

TECUMSEH ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

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PETER SCARFF
TRISTAN MURRAY
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Peter Scarff grew up outside New Carlisle and spent his school career in the Tecumseh system. He was fortunate that he had a tennis court at the family house, enabling him to learn to play at a young age. His father taught him the game, but he only began to take it seriously at 14 when his mother entered him and his older brother Bill in local tournaments. They raised some eyebrows when they beat many of the better Springfield players. Peter started playing regularly at Springfield's Snyder Park, and soon his summers were filled with tennis—serving as a leader in the youth tennis program that taught 4-500 children of all ages the game of tennis and playing and winning tournaments at both singles and doubles with Bill that qualified him for larger tournaments. They often made weekend trips to Chicago, Indianapolis, and Toledo for club matches. In winter, he and Bill played at indoor clubs in Springfield and Dayton, including early morning practices before school.

When Peter was a freshman, 9th grade was held at Olive Branch Junior High School. Though he begged Doug Chaffins, the tennis coach, he was not able to play on the varsity team. He worked hard toward the goal of playing varsity in his sophomore year. He and Bill, who was now a senior, would get up early

enough to play at the Springfield Racquet Club from 5:30 to 6:30 in the morning, then shower, dress, and be to school by 7:15. When spring came, he and Bill had to play each other for the first singles spot on the varsity team. Bill won their match for the top position, Peter played second singles for the 1976 season, and was undefeated. He won the Miami Central Conference tournament at second singles and was selected to the All-MCC team. At the annual Wayne Doubles Tournament, which attracted teams from all over the state, Peter and Bill made it all the way to the quarterfinal round. After the regular season, they decided that their best chance to get to the state tournament was by playing doubles together. They won the sectional tournament, but lost in the state qualifying round to the eventual state runner-up.

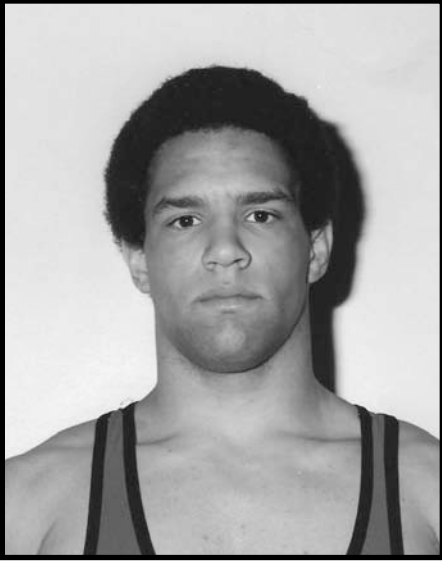
Peter's junior year, he played first singles and was undefeated again. Like his sophomore year, he won the MCC tournament and was selected to the all MCC team. He played singles in the sectional tournament, and faced his best friend and rival, Rusty Schubert from Springfield North in the finals. Peter had already beaten Rusty twice during the regular season. After winning the first set and gaining two match points in the second set, he collapsed and lost the match. In his first round match in the district tournament, he played his worst tennis of the year and lost in three sets. His senior year regular season was a repeat of the first two. Playing first singles, he went undefeated during the regular season, won the MCC tournament, and was selected to the All-MCC team. He beat Rusty Schubert twice during the season, and this time Peter was ready for Rusty in the sectional finals. In a match that had to be moved indoors because of rain, Peter beat Rusty in straight sets. At the district tournament the following week, Peter won his first round match, but lost in the state qualifying round to a Cincinnati player.

Peter's overall singles record in high school was 73-3. His doubles record was 9-2 for an overall record of 82-5. In each year of his high school tennis, the Arrows team wasn't the best, but Peter had a lot of fun. Playing the same teams each year allowed all the boys on the team to develop friendships that lasted through the season and the tournaments. They would hang out together, go onto the court and play against each other, then hang out together some more. After high school Peter went on to play varsity tennis at the collegiate level with Ohio University where he lettered all four years. His sophomore year, he won Most Valuable Player honors. He won Mid Atlantic Conference Player of the Week during his sophomore year, and each year had an overwhelming winning record. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in business administration with an emphasis in finance.

After college, Peter played tennis competitively for a few more years and continued to win tournaments in the Dayton and Springfield area. He soon turned his attention to his career, his family and community service, and was equally successful there. Peter married Cindy Speck of Oakwood in 1985 and they have raised three great children, all of whom graduated from Tecumseh: Nelson in 2006, Henry in 2009, and Anna in 2012. Nelson graduated from The Ohio State University in horticulture in 2011.

Peter is the president of Scarff's Nursery, Inc. He has served as a board member for the Cox Arboretum Foundation, the New Carlisle Public Library, the Wholesale Nursery Growers of America, and the Ohio Nursery and Landscape Association, where he also served as president in 1996. He has been the Ohio Senator to the American Nursery and Landscape Association since 2007. He is a member of New Carlisle Rotary where he served as president and was selected as a Paul Harris Fellow. He has been a deacon in the Lake Avenue Christian Church since 2007. In 2008, Peter was elected to the Tecumseh Local Board of Education where he continues to serve.

Tristan Murray



Tristan Marshall Murray was born on October 16, 1983 in Dayton, OH to Victoria Clark and Arthur Murray. He was raised in New Carlisle and attended Tecumseh Local Schools from kindergarten until he graduated as the Co-Valedictorian of the THS Class of 2002. While in High School, Tristan was a member of National Honor Society, Astronomy Club and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He was also a standout athlete in football, wrestling and track throughout his career.

Tristan started his football career off by being a member of the undefeated 1998 team and ended his career with another league title his senior year in 2001. He led his team to an 11-2 record his senior year as they reached the state regional finals for the first time in school history. During his career, he broke 9 school records and led his class to the greatest overall record in the history of Tecumseh football at 35 -8. While doing this he earned 1st team all CBC honors twice, All District honors twice and was a member of the All-State team as a senior.

In addition to earning four varsity letters in football, he also earned four varsity letters in track. He ran the 110m hurdles, 300 hurdles, 4x100m relay, 4x400 relay and competed in the long jump. He won 18 event titles throughout his career and ended up being the CBC champ in the 110m hurdles as a junior and placed 2nd as a senior. In the 300m hurdles, he placed 3rd as a junior and was the CBC champion his senior year. Tristan went on to place 2nd in the long jump at the CBC meet and was also a member of the record breaking 4x100m relay team that also won the CBC title in his senior season.

In wrestling, he began his career as a sophomore and finished 16-15 and placed 3rd in the CBC. As a junior he went 40-10, winning 6 tournaments and placing in the other 3, before capping off the year with a 1st place finish at the CBC and sectional tournaments, 4th place at Districts and ended with a 5th place finish at the state tournament. As a senior, he finished 39-4 and again won 6 tournaments throughout the year. He placed 2nd in the CBC, 1st at the sectional, 3rd at Districts and completed his career by winning the Division I 160lb state title, becoming Tecumseh's first ever state champion. He complimented his success on the mat by also being named a 2 time Academic All State award recipient.

Upon graduation, he went to Brown University to play football and majored in architecture. After two years at Brown, Tristan decided to transfer back home to play football with his brother again at Wittenberg University. He continued his academic and athletic success at the collegiate level. Tristan led his team to a NCAC league championship his senior year while earning a berth to the DIII playoffs. He currently holds eight individual rushing records at Wittenberg and is listed in the record books an additional 26 times. Tristan was voted the team's MVP all three years and was named Wittenberg's Male Athlete of the Year in 2006. He was 1st team All NCAC three times and in 2005 and 2006 he was voted to the DIII All Region team. To highlight his on the field accomplishments, Tristan was a 2 time Football Gazette All American and was a finalist for the Gagliardi Trophy (DIII Heisman Trophy) as a senior. Academically at Wittenberg, Tristan made the presidents list every semester in college, was a 3 time academic all American All American and received the Broadwell Chinn Award (highest African American GPA at Wittenberg). To complete his accolades, he was a semi-finalist for the Draddy Trophy, which is considered to be the "Academic Heisman" across all divisions of football.

After college, Tristan became a financial advisor for a small firm in Vandalia for 2 years, before finding his current career in management logistics. Tristan is presently the corporate development supervisor with Dayton Freight lines and has been there for 4 years. He presently resides in New Carlisle with his two wonderful children, Tristan Murray (4) and Savannah Murray (3).

Tristan would like to thank his incredible family for all the support and love they've shown him throughout his life. He would also like to thank the entire Tecumseh family for this honor and he is very proud to call himself a Tecumseh Arrow.

Paul Luttrull



Paul Luttrull was born May 4, 1930, in Lone Tree, Iowa, in the middle of the depression. His father worked for \$1 a day and that paid for the house they lived in and the food they ate. Things were so bad that his father moved his family back to Indiana to the family farm where they grew what they ate. Paul grew up not knowing how poor they really were. His father paid \$5 for his last Model T. They lived on a dirt road until 1936, when the WPA came in and put gravel down on the road. He rode a horse drawn school bus to a one room school house for three years. When the one room school house closed, he and his brother and sisters went to Winslow City Schools. Paul quit school in his junior year to help his father work in the service station. In those days, they pumped the gas for you, and you paid \$0.269 per gallon!

Paul was drafted into the Army on May 7, 1951, where he served two years with the 11th Armored Cavalry Tank Division. After returning home for a few years, Paul moved to Portsmouth, OH, in 1953. He drove a truck hauling blacktop until he could finally get a job with the Atomic Energy Plant as an apprentice operator. He worked for several years on that and other projects around the area. He came to Springfield to help build I-70, which is now Rt. 4 coming into Springfield from the west. He also helped construct I-75 from Piqua to Franklin.

With two kids in the Tecumseh School District, it was time to quit moving and put down roots. While living in a mobile home, Paul and his wife, Barb, decided it was time to build a house. In the early 1960's, he started a new job with Danis Construction Company that would last 30 years.

Paul's contributions to the Tecumseh Athletic Department would come in the form of good honest "labors of love". In the late 1960's, he used his welding equipment to help build the new entrance to the football field. This project launched him into the Boosters, where he went on to become a dedicated contributor to every event. He supplied the generator to run the lights and popcorn machine at the festivals in Park Layne. He was there when the Boosters purchased the first wrestling mats. He was there with many of the dedicated Boosters selling and collecting tickets at football games, basketball games or fund raising events. He borrowed and ran equipment with many others as they built the first concrete stadium. He dug the trench for the new curb that he poured around the track and ran the grader for the new stone on the track with borrowed equipment. Paul went on to help build the baseball field. Paul even created and welded the goal post for the football field that still stands today. He and a Booster's friend also welded the Tecumseh Indian head on the post and set it. Paul continued to give time, supplies and labor for 13 years with a group of very dedicated Booster parents. At his age of 82, he hated to try to mention them all by name. Paul held the position of Vice President under three terrific Booster Presidents. I will tell you that one of the hardest things Paul ever did was watch as the baseball field he so painstakingly help build, level and set the drainage on, was replaced by the beautiful new Tecumseh Middle School. He so wanted to watch his grandson, Mason, play baseball on that field. Paul and his wife, Barb, were involved parents with the Boosters as their two children, Paula and Gregg, and most recently his grandchildren, Emily and Mason, worked their way through the school system. In the last few years after the passing of Paul's wife, Barb, Paul now enjoys sharing stories with his wife, Millie, and their family and friends.