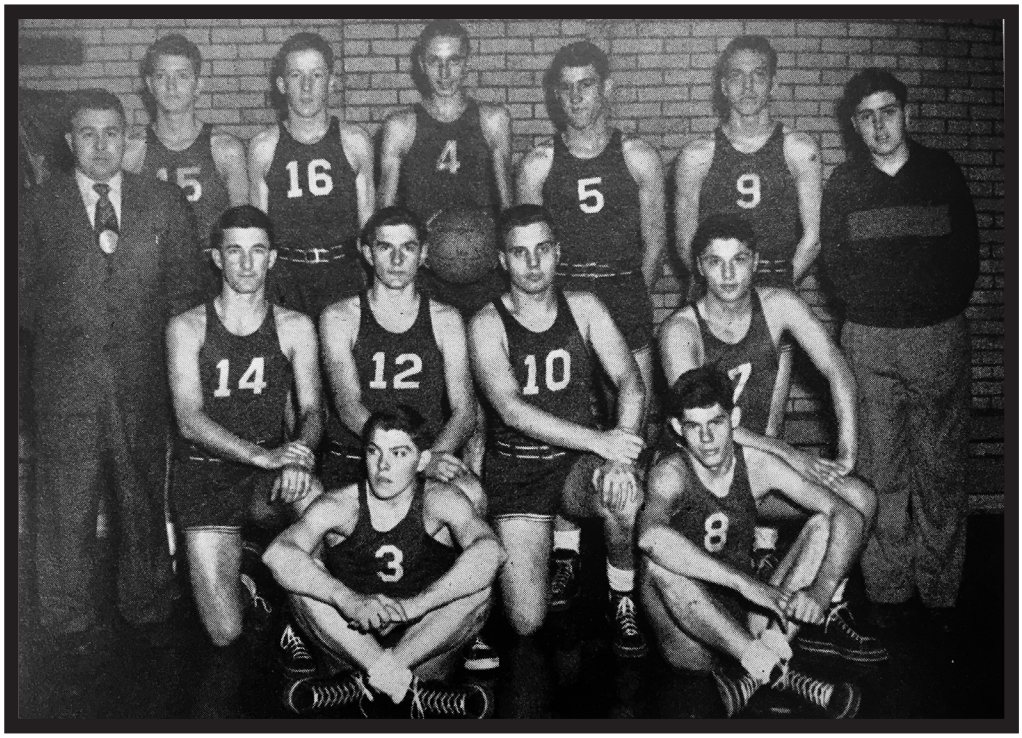
The 1912 MFHS football team enjoyed a sparkling 8-1 season, losing its opener to Wheeling and then recording eight consecutive shutouts to finish the season with a whopping 296-19 scoring edge. After falling to Wheeling (0-19), Coadch Quailey's Purple Riders beat Alliance (24-0), Bellaire (23-0), Cameron (104-0), Cambridge (6-0), East Liverpool (35-0), New Philadelphia (47-0), University of Pittsburg Freshmen (36-0) and Steubenville (21-0). Members of the squad (not listed in order) included Chester "Doc" Holley, Ciril Morris, Wilbur Seabright, William Lewis, Dyril Davis, John "Cornie" Sauters, Evan Shreve, John Holley, Alvin Neilly, Albert Seabright, Earl Conaway, Dunn, Graham, Perry, Scheehle, Fleming, McCue, Thompson and Tierney.

1913 Football Team



The 1913 MFHS football team compiled a 7-1-1 record, outscoring its opponents by a sizeable 241-27 margin. Coached by W.S. Suttleworth, the Purple Riders beat Bridgeport (44-0), Washington, Pa. (12-0), New Philadelphia (57-0) and East Liverpool (35-0); tied Bellaire (7-7); lost to Cambridge (7-13); and then beat Minerva (40-0), Moundsville (27-7) and Alliance (12-0). The team included (not listed in order) John 'Cornie' Sauters, Cyril Davis, Ralph Springer, Alvin Neill, Albert Seabright, Eugene Shreve, William Lewis, Wilbur Seabright, John Holley, Rolland Ralston, Frederick Fest, Joseph Watson, Don Wood, Earl Conaway, Charles Cropper, Dunn, Boehm and Fleahman.

1951 Regional Runner-Up Basketball Team



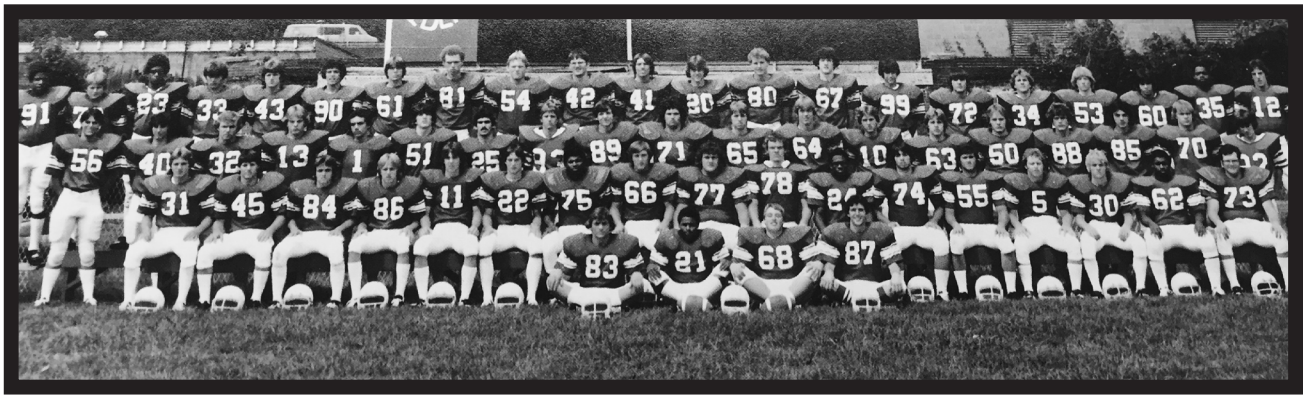
The 1951 boys' basketball team fell just one victory shy of reaching the Ohio Class AA "Final Four", winning the sectional and district titles before losing a 42-41 heartbreaker to Canton McKinley in the regional finals to finish with a 21-5 overall record. The team included, front row left to right, Tom Green and Don Neal; second row, Coach Melvin "Mickey" Weisgerber, Don Bratton, John Twardoski, Charles Messerly and John Bisbocci; back row, Bill Almashy, Jess Carroll, Dick 'Cy' Godfrey, Ken Vargo, John Pitcher and manager Sommer.

1961 OVAC/District Champion Wrestling Team



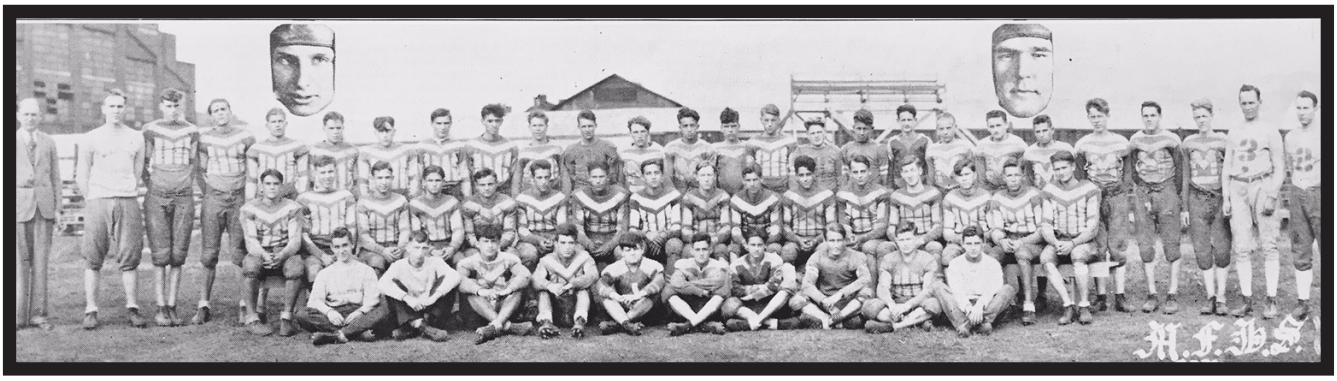
The 1961 Purple Rider wrestling squad, in only the fourth year of the program, became the first team other than Bridgeport to win the OVAC Wrestling Tournament (the Bulldogs had won seven in a row in the one-class set-up), starting a string of seven conference titles in a row (1961-67) for the Purple Riders. The MF matmen were 10-2 in dual matches; won the District Championship (Bridgeport, featuring future Olympian Bobby Douglas was second); and finished 21st in the Ohio Class A State Tournament. Pictured, front row left to right, Al Jackson, Jerry McDaniel, Curt Tyler, Larry Deaton, Dale Deaton and John Edwards; back row, Coach John Vrotsos, Jack Kardules, Bil Yeager, Tom Kidney, Bill Thoburn and Phil 'Tiny' Ward.

1979 Unbeaten Football Team



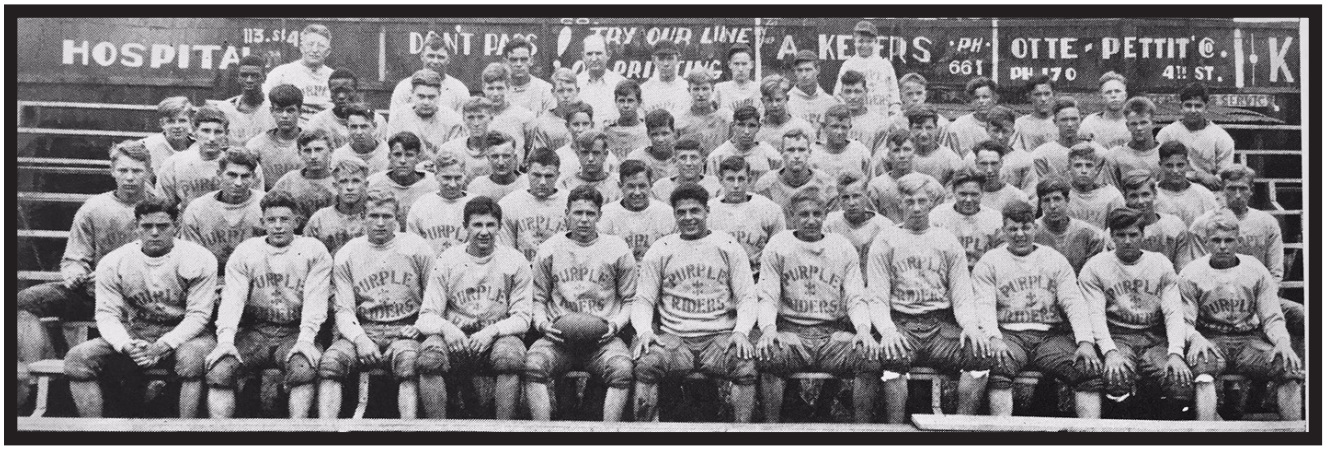
The 1979 Purple Rider football team got Dave Bruney's long and successful coaching career off to a sizzling start as the team posted a spotless 10-0 record in his first year at the helm. The team finished second in its region in the OHSAA Computer ratings (only one team made the playoffs from each region at the time) and was the runner-up to Wheeling Central in the OVAC Class AAA standings. The Riders outscored their opponents by a sizeable 212-72 margin and capped the year with a dramatic win over arch-rival Bellaire in the mud at Nelson Field. Scores: Linsly (16-6); Toronto (7-6); Bridgeport (33-10); Cambridge (22-0); St. Clairsville (14-0); River (27-16); Buckeye South (41-6); St. John Central (22-14); Jefferson Union (21-14); Bellaire (9-6). The team included, front row left to right, Wayne Campbell, Jimmy Johnson, Scott Woodford, Jeff Kepreos; second row, Mark Kryah, Dan McFarland, Ed Hoffman, Ron Smith, Scott Ballint, Paul Leluika, Wendell Crooks, Brad Ware, Sam Zavatsky, Jim Vargo, Rick Allen, Tom Roberts, Dan Serafini, Tom Probst, Bob Bender, Dwayne Coleman, Dean Mozena; third row, Tim Wilson, Terry Hoffman, Del Barris, Tom Bruney, Ralph Fuscardo, Tom Powell, Ed Smith, Dan Conner, Dave Muntean, Mike Minder, Ward Martin, Doug Longenette, James Bumbico, Mike Jacob, Ken Vargo, Bill Wharton, John Leach, Bob Fargo, Roger McFarland; fourth row, Anthony Davis, Kevin Neavin, Chuck Allen, Kirk Roth, Mike Withers, Lou Scipio, Joe Moore, Sean Green, Greg Riggs, Tom Colman, Chuck Bird, Mike Kinnan, Chris Noble, Jim Pokas, Randy Radik, Rick Watson, Todd McSwords, Dana Heatherington, Norman Honecker, Fred Hocker, Dennis Swearingen.

1930 Unbeaten Football Team



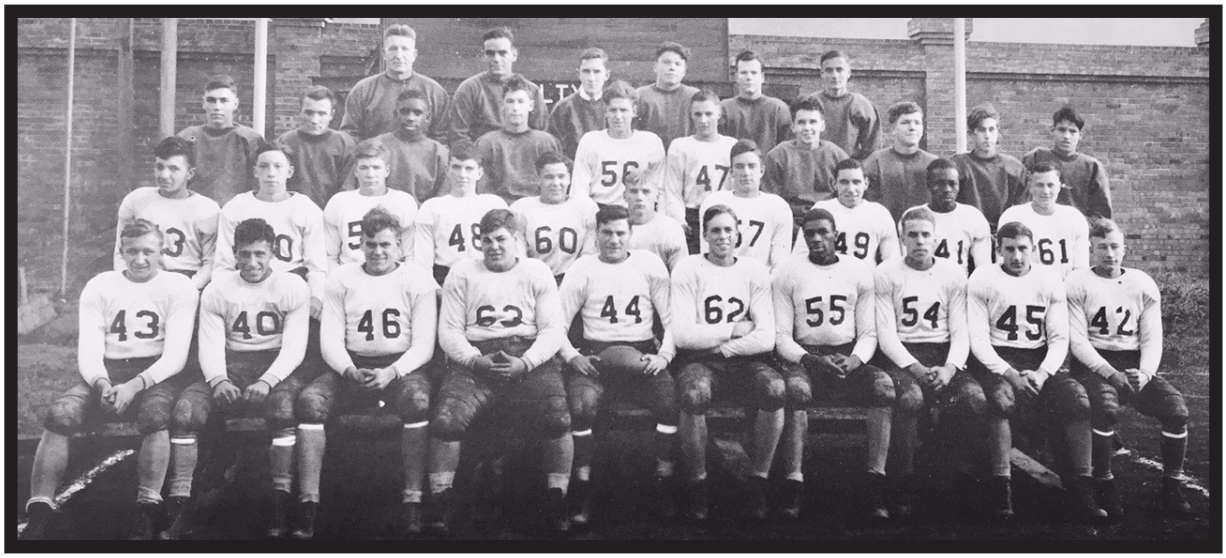
The 1930 football team not only continued the Purple Riders' string of successful seasons during the one-year coaching stop of Alex B. Fox, but the team became only the second undefeated squad in school history by posting a sparkling 10-0-2 record with a pair of scoreless ties while outscoring their opponents 193-32. The team included, front row left to right, manager Dick Vaughn, manager Jim Oliver, Chester Poluga, Norman Davis, Earl Stullenberg, James Debula, Howard Green, Dan Giancola, Richard Rogers and manager Joe Dzuro; second row, Francis Snodgrass, Albert Negus, Woodrow Moore, Clarence Reynard, Billy Wargo, James Scarfpin, Joseph Kozelko, Otis Kirkpatrick, Charles Yoho, William Pucci, Bill Dorsey, Charles Griffith, Mike Hodick, Maurice Rowley and Harry Oliver; back row, athletic director Frank W. Bowen, assistant coach Charles Gibson, Edwin Lash, Joe Kalas, John Groza, Louis Martin, Harry Fontenot, Steve Kalas, Tony Spustak, Ralph Berwinkle, Harold Simpson, Hugh Jones, William Perry, Francis Pearsol, Clyde Brown, Edward Boston, Charles Wurshur, John Poludniak, Alex Yachtman, Frank Neavin, John Jiga, Kenneth Joseph, Floyd Ruble, assistant coach Edward Erb and head coach Alex B. Fox; The insets above are Urvin Zimmerman and George Gocsik. Scores: Mingo (26-0); Linsly (19-0); Hamilton (7-6); East Erie, Pa. (7-6); Marietta (26-0); Pittsburgh, Pa. (31-6); Bellaire (0-0); Campbell Memorial (13-2); East Liverpool (26-0); Bridgeport (25-0); Cleveland East (0-0); Wheeling (13-6).

1934 Unbeaten Football Team



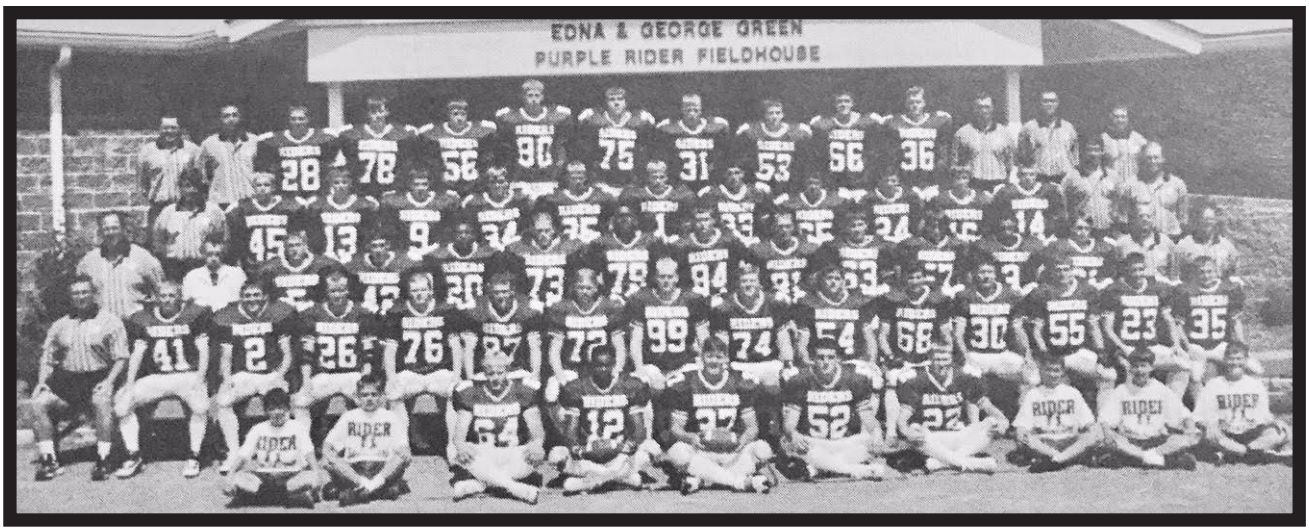
The 1934 football team featured the return to Hall of Famer Earl Loucks for his second stint as head coach and the Purple Riders dominated their way to a perfect 10-0 season. The team outscored its opponents by a whopping 238-9 margin with eight shutout victories, earning the mythical distinction as "Champs of the Ohio Valley". The team included, font row left to right, Manuel Vetanze, Jack Kindberg, Russell Williams, John Banyas, Robert Shane, William Elias, Frank Groza, Ira Trosch, Robert Bruney, Lloyd Long and Clifford Heffelfinger; second row, Lewis Kovach, Herbert Miller, Wayne Riethmiller, Erwin Ruetinik, John Bennett, Charles Bruney, William Burkle, Bill Davis, Chester Moore, Peter Mills, Stanley Tosch and John Sako; third row, Joseph Burnetta, Dan Spear, Ollie Pratt, Charles Yanak, Frederick Komornie, Donald Sommers, Lewis Sommers, Chester Coss, James Mitchell, Roy Riethmiller and Richard Padden; fourth row, Bill Evans, Dick Higgins, Herbert Young, Ken Berwinkle, Riesbeck, John Fletcher, Walter Crane, Bill Davis, Frank Rico, Michael Orend, Donald Laase and Homer Doughty; fifth row, Charles Jackson, A.C. Bell, Robert Lichinburger, Roy Horner, Wilfred Graham, Alfred Bachnick, Jack Armstrong, Carl Nemi, Harry Brown, Fran Swiger, Steve Gocsik, Thomas Barber and Sam Moses; back row, head coach Earl Loucks, assistant coaches Harold Leffler and Fred Thomas, athletic director Frank W. Bowen, managers Howard Wayble, Woodrow Kirkpatrick and John Mitchell and mascot Junior Loucks. Scores: Dennison (34-0); Pittsburgh Peabody (25-0); Linsly (32-0); Tiffin (22-6); Marietta (16-0); Bellaire (22-0); East Liverpool (19-0); Youngstown Chaney (19-0); Lorain (6-3); Ashland, Ky. (45-0).

1936 Unbeaten Football Team



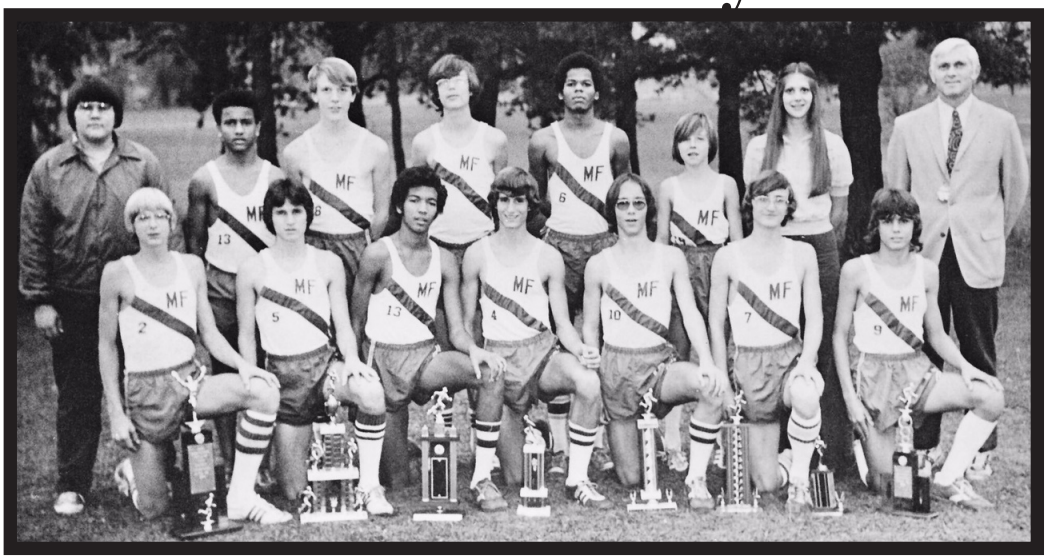
1936 Football – The 1936 Purple Rider football team made it two perfect 10-0 seasons in three years as Coach Earl Loucks' squad dominated its opponents with a 285-27 scoring margin with five shutouts, and the team was again dubbed the mythical "Ohio Valley Champions". The team included, front row left to right, Mike Orend, Joe Joseph, Jack Clark, Bob Bruney, John Bennett, Tom Barber, Charles Jackson, Frank Swiger, Dan Spear and Frank Orend; second row, Basil DePasquale, Bob Donavan, Roy Horner, Junior Negus, Chuck McDermott, Bob Heffelfinger, Bob Laase, Walter Krone, A.C. Bell and George McNickle; third row, Bill Otto, Stanley Woznick, Harold Jackson, Bill Williams, Nelson Lauless, Ernest Chontos, Harold Tice, Curley Madison, Bob Fareu and Orlando Pratti; back row, head coach Earl Loucks, assistant coaches Fred Thomas, Ed Moran, Garth Hood, Tom Gailey and Leo Rose. Scores: Uhrichsville (61-0); East Palestine (46-0); Lorain (32-2); Pittsburgh Taylor Alderdice, Pa. (7-6); Warren (25-0); Bellaire (7-3); New Castle, Pa. (20-14); Wooster (32-2); Huntington, W.Va. (25-0); Weirton, W.Va. (30-0).

1998 Football - Undefeated Regular Season/First OHSAA Playoff Team



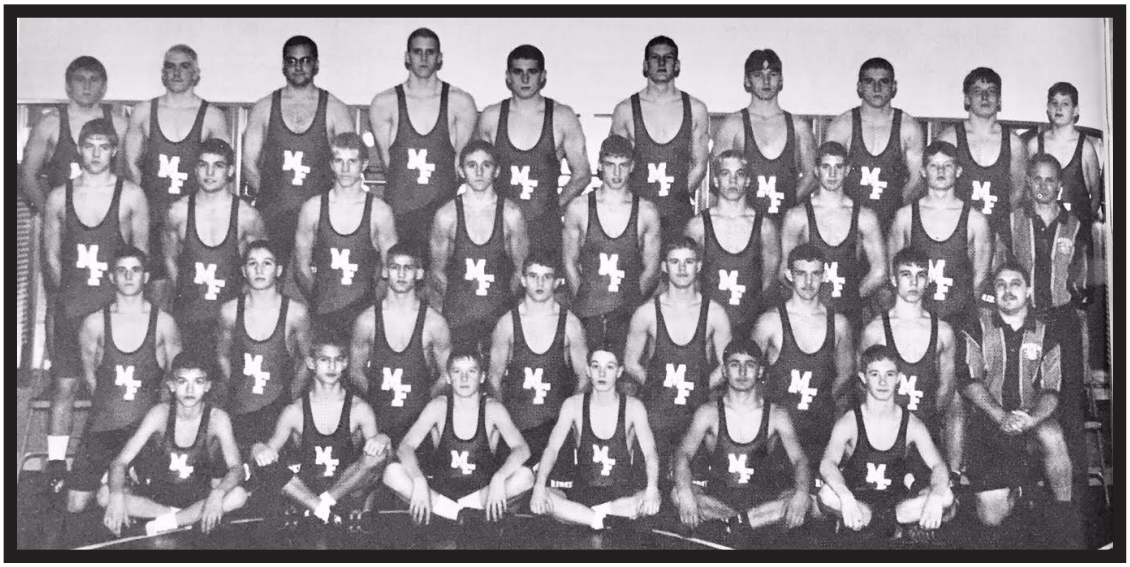
The 1998 Purple Rider football team made school history as the first to advance to the OHSAA Playoffs after a perfect 10-0 regular season. Coach Dave Bruney's squad also made its mark as the highest-scoring team in school history, outscoring its opponents 574-184 to average 52.2 points per game. The team included, front row left to right, manager Luke Warren and manager Dustin Drohomirecky; captains George Shreve, Fred Ray, Adam Zann, Craig Bruney and Donnie Cash, manager Trevor Bruney, manager Seth Holzopfel and manager Nick Stankovich. Second row, head coach Dave Bruney, Tom Sobota, B.J. Hedger, Shane Gasmire, Derek Price, Rob Duncan, Rusty Lucey, Sam Cruise, Matt Stefan, Brian Moore, Mike Sikora, Mike Trowbridge, R.J. Vavrock, J.R. Thomas, Doug Curnes; third row, assistant coach Mike Delatore, Evan Reese, Zac Bruney, Mark Hughes, Jay Wallace, Jason Wensyel, Jay Agnew, Randall Reasbeck, Ron Wilson, Lucas Collette, Josh King, Ty Allen, Chad Gullo, assistant coach Dirk Fitch and assistant coach Jim Fogle; third row, assistant coach Tony Collette, Dustin Holt, John Yoder, Mike Reese, Jeremy Leonard, Greg Ware, Shane Drost, Tony Collette, Nathan Holzopefel, Jesse Booth, Bobby Anderson, Todd Miller, assistant coach Paul Matuska and assistant coach Greg Steele; back row, assistant coach Jeff Drohomirecky, assistant coach Justin Kropka, David Cornett, Jared McPeek, Steven Yarnevic, Brad Wink, Randy Powers, Adam Holmes, Brad Simpson, Nick Redinger, Don Dlesk, assistant coach Bill Bruney, assistant coach John Bennett and assistant coach Babe Sidon. Scores: Cambridge (41-14); Columbus Beechcroft (61-14); Steubenville Catholic (48-26); Union Local (56-12); St. Clairsville (68-27); River (60-0); Fairport Harbor Harding (92-0); Wellsville (24-14); Tuscarawas Valley (50-0); Bellaire (36-7); Youngstown Ursuline (44-69/D-IV Playoffs).

1974 Cross Country Team



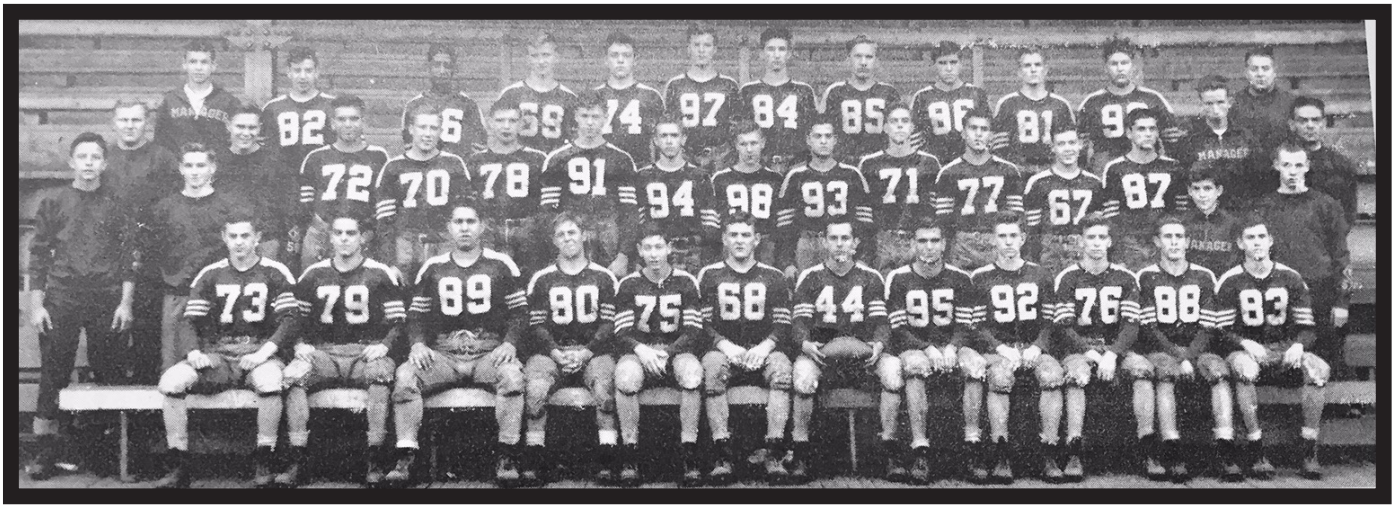
The 1974 MFHS cross country team – coached by Hall of Famer Gordon Downie – was the first in school history to win the sectional and district championships and qualify as a team for the OHSAA Class AA State Cross Country Championships where they finished in 11th place. The team included, front row l to r, Bruce Smith, Mike Frazier, Sam Carter, Brad Bullock, Colin McNickle, Charlie Cunningham and Chris Mussard; back row, manager Dave Sykes, Bill Hampton, Jerry Helt, Eric Orts, Paul Fitzhugh, Greg Suto, manager Sharon Smith and head coach Gordon Downie. At the state meet, Smith was the individual state champion (9:43.6) and he was joined as an all-Ohioan by Frazier, who placed sixth (9:54). The '74 team also won invitationals at Dover, Martins Ferry and Cambridge along with the Belmont County Meet; was second to powerhouse John Marshall in the OVAC Cross Country Championships (Smith and Frazier finished 1-2 in 10:16 and 10:17) and Bellaire Invitational; and fourth at the Malone Invitational. The Rider harriers also finished 6-0 in dual and triangular meets.

1999 Overall OVAC Champion/ 3rd in Ohio D-III Wrestling Team



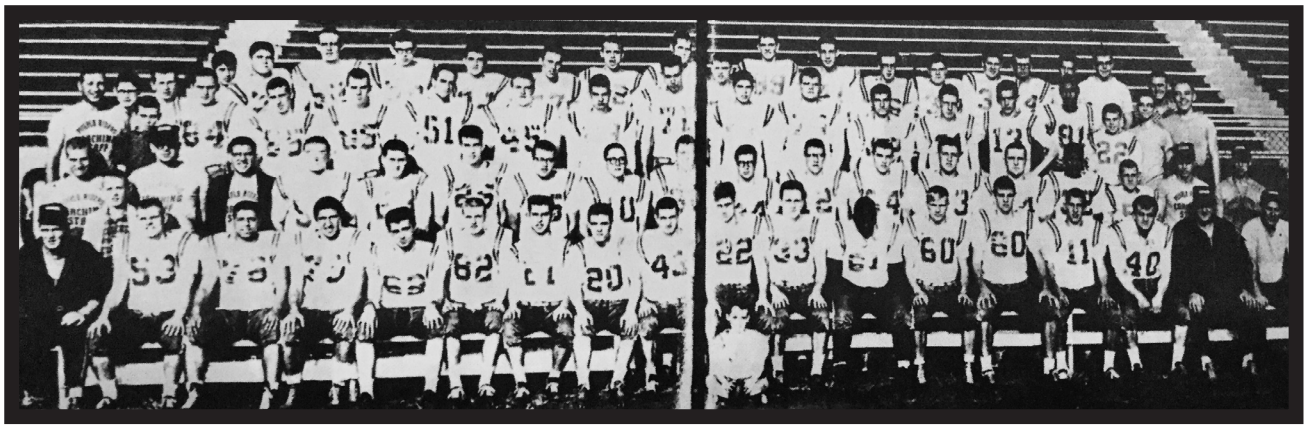
The 1999 wrestling squad captured not only the Class 3A division, but was the overall champion in the prestigious OVAC Ron Mauck Wrestling Tournament and Coach Jeff Oberdick's squad took it up another notch by finishing third in the OHSAA Division III State Tournament behind Delta and Sandusky St. Marys. The team included, front row left to right, Mike Jones, John Tierney, Ryan Strauss, Robert Brandon, Jason Schaal and Corey Smith; second row, Doug Curnes, Derek Roth, David Tierney, Todd Miller, David Proctor, George Apostolec, John Yoder and assistant coach Babe Sidon; third row, Steve Yarnevic, Scott Roth, Kirk Roth, B.J. Hedger, Greg Ware, Dustin Holt, David Cornett, Jarod McPeek and head coach Jeff Oberdick; back row, Brian Sobota, Derek Blackington, Casey Berisford, Jason Wensyel, Craig Bruney, Rob Duncan, George Padgelek, Tom Sobota, Marshall Palmer and Bill Shreve. Absent was Sam Cruise. Earning all-Ohio status by placing at the state meet were S. Roth (3rd at 140 pounds), Bruney (3rd at 189), Curnes (4th at 112), Duncan (4th at 160) and Ware (6th at 135). Place-winners at the OVAC meet were Ware (1st at 135), S. Roth (1st at 140), Bruney (1st at 189), J. Tierney (2nd at 103), Curnes (2nd at 112), Shreve (4th at 215), Hedger (4th at 145), D. Tierney (5th at 119), Cruise (6th at 225), Proctor (8th at 130) and Duncan (8th at 160).

1948 Unbeaten Football Team



The 1948 football team finished the season ranked No. 3 in the state with a 9-0-1 record, and only a mid-season scoreless tie with Triadelphia denied the Purple Riders a perfect season. Coached by legendary Fred Thomas, the team outscored its opponents by a whopping 247-19 margin which included six shutouts. The team included, front row left to right, Fred Bruney, Steve Koucoumaris, Joe DeFede, Edward Bruney, Russell Thoburn, Fred Groux, captain Jack Eden, Dick Thomas, Dick Duncan, Richard Snyder and Leslie Douglas; second row, manager Eddie McGlumphy, assistant coach Ralph Gartrell, manager John Coss, assistant coach Robert White, Rodger Thomas, Thurman Zonker, Fred Hicks, Allison Leach, James Ryan, Jim Lucas, George Komons, Charles Taylor, Robert Joseph, Tom McFarland, Alex Komons, manager Howard Longenete, manager John Lamb, manager Charles James and head coach Fred Thomas; back row, Richard Thoburn, John Stropoli, Frank Branson, Andy Misko, Charles Bellville, Alfred Kalo, Donald, Bratton, Virgil Vilinski, Benny Cevola, Albert Mayhugh, Walter Danver and assistant coach Melvin Weisgerber. Scores: Adena (45-0); Bridgeport (46-0); Wheeling (19-6); Mingo (32-6); Triadelphia (0-0); Bellaire (33-0); East Liverpool (13-7); Steubenville (20-0); Linsly (33-0); Mansfield (6-0).

1963 Unbeaten Football Team



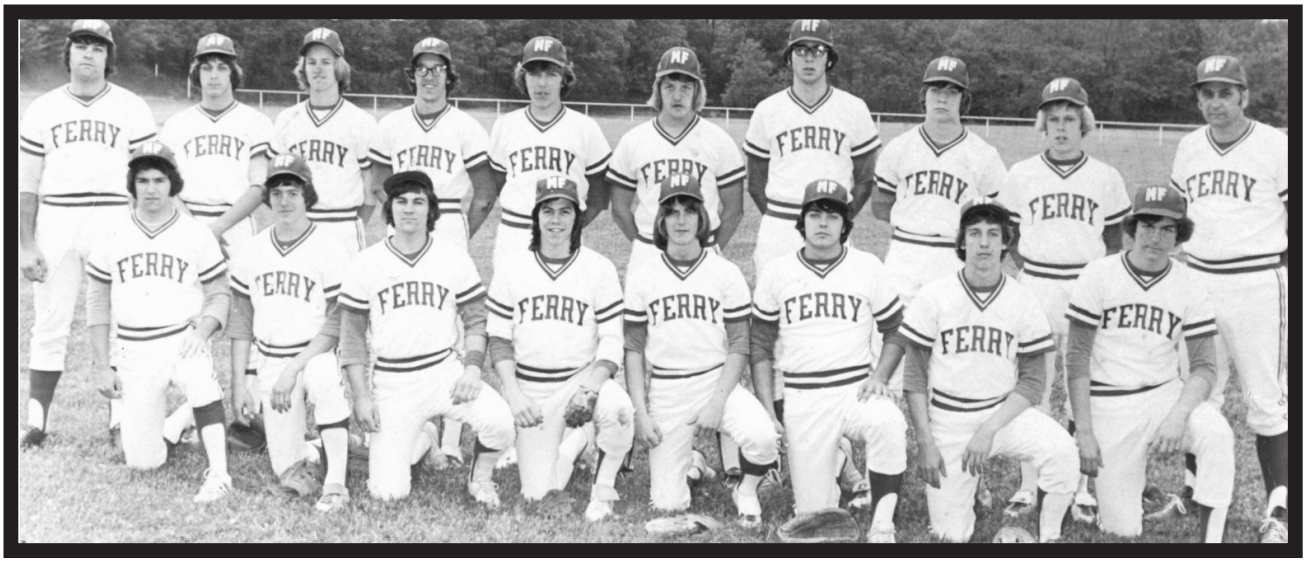
The 1963 football team kept the ball rolling on the success of the early part of the decade with an unbeaten 9-0-1 season, with a 14-14 tied against New Philadelphia in week three preventing a perfect season. The Purple Riders outscored their opponents by a wide margin – 321-62 – that year under head coach Robert "Smokey" Wion. The team included, front row left to right, Coach Henthorne, Jim Litten, Rick Austin, Louis "Kess" Keys, John Scordos, Paul Briggs, Ken Joseph, Don Cook, Bob DiStefano, Frank West, Rich McFarland, Ron Richardson, Larry Deaton, Terry Wildman, Dave Joseph, Ernie Smallis, trainer Art Simpson and Coach Joseph; second row, Coach Pete Barron, manager R. Meals, Coach Hill, Coach Vrotsos, John Mason, Chris Lindelot, Bruce Moynihan, Dave Totterdale, Bob Tucker, Tom Bruney, Charles Toundas, Bob Shuska, Dave Lash, Paul Canter, Charles Diehl, Cliff Cochran, Robert Blount, Coach Merendino, Head Coach Robert "Smokey" Wion; third row, Dave McPherson, Bill Padgelak, Russell Thompson, Terry Hanson, Ed Irwin, Tom Campbell, Bob Duck, Craig Martin, Dennis Nixon, Rich Glover, Denny Secrest, Vaughn Keenan, Tom Smith, Charlie Thornhill, Mark Davison, Bob Gibson, Fred Harvey; fourth row, David Mitchell, Dan Laslo, James Brandenburg, Jim Buonamici, Alex Vargo, Joe Bencur, Steve Domyan, John Wilson, Creed Ruble, Bill Jones, Mick Britt, Ken Dawson, Greg Tesnairz, Bill Hughes, Paul Baker, Ken Craver, Gary Thoburn, managers R. Hungerman, T. Sarratore and C. Chambers. Scores: Canton McKinley (20-8) Marietta (27-6); New Philadelphia (14-14); Wheeling (14-8); St. Clairsville (38-6); Linsly (68-0); East Liverpool (24-8); Cambridge (54-0); Bridgeport (54-6); Bellaire (8-6).

1975 Cross Country Team



The 1975 MFHS cross country team, with six holdovers from the talented '74 squad, kept things rolling by winning invitationals at Dover, Bellaire, Martins Ferry, Carrollton and Belmont County plus the OVAC CC Championships; finishing second at Malone and Cambridge and going 5-0 in dual meets. The Purple Rider harriers finished strong, winning the sectional and district titles and qualifying for the OHSAA Class AA State Meet for second year in a row, finishing ninth in Class AA led by Bruce Smith who repeated as the state champion in 9:33.4 which was the all-time Class AA state record at the 2-mile distance. MFHS had five all-Eastern District selections; six all-Belmont County runners and four all-Valley selections. Smith also won individual OVAC title for the second straight year. The team included,, front row left to right, Mike Chesonis, Chris Mussard, Phil Ashton, Colin McNickle, Bruce Smith and Sam Carter; back row, head coach Gordon Downie, manager Mary Ann Sykes, Greg Suto, Randy Webb, Bill Hampton and manager Dave Sykes.

1976 Regional Runner-Up Baseball Team



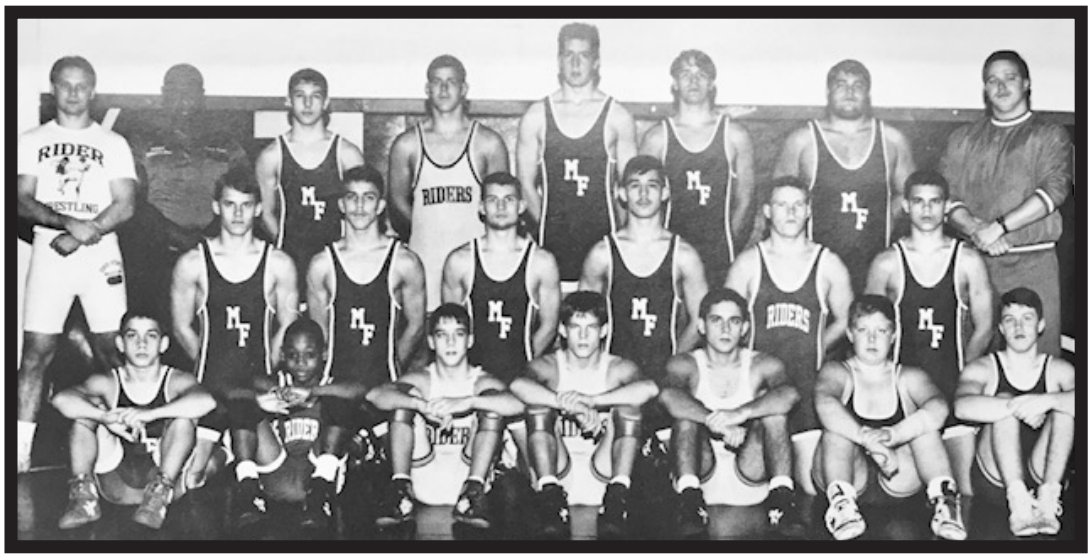
The 1976 baseball team fell just short of becoming the first Purple Rider squad to reach the OHSAA State Tournament in nearly four decades, dropping a heart-breaking 2-1 decision to Eastern Meigs in the Class AA Regional Championship Game. The hard-hitting Riders posted a 19-11 record, setting a school mark for wins while taking sectional and district titles along with reaching the OVAC Class 3A semi-finals. The team included, front row left to right, Don 'Boo Boo' Reese, Keith Vrotsos, Ed Risdon, Dave Chambers, Chuck Krieger, Mike Tobin, Pat Ging and Jeff Harrison; back row, assistant coach John Magistro, Tom Williams, Rick Leach, Bill Snyder, Ron Swearingen, George Becca, George Strizak, Dave Doughty, Doug Swearingen and head coach Ed Davis. Tournament scores: Sectional – Union Local (7-2), Bridgeport (7-2), St. Clairsville (11-7); District – Toronto (10-9); Regional – Maysville (4-0); Eastern Meigs (2-1).

1982 Regional Runner-Up Basketball Team



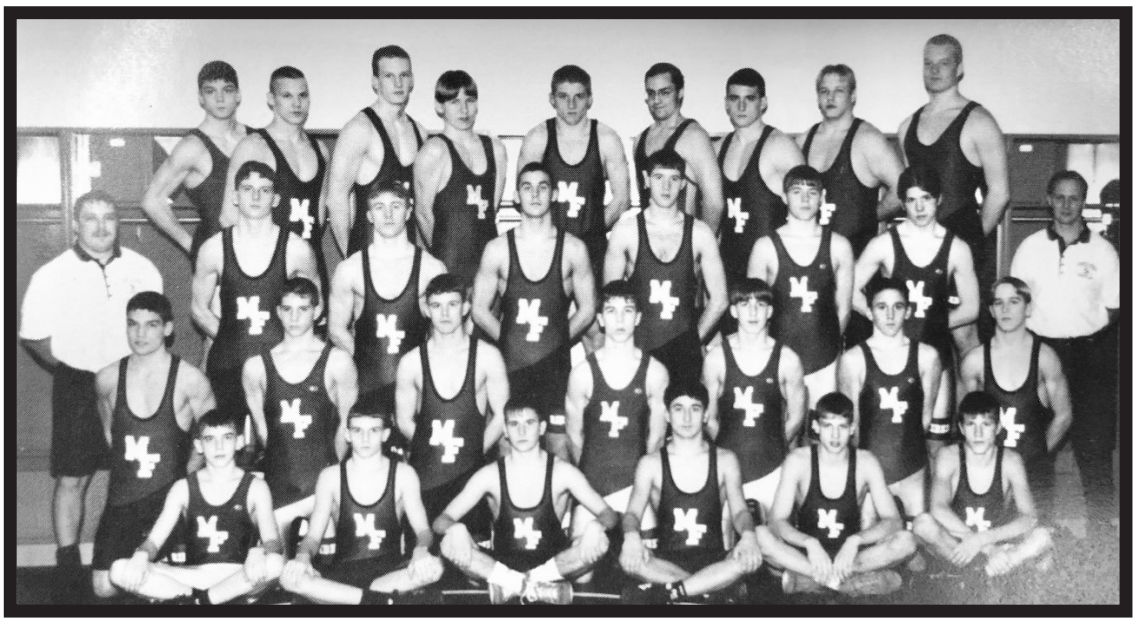
The 1981-82 boys' basketball team was of the most entertaining and successful teams in Purple Rider hoops history. Ferry captured sectional and district championships and finished as the OHSAA Class AA Regional runner-up, losing a two-point heart-breaker to Wheelersburg to fall just short of a berth in the state tournament. The Riders finished with a 20-5 overall record, with the five losses by a combined total of nine points and featured a seven-player rotation that included six double figure scorers and the seventh man averaging around eight points per game. The team included in front, left to right, Dennis Swearingen and Anthony Davis; second row, head coach Larry Duck, Bruce Woods, Barry Voytecek and assistant coach Joe Gala; standing, Chuck Allen, Jimmy Hood, Randy Doughty, John Hajdin, Willie Scarfpin, Frank Wallace and Mark Mills. Regular season scores: Buckeye South (72-45); Toronto (86-73); Bellaire (82-79); Steubenville Catholic (69-70); Steubenville (78-81); Linsly (91-53); Cambridge (79-63); Bridgeport (77-64); St. John Central (84-71); Bellaire (84-79); Bridgeport (78-67); St. Clairsville (64-66); Buckeye South (92-75); Toronto (78-66); Steubenville Catholic (78-73, OT); St. Clairsville (65-56); Cambridge (86-87, 2OT); St. John Central (80-62); Linsly (113-57); Steubenville (69-54); Sectional: Toronto (80-54); Steubenville Catholic (70-54); District: Cambridge (71-65); Regional: Portsmouth (61-56); Wheelersburg (69-71).

1993 Wrestling Overall OVAC Champion



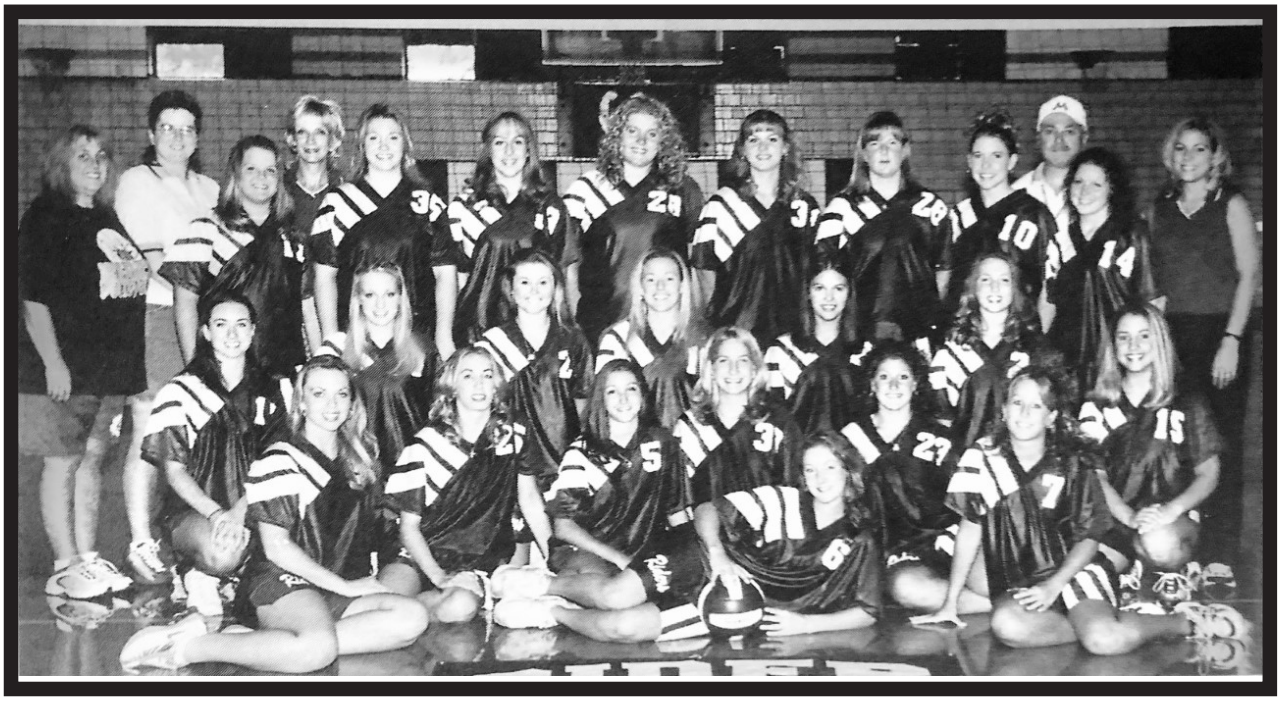
The 1992-1993 Purple Riders' wrestling squad enjoyed tremendous success under head coach Jeff Oberdick. The team not only claimed the Class 3A team title at the OVAC Ron Mauck Wrestling Championships, but emerged as the overall champion thanks to having 13 wrestlers score and eight finish as place-winners. They were also the OVAC Class 3A Dual Meet runner-up; won the St. John's and Shadyside invitationals; finished third at Barnesville; and posted a 9-1 mark in dual matches. In OHSAA action, Ferry captured the Division II sectional and district titles and placed seventh in the state tournament. In Columbus, Jeff Smith finished second at 125 pounds; Lamont Tucker was fourth at 103 and Frank Valentine was sixth at 140. The team included, front row left to right, Lamont Tucker, Greg Roby, Tom Kennedy, P.J. Eddy, Dan Gramatikos, Edju Gavarkavich and Jim Siburt; second row, Jay Dillon, Jeff Smith, Jeff Russell, Frank Valentine, Chuck Eddy and Zoltan Zilai; back row, head coach Jeff Oberdick, assistant coach Dwayne "Bubba" Coleman, Jim Riser, Jeff Dobson, John Gavarkavich, Randy Tremoulis, Chad Bolon and assistant coach Eric Kocsis.

1998 Wrestling Overall OVAC Champion



The 1998 wrestling team captured the school's third overall championship in the OVAC Ron Mauck Wrestling Tournament and was also the Class 3A titlist. Under the guidance of Hall of Fame coach Jeff Oberdick, the Purple Riders were also the OHSAA Division III Sectional champions and qualified eight wrestlers for the OHSAA State Wrestling Tournament – the most in school history. The team included, front row left to right, Anthony Mamone, Todd Miller, Doug Curnes, Jason Schaal, Greg Ware, Shane Brost; second row, Scott Roth, David Cornett, Dave Proctor, John Yoder, Justin Hughes, B.J. Hedger, Kirk Roth; third row, assistant coach Babe Sidon, J.T. Stegner, Dan Jones, Andy Dobson, Tim Weaver, Steve Yarnezin, Tom Bumbico, head coach Jeff Oberdick; fourth row, Nick Redinger, Chris Ward, Rob Duncan, George Padgelek, Tom Sobota, Casey Berisford, Craig Bruney, George Shreve, Sam Cruise.

2002 Volleyball Team



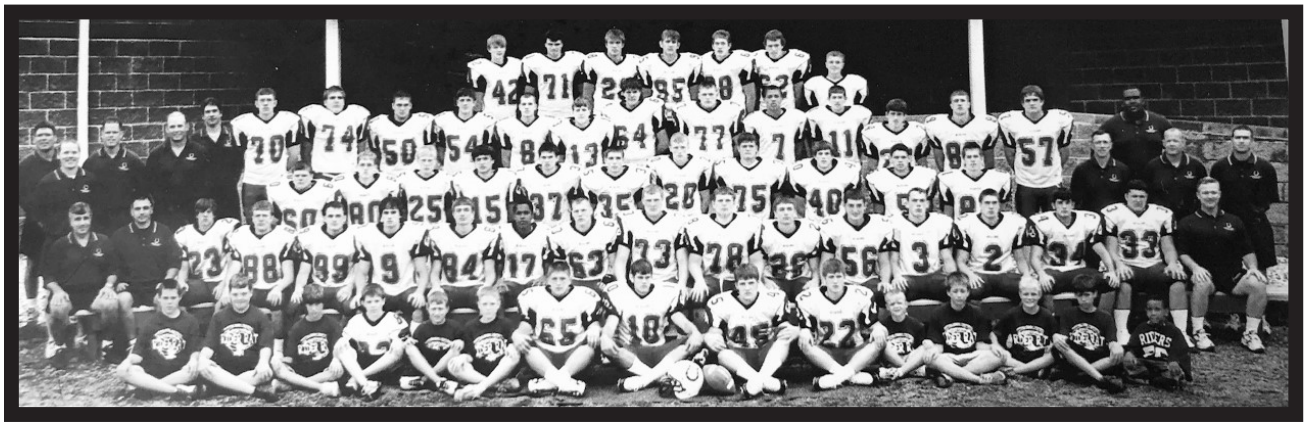
The 2002 volleyball team posted the school's only undefeated regular season and finished the year with a 24-2 record. The Lady Riders, coached by Tom Suriano, were OHSAA Division III Sectional champions and D-III District runner-up, and also were OVAC Class 3A Tournament runner-up, defeating St. Clairsville in the semifinals before falling to Shenandoah in the championship. The team included Hilary Smith, Bianca Piergallini, Natalee Regal, Jenny Secrist, Lindsay Coyne, Stephanie Suriano, Jennifer Rice, Danielle Schemp, Megan Ware, Shae Marchbank, Holly Apostolec, Leah Newland, Angela Cerasoli, Kelsey Carpenter, Megan Simpson, Lychel Jozwiak, Jayme Kalinski, Libby Hodor, Megan Anzak, Emily Carlier, Kacie Strauss and Amie Riethmiller. Assistant coaches included Debbie Carpenter, Paula Riethmiller, Kim Ogilbee, Erin Lude and Susan Suriano.

2002 Football Team



The 2002 football team registered an undefeated regular season, winning the OVAC Class 3A championship under Coach Dave Bruney and earning an OHSAA Division IV, Region 15 playoffs where they dropped a 27-24 overtime heartbreaker to Coshocton. The Riders finished with a 10-1 record and outscored their opponents by a whopping 390-98 margin The team included John Eden, Kyle Stewart, Lance Mirich, Tyrone Platt, Mike Mamone, Derek Simpson, Shawn Waleisky, James Brown, Devon Trouten, Seth Holzopfel, Zac Orzolek, Chris Schramm, Mike Edwards, Shawn Williams, David Edwards, Josh Treadway, Charles Thompson, Kyle Ray, Kevin Lee, Trevor Bruney,Anthony Reasbeck, Nelson Jordan, Brandon Garcia, Nick Stankovich, Robert Kittel, Robert Machine, Ryan Hunker, Duncan Burress, Shane Yarnovic, David Treadway, Justin Provenzano, Jason Jones, Chase Watts, Zach Fairbanks, David DeFranco, Ryan Church, Chas Yoder, Chuck Zaney, Nick Kemp, Keith Davis, Clay Tucker, Dustin Drohomirecky, Gino Mehl, Justin Bungard, Don Machine, Matt Robinson, Jesse Jones, Luke Warren, John Nagel. The coaching staff included Babe Sidon, Justin Kropka, Mike Delatore, Tony Collette, Jeff Dhromirecky, Dennis Kasper, Greg Steele, Jason Marling, Curt Secrest, Dirk Fitch, John Bennett, Jim Hoover, Dwayne "Bubba" Coleman, Paul Matuska, Bill Bruney, Jim Fogle, Mike Rose and Nick Stankovich. Scores: Cambridge (35-14); Buckeye Local (62-7); Steubenville Catholic (42-22); Union Local (55-0); St. Clairsville (35-0); River (17-0); Indian Creek (22-0); Painesville Harvey (34-14); Linsly (31-7); Bellaire (33-7); Playoffs/Coshocton (lost 27-24 OT).

2004 Football Team D-IV 'Final Four'



The 2004 football team's opener with was postponed, but Coach Dave Bruney's Riders didn't miss a beat and put together an unbeaten 9-0 regular season and then advanced farther in the OHSAA playoffs than ever, winning the Division IV, Region 15 championship by defeating West Muskingum, Bellaire and New Albany. Ferry lost to Youngstown Cardinal Mooney in the state semifinals, finishing the year with a 12-1 record and outscoring its opponents by a 466-111 margin. The team included Matt Robinson, Ryan Church, Chas Yoder, Clay Tucker, Gino Mehl, Jon Nagel, Dave DeFranco, A.J. Thompson, Jason Jones, Chase Watts, Donald Machine, Chuck Zaney, Nick Kemp, Jesse Jones, Justin Provenzano, Dom Bopp, Zach Fairbanks, Luke Warren, Ben Smith, Gary Ball, Andrew Chesonis, Chad Ware, Manoel Sampaio, Justin DeVault, Bobby Mitchell, Matt Smith, Justin Allen, Caleb Statler, Billy Antill, Mike Bartels, Ray Unterzuber, Boyd Carpino, Jeff Coole, Zach Zabitski, Chris Lovell, Justin Patterson, Mike Erwin, Jeremy Paden, Jamal Murray, Shane Pamphilis, Zach Bowers, Dale Knollinger, Shane Clark, Josh Bowers, Jacob Bowers, Jacob Klug, Ryan Zann, Rick Crummitt, Daniel Klug, Weston Ball. Bruney's coaching staff included Tony Collette, Justin Kropka, Mike Rose, Jason Marling, Jim Fogle, Greg Steele, Paul Matuska, Bill Bruney, Dirk Fitch, John Bennett and Jay Agnew. Scores: Lisbon David Anderson (ppd); Buckeye Local (32-7); Bloom Carroll (67-0); Union Local (40-0); Watkins Memorial (48-14); Sullivan Black River (33-7); Indian Creek (27-7); St. Clairsville (48-14); John Glenn (27-7); Bellaire (21-7); Playoffs – West Muskingum (49-7); Bellaire (33-7); New Albany (35-7); Division IV State Semifinals – Youngstown Cardinal Mooney (lost 27-6).

2005 Softball Team



The 2005 softball team enjoyed the school's best season to date. The Lady Riders of Coach Jess Cordery finished with a 24-4 record; captured the OVAC Class 3A championship and won OHSAA Division III Sectional and District titles to earn a spot in the D-III Regional semifinals where they lost a 4-3 heartbreaker to eventual state champion Sycamore Mohawk. The team included Megan Anzak, Kelsey Carpenter, Lynsey Agnew, Megan Ware, Angela Cerasoli, Jessica Hilton, Sarah Barkey, Stephanie Payne, Ashley Suto, Kara Winzenreid, Sarah Burch, Jordan Ford, Kayla Lewis, Brittany Hood, Kristian Cerasoli, Megan Jones, Kayla Kuminkoski and Victoria Zigaceek. Cordery's coaching staff included Debbie Carpenter, Kollin Campanizzi, Carrie Oliver and Ken Campanizzi. Tournament Scores: D-III Sectional: St. Clairsville (won 12-3); Steubenville Catholic (won 4-3). D-III District: Indian Valley (won 6-2); Ridgewood (won 4-1). D-III Regional Semifinals: Sycamore Mohawk (lost 4-3).

1976 Boys Track Team



The 1976 boys' track team enjoyed a memorable season, finishing 6-0 in dual meets; taking first place in the Belmont County Relays, the Steel Valley League and the Shadyside, Martins Ferry and John Marshall invitationals; and finishing second in the St. Clairsville and Cambridge invitationals. The team finished as the OVAC Class AAA runner-up to Cambridge; won the HOSAA Class AA Sectional and District championships and finished 11th in the OHSAA Class AA meet on the strength of a first place finish by senior Bruce Smith in the two-mile run (9:20.2). The team included, front row left to right, Leon Allen, Bill Campbell, John Doughty, Colin McNickle, John Miller, Ed Zuboski, Sam Carter, Joe Leluika, Bruce Smith, Tom Thomas and Paul Fitzhugh; second row, Steve Fekete, Keith Nichols, Ernie Ward, Nick Stankovich, Ron Stargen, Steve DeLise, Andy Kuzma, Don Archer, Dave Mihelarakis, Bill Clower and Jeff Shane; third row, head coach Gordon Downie, assistant coach Dave Bruney, assistant coach Bill Wagner, Bob Clower, Eric Orts, Mike Duskey, Mike Dorsey, Jim Lucas, Tyrone Allen, Randy Webb, Mike Chesonis and Bill Hampton; fourth row, manager Dave Sykes, David Goudy, Matt Padden Joe Klug, Dave Schaal, Curtis Turner, Daryl Orts, Bob Autio, Mike Kandis, Rick Pyle, Spence Bullock, Chris Sinclair, manager Bill Conrath and manager Alan Soltysiak.

1994 Girls Track Team



The 1994 girls' track team turned in a sparkling season, winning team championships in the OVAC Cal Giffin Track Championships (Class 3A), the Belmont County Relays and the OHSAA District Meet. They also won the Bellaire EarlyBird, the Shadyside Relays and the Bellaire Girls Invitational. The team included, front row, left to right, Hillary Orban, Karen Fogle, Bobbi Jo Sampson, Brenda Bender, Chrissy Martin, Heather Richter; second row, Kelly Kish, Heather Palmer, Susan Gottlober, Jessi Sutton, Lindsay DelGuzzo, Chrissi Dowdell; third row, Stephanie Dolfi, Corrie Frohnapfel, Marja Scheehle, Jenny Owens, Kisha Thomas; fourth row, assistant coach Clay Sheldon, Angie Olako, assistant coach Joe Ellis, Beth Alltop, Melanie Nagy, head coach Dirk Fitch, Serena Hartley, Nicole Melendez, assistant coach Dwayne "Bubba" Coleman and assistant coach Paul Matuska.

1999 Boys Track Team



The 1999 boys' track team got their biggest win in the OHSAA Division II District Meet and then took fifth place in the D-II Regional and 11th at the D-II State Meet. The Riders also won the OVAC Cal Giffin Track Championships (Class 3A), the Belmont County Relays, Shadyside Relays, Bellaire Early Bird and Union Local Invitational while finishing as the top Ohio Valley team in the Dick Dei Classic at Wheeling Park (third overall) and third in the Bellaire Relays. The team included, front row, left to right, Sam Cruz, Jay Wallace, Fred Ray, Jay Agnew, J.R. Thomas, Ron Hill, Joe Keller, Tony Collette and Coach Dirk Fitch; second row, assistant coach Sean Valloric, Jeremy Leonard, Ron Wilson, Kellen Shane, Joey Danehart, Mitch Tranovich; third row, assistant coach Ed Liberatore, John Yoder, assistant coach Greg Steele, Zac Bruney, Kirk Roth, assistant coach Clay Sheldon, David Cornett, assistant coach Joe Ellis, John Tierney, assistant coach Justin Kropka and Chris Meeker.

2001-02 Girls Basketball Team



The 2001-2002 Martins Ferry girls' basketball team finished with a sparkling 23-2 record, the best in school history for the girls' program. The Lady Riders captured the OVAC Class 3A crown and turned in a strong postseason, winning the OHSAA Division III Sectional by defeating Barnesville (71-44) and arch-rival Bellaire (62-59, OT) and then won the D-III District by upending Garaway (42-33) and St. Clairsville (37-35) to qualify for the Regional in Lancaster where they had an 18-game winning streak snapped by Oak Hill (63-46). The team included, front row left to right, Ashley Bruney, Danielle Neavin, Holly Gavarkavich, Stephanie Leonard, Shannon Lucas and manager Beth Hotlocks; second row, Jennifer Rice, Karley Yoder, Lindsay Coyne, Amy Bruney, Stephanie McIntosh, Shari Wilkinson; back row, Amanda White, manager Pat Jobb, Lynsey Agnew, Hilary Smith, Amanda DiBacco, Lychel Jozwiak, Jenny Secrest, head coach Kim Appolloni and Jill Winland. Not pictured, assistant coaches Tina Yates and Larry Duck.

1991 Girls Cross Country Team



The 1991 Martins Ferry girls' cross country team took first place in the OVAC Class 3A Championships, Belmont County Championships and St. Clairsville Invitational; was runner-up in the Ohio Valley Cross Country League, Martins Ferry Invitational and Union Local Invitational; fourth in the OHSAA Division II District and sixth in the Division II Regional while posting a 6-0 dual record. Front row, left to right, Tracy Hall, Nikki Bursee, Jennifer McGlothlin, Missy Hoffman and Stephanie Frohnapfel; back row, Kelly Kish, Laurie Richmond, Chrissy Martin, Cari Jackson, Mika Moreland, Christy Zingo, Kristie Parrill, assistant coach Rich Jackson. Not pictured, head coach Joe Ellis.

1991 Boys Cross Country Team



The 1991 Martins Ferry boys' cross country team captured both the OVAC Class 3A and Ohio Valley Cross Country League championships; finished fourth at the OHSAA Division III District and 12th at the Division III Regional; and compiled a 7-2 dual record with only two seniors on the squad. Front row, left to right, Buddy Benline, John Beck, David Carley and Pete Beck; back row, assistant coach Rich Jackson, Brian Morgan, Craig Duncan, Joey Martin, Bob Harasuik, Jeff Krone and Mike Ringer. Not pictured, head coach Joe Ellis.

1992 Boys Cross Country Team



The 1992 Martins Ferry boys' cross country team claimed team titles in the OVAC Class 3A, Ohio Valley Cross Country League, Belmont County Championships and invitationals at Martins Ferry, Union Local, Malone and Cambridge; captured the Division II District championship; was the Division II Regional runner-up and finished seventh in the OHSAA Division II State Meet. Front row, left to right, Pete Beck, D.J. Charlton, Dave Curley, Mike Ringer, Steve Kish and John Beck; back row, assistant coach Rich Jackson, Jeff Krone, Nathan Benline, Bob Harasuik, Joe Martin and head coach Joe Ellis.

1992 Girls Cross Country Team



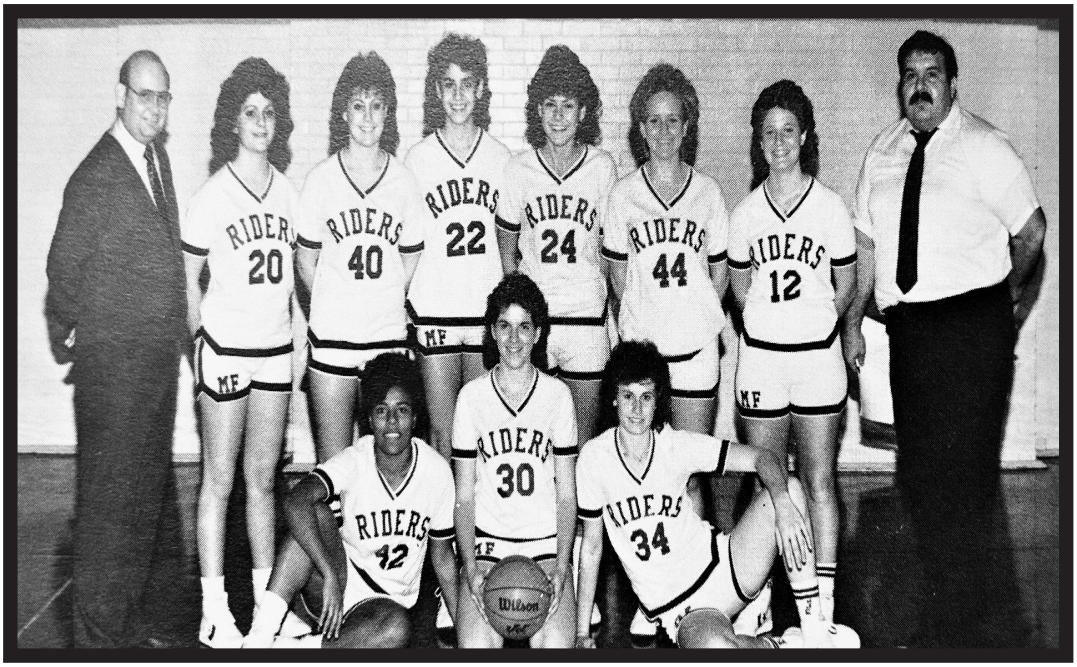
The 1992 Martins Ferry girls' cross country team finished on top in the Belmont County Championships and Ohio Valley Cross Country League as well as invitationals at Martins Ferry and Union Local; was the runner-up in OVAC Class 3A and the Cambridge Invitational; placed third at the Malone Invitational; second at the Division III District; fourth at the Division III Regional; and 11th at the OHSAA Division III State Meet. Front row, left to right, Jennifer Smith, Chrissi Dowdell, Tami Stephens and Missy Hoffman; back row, assistant coach Rich Jackson, Cari Jackson, Laurie Richmond, Christy Zingo, Marja Scheehle, Kelly Kish, Chrissy Martin and head coach Joe Ellis.

1982 Boys Cross Country Team



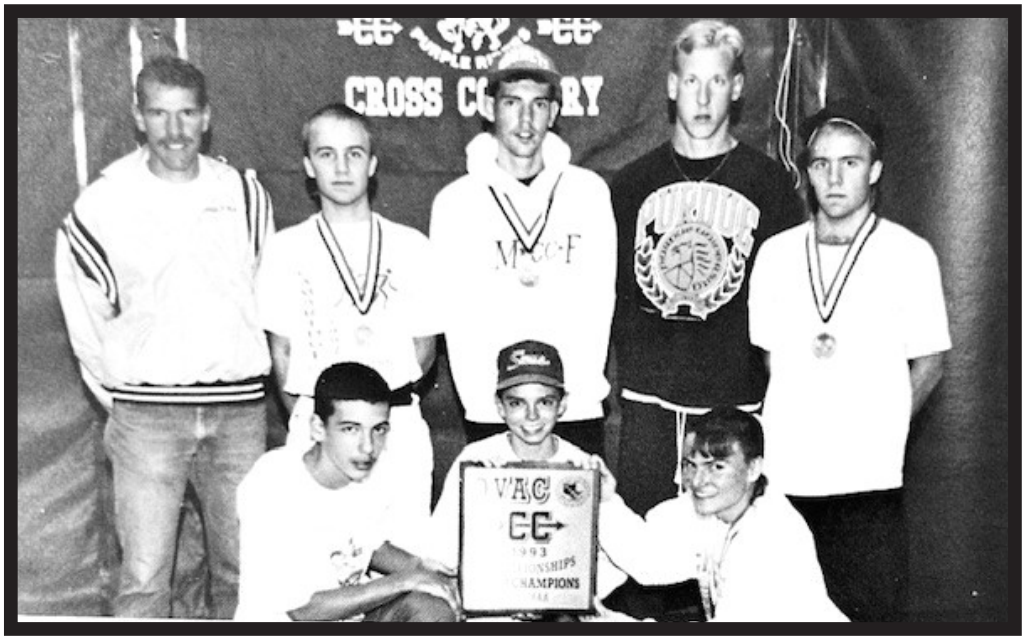
The 1982 Martins Ferry Boys Cross Country team – coached by Hall of Famer Gordon Downie – captured the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Class 3A championship, the Ohio Valley Cross Country League title, the Belmont County Cross Country crown and finished third in the OHSAA Class AA District Meet while finishing undefeated in duals. Front row, left to right, Dave Archer, Margo McNeal, Cindy Delbridge, Peggy Herzog, Todd Bowman; back row, Dan McCardle, Mark Smith, Ken Sokolowski, Kevin Sokolowski, Mike McNeal and Coach Gordon Downie. (photo also includes three members of the girls' team).

1985-86 Girls Basketball Team



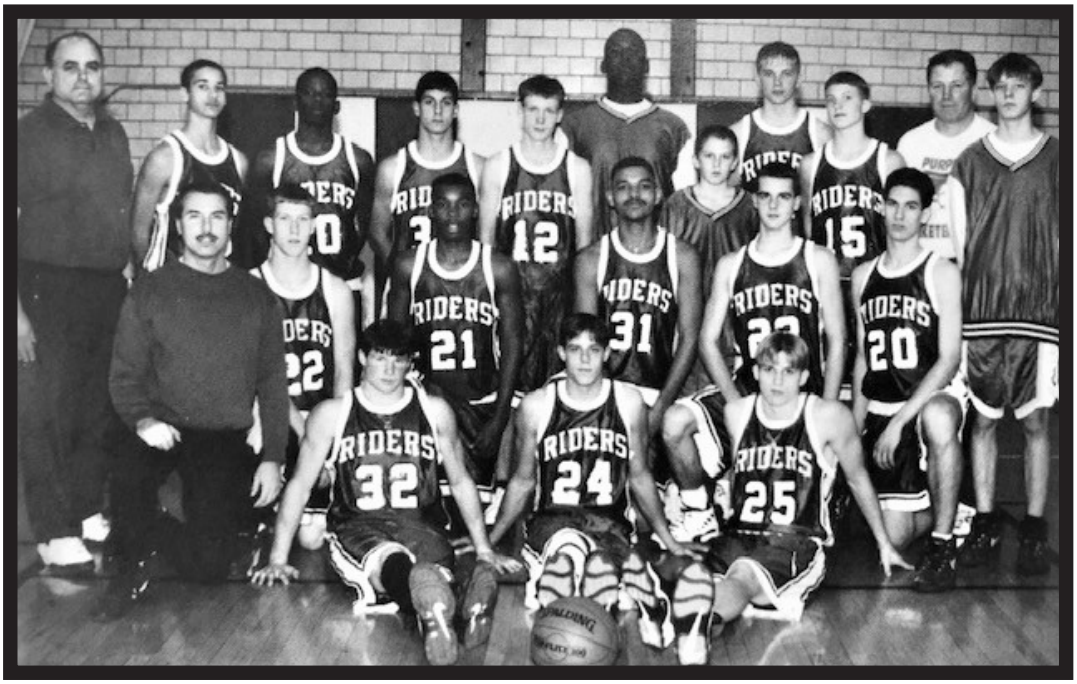
The Lady Purple Riders enjoyed a stellar season, posting an overall record of 22-2 which set a school record for victories, a mark equaled by the 2001-2002 squad which finished 22-3.Coached by Hall of Famer Larry Duck, they captured the OVAC Class 3A championship and the OHSAA Class AA Sectional title before falling to eventual state champion West Holmes in the District Championship. The squad included, front row left to right, Theresa Freeman, Michelle Janetski and Missy Zaney; back row, assistant coach Roger Best, Holly Anderson, Angie Laughman, Shelly Carroll, Denise Veloski, Jacque Thoburn, Cory Armstrong and Larry Duck.

1993 Boys Cross Country Team



Completing a terrific three-year run of success, the 1993 Purple Rider boys' squad kept things rolling by repeating as overall OVAC Champions while finishing third in the District, fourth in the Regional (in three inches of snow) and eighth in the OHSAA Division II State Meet. MFHS also won the Belmont County Meet and invitationals at St. Clairsville and at home; finished second at the Tiffin Invitational (behind 1992 state champion Bay Village Bay) and second at the Malone Invitational (behind 1992 state runner-up Ashtabula Edgewood). Coached by Hall of Famer Joe Ellis, the team included Pete Beck, Nate Benline John Beck, Bob Harasuik, Jeff Baggot, Steve Kish, Dan Charleton and Joe Oberle.

1997-98 Boys Basketball Team



The 1997-98 Martins Ferry Boys Basketball team – coached by Hall of Famer Jeff Sabatino – finished the season with an overall 21-4 record, capturing the OHSAA Division III Sectional and District championships and earning a spot in the Regional semifinals. The Riders also won the OVAC Class 3A crown – one of only six to that point in school history (the others were in 1944, 1961, 1980, 2002 and 2017). Front row, left to right, Chad Brinker, Chad Coyne and Nick Yourkovich; second row, head coach Jeff Sabatino, Donnie Cash, Fred Ray, Ralph Pugh, Derek Travis and Jeff Volan; back row, assistant coach Mike Lucas, Justin Tyler, James Watts, Tony Collette, Jeremy Schrodes, Phillip Trouten, Ron Hill, Zach Bruney, assistant coach Chad Coyne and Chad Verba.

2009-10 Girls Swim Team



The 2009-2010 girls' swim team put together a banner season under Coach Nick Levi. Along the way, the Lady Riders finished first overall and in the small school division of the OVAC Swim Championships; fifth in the OHSAA Sectional and 12th in the OHSAA District. Ferry also took first in the Belmont County Kickoff Meet and St. Clairsville Invitational; second in the Brooke Invitational and Barnesville Invitational; third in the John Marshall Invitational; fourth in the St. Clairsville Pentathlon and Dover Invitational. The girls' team included Laura Rojas, Katie Lough, Katie Longenette, Shannon Lewis, Gabrielle Fulst, Alyssa Smith, Christina Lattimer, Katie Wharton, Rebecca Deaton Elise Maguire and Salina Howard. Nick Levi was assisted by Andrew Chesonis and Sue Levi.

2011 Golf Team



The 2011 Purple Riders' golf team was the most accomplished as a group, becoming the first to qualify for OHSAA Division II District Tournament by winning the Sectional championship. The Ferrians, coached by Joe Kosar, also won the school's second OVAC championship – winning the Class 3A crown – along with claiming the Ohio Valley Golf League title and finishing second in the Buckeye 8. The team posted a 40-2 record in league play and was 114-18 overall. Members of the squad were juniors Andrew Chlon (Sectional medalist), Taylor Shane (OVAC medalist), Chase Stuckey and Zac Riggenbach; seniors Doug Robey and Bill West and junior Kaitlyn Bliss, who excelled individually in girls' competition by finishing second in the OHSAA Sectional and qualifying for the District – a feat she repeated as a senior. Pictured, left to right are Taylor Shane, Andrew Chlon, Doug Robey, Kaitlyn Bliss, Zach Riggenbach and Chase Stuckey with head coach Joe Kosar kneeling in front.