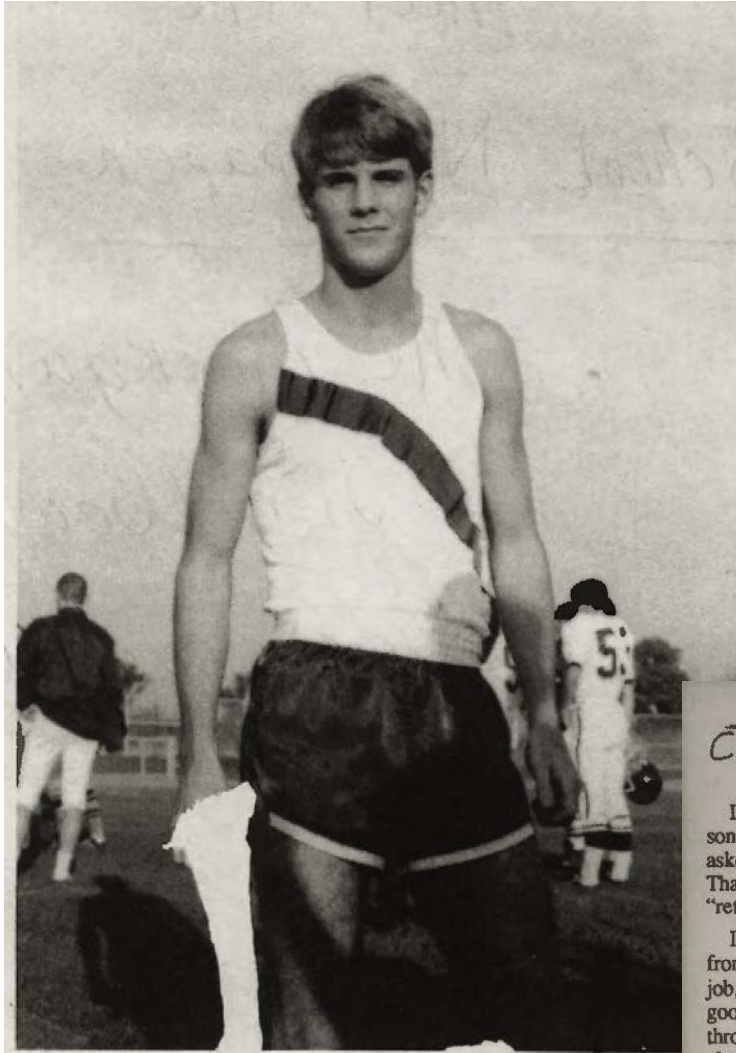


Chuck, Charlie, Charles...whatever you want to call him, call him one of the greatest two-milers to scorch the oval track for Okemos.



Cross country coach at Okemos
John Bjorkquist Remembers 1961-1972

I'm on my way to California in a few hours. My son, Dave, lives there and is building a house, and asked if I could come out for a month and help him. That's what happens when people hear the word "retire"!

It was a very hard decision to make when I retired from teaching last year. After 31 years on the same job, it was real hard to just walk away. Thank goodness I still maintain some contact with the kids through teaching some Driver's Ed. in the summer. I also see former students and staff members at ball games.

I have, for 35 years, supplemented my income with house painting. So I decided to see what would happen if I did the same thing, only full time. So, "JB Painting" was born.

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Above: Varsity team, coached by John Bjorkquist, is as follows: (bottom row) Jim Weaver, Chuck Campbell, Tom Henry, Dave Weaver; (top row) Yanko Zecevic, Greg Gross, Bill Gordon.

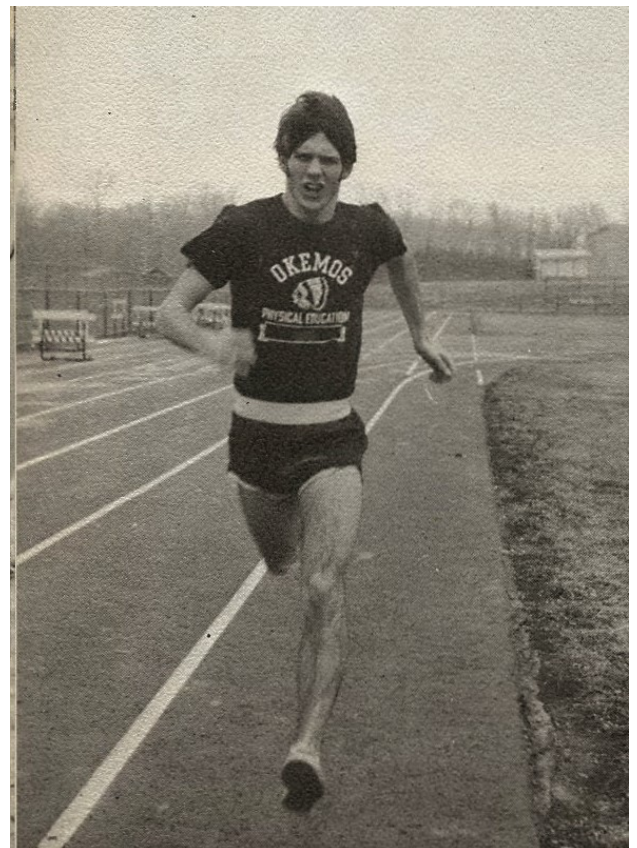
Cross Country in 1968 after the team won the Napoleon Invitational, which Charlie won. "Barney' always went to this Invitational"



...crossing the finish line 1st in the League, October 1968.

Spring training 1968

"In my track and cross country career, I was greatly influenced by the start of an Okemos Cross Country race in the fall of 1962 when I was in 6th grade. My parents took me up to school to see the start of a race on the side of the school. I was so impressed by what I saw I told my father to drop me off a mile from home so I could run home. When I got to high school 3 years later in 1965, I played football and basketball for two years before I started to run. The fact that I was in really good shape from playing those sports helped my running. As a junior in high school I knew I wasn't getting that big, but knew I could run. So, I started my track career in the spring of 1967 and that was the first year of the two-mile event. Tom Yunck was our miler so I decided that the two-mile was going to be my event. I think I was the only one that wanted to run it!"



Sophomore Tom Yunck, November 1965

"I was really influenced by Tom Yunck. The year after Tom's graduation and my senior year of 1968, I would talk about him with the other cross-country runners. We always looked up to him as someone to strive to be. I never ran against Tom, but he was always on my mind. I was the two-miler and Tom would always be our miler."

Tom Yunck, sophomore, sets course record of 10:34 at annual Turkey Trot November 9.



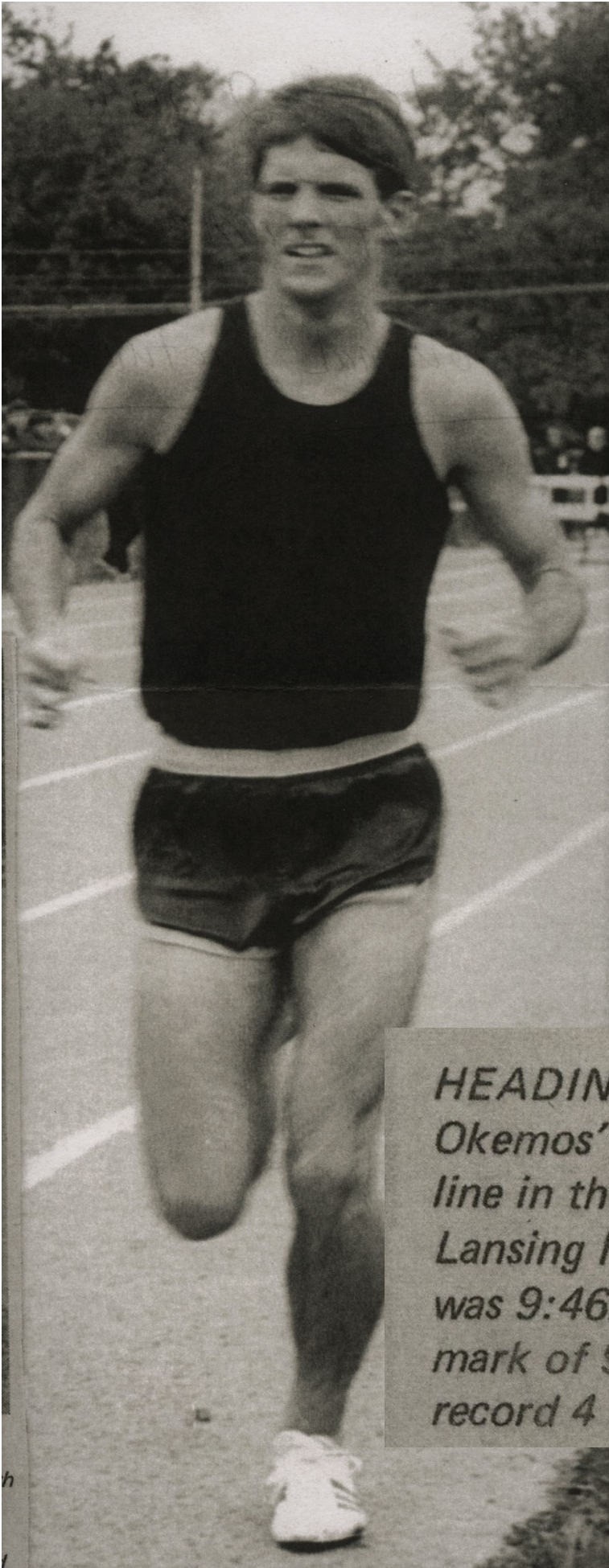
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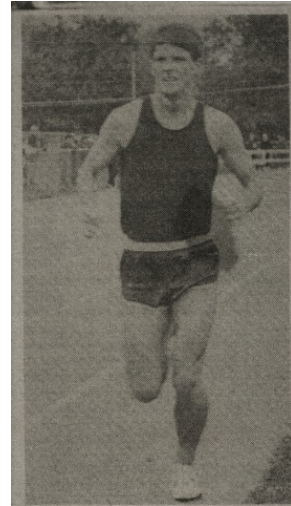
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1st Kiwanis Relays, May 1, 1969

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Okemos Flash Campbell Does It Again

MAY 1969

Ho Hum . . . Another Record

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SMITHS HAVE 'IT'

Steve Smith contributed greatly to the Okemos cause with a double in the hurdles. Gary Smith came up with a pair of sprint victories for Haslett.

In another meet on the same fast Okemos track, Holt handed Gabriels a 71-47 setback. John Gary showed the way for the Rams, bagging four individual triumphs by taking both hurdles, the long jump and the high jump.

Ralph Martinez won both dashes for the Shamrocks.

East Lansing was the

Trojans romped to an impressive 84-34 victory at Battle Creek Lakeview. Everett held Jackson Parkside to a 59-all

tie, while Sexton fell to Kalamazoo Central, 62-56, and Ann Arbor Piqueer easily outran Eastern, 88 1/2-29 1/2.

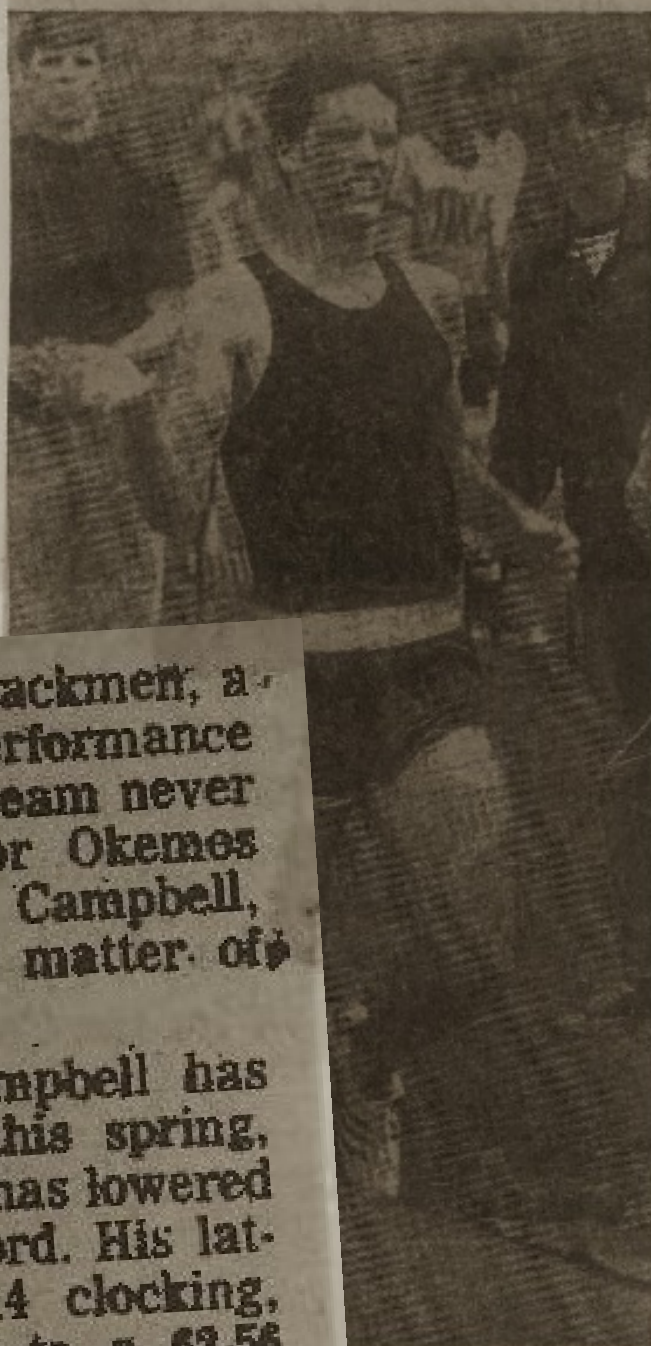
East Lansing permitted Lakeview to take only three events, and received double wins from Mark Grua in the

dashes and S hurdles.

A number were registered off-Parkside kings' Kirk E best of them. in the long jump school record.

Sexton got a Adolph Burton 100 and long jump first in the 220.

Fast-improving Charles Holler only winner, the 100 and 220 respective times.



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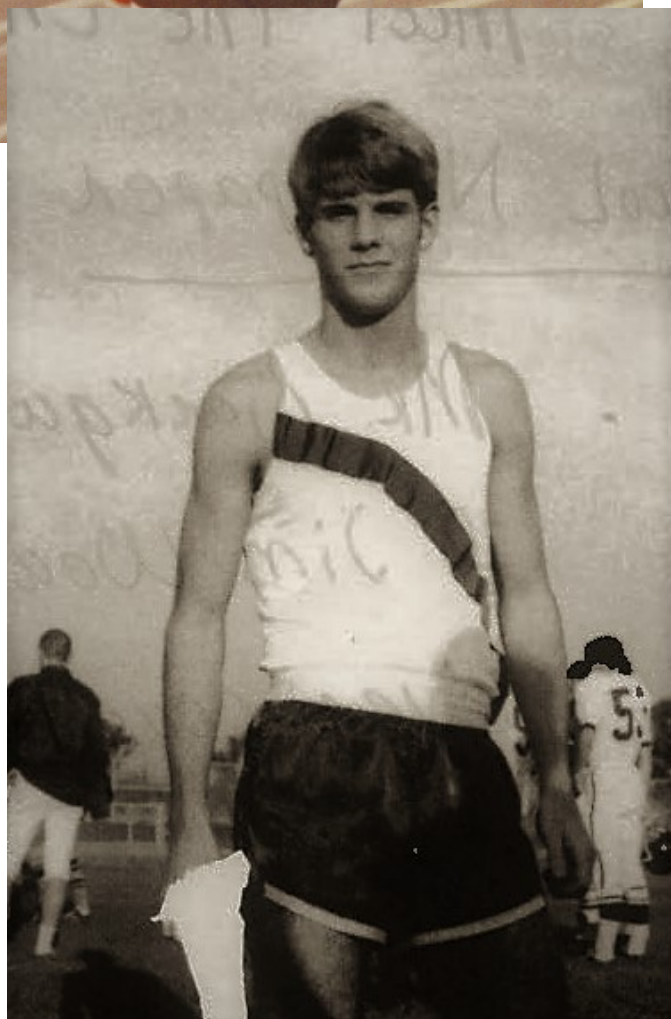
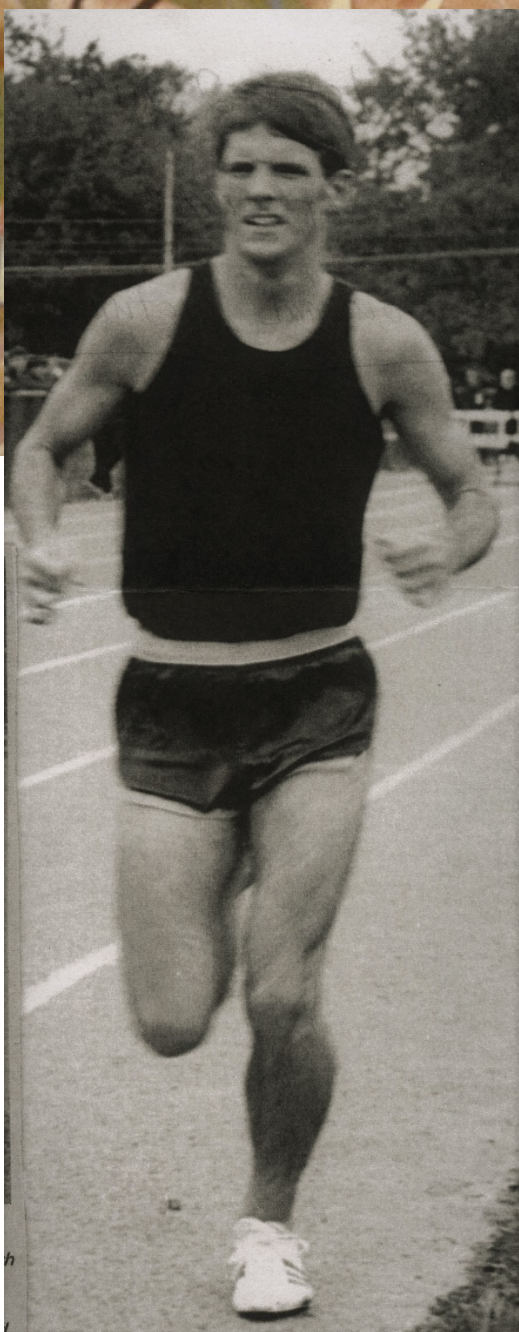
...and **The Record!**



May 1969 - Regionals at Okemos Track. 9:41 2 mile Run
Charlie Campbell School Record 2 Mile Run.

"10.24 was my best time in 1967, then in 1968 I got it down to 10.04 and my senior year got it all the way down to 9:41. I believe I had the school record for 17 years until 1987. I ran some after high school for several years but eventually just do walking for now."

Charlie Campbell . OHS Class of 1969 . All-State Cross-Country 1968-1969 . All-State Track 1968-1969 . Honored by his coach . Inspired by and gives honors his earlier great teammate . One of our greatest two-milers of all times...and the record that held for 17 years.

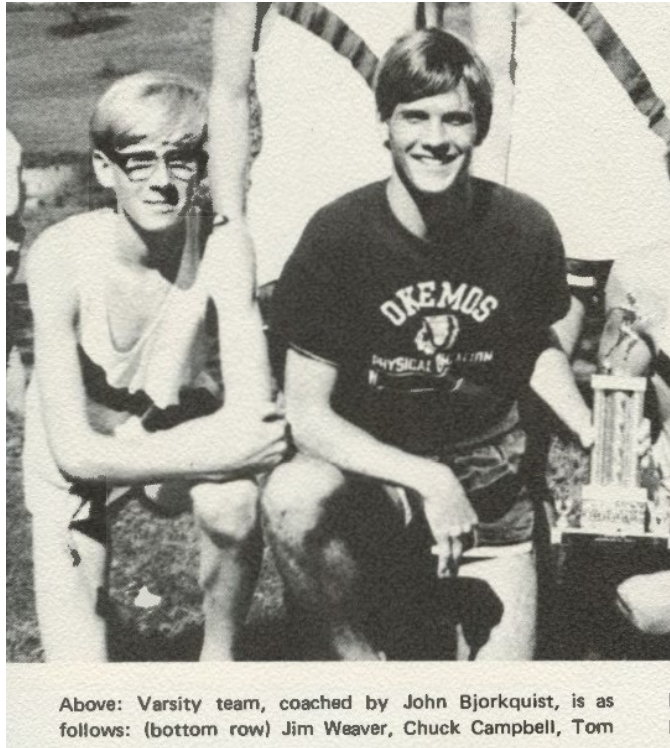




“My best time in the One Mile Run was 4:25, four seconds slower than Tom Yunck's record time. I always considered the mile run harder than the two-mile run.

“Charlie Campbell, Jim Weaver and Tom Yunck-3 of the greatest distance runners that I ever coached”, Coach John Bjorkquist.

My best time in the two-mile run was 9:41 and finished second in the state in May of 1969 down at the U of M track. A fellow from Detroit St. Anthony beat me in the state final. I was going into the last turn and he was finishing!



I remember after finishing the regional race my sophomore year in the spring of 1967 at Waverly high school. My parents took me over to the Michigan Armory to see my brother Kirk who was home from his US Marine post in Pendleton Ca. In the regional races, the top two finishers would go to the State finals. By 1968 and for years to come, those regional races were held at Okemos because we had the resources to house the event.”



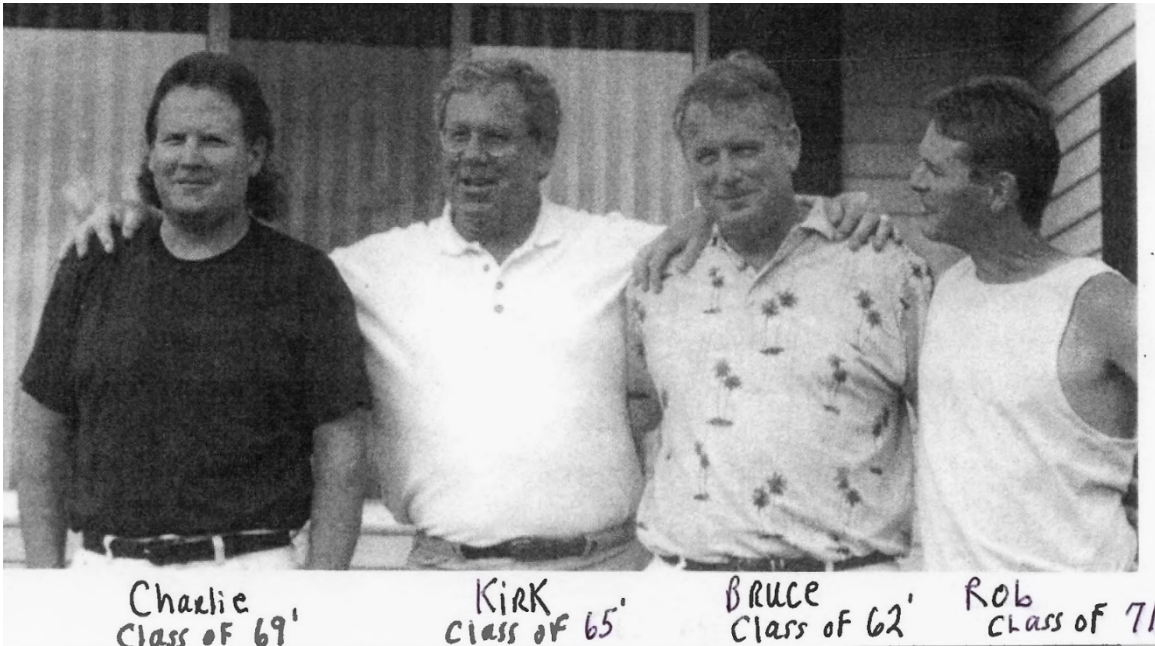
The family pedigree:

My father Charles Lewis Campbell Sr. was athletic. He played football for Ionia and graduated in 1936. He went on to Ferris Institute (Ferris State College, then Ferris State University) and was in the band and played football.

My Grandma Campbell would come to the games in Big Rapids and at the same time listen to Uncle Bob play on the radio at Michigan.

My father was president of the Lansing Alumni Association and president of the Toast Masters Club in Ingham County in the early 1960's. He also served on the Alumni Board of Directors at Ferris State from his election in the fall of 1962 until his passing in January of 1971. He served as the only medical person on a Naval Vessel of 96 men in Italy during WWII. He received a citation at the Anzio Beachhead Invasion. He worked as a retail pharmacist and worked for 25 years at McKesson and Robbins Wholesale Drug company. My father was involved a lot with extra curricular events that would take place at the high school, like the school circus and other events.

I have 3 other brothers. Bruce graduated in 1962 at Okemos, Kirk graduated in 1965 and Rob graduated in 1971. Bruce passed away in August of 2012 but ran track and cross country on the Okemos teams. Kirk got his letter running cross country but didn't pursue sports any after that. Kirk owns his own company Cinnemalighting in Franklin Tennessee



currently and does the lighting and carpeting in theaters nationwide. His company did the improvements at the Celebration and NCG Theatres in Lansing, Michigan. Rob went to the Palmer school of chiropractic medicine in Davenport Iowa. He is currently a chiropractor and does back Disc work in San Clemente Ca. I worked for the State of Michigan and retired after 34 years in 2011.

My mother and father met at Ferris Institute in 1940 and married in June of 1941. My mother Jean McCulloch came from Bay City and my father with my two uncles came from Ionia. It was my mother's younger brother Don McCulloch that passed over his job with AC Spark Plug in the early 1960's and went to California (LA) and started his own company Forbes Industries. It was my Uncle Don's invention that is those luggage carts you see in movies that have those big golden arches on them. My mother's older brother my Uncle Jim who has passed away now but he played in the University of Michigan Band and was injured on the ship the Tennessee at Pearl Harbor. The Tennessee ship was right near the Arizona ship. He recovered and ended up selling hotel and office furniture in Northern California.

Then there was "My Uncle Bob"



My Uncle Bob

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Sexton perfect at Campbell Field

Big Reds beat Jackson in first game after diamond is dedicated

By Kevin Bull
For the Lansing State Journal

Camps would have been proud. The Sexton baseball team made sure the first game at the newly named Robert D. Campbell Field would be a win Thursday evening against Jackson.

The Big Reds used an incredible nine-run fifth inning for a 10-9 comeback victory in the second game of a doubleheader to open the Capital Area Conference.

The field had been dedicated between games.

The Vikings won the first game, 9-3.

"The fantastic fifth," Sexton coach Bob Gast said of his team's rally from an eight-run deficit.

"You just never know in this game. Anything is possible. You can never give up."

The late Robert Campbell probably would have agreed.

The field was officially named after Campbell, who coached Sexton baseball from 1944 through 1977, in a special ceremony at home plate.

ESPN baseball announcer Dave Campbell stood near the batter's box to thank the crowd, the Lansing school district and board of education for recognizing his father's achievements.



Sexton to honor 'Camps'

Baseball field to be named after former Coach Bob Campbell

By Tom Gantert
Lansing State Journal

When Dave Campbell was in junior high at Walter French, he'd jump on his bike after school and pedal to Sexton High School.

He was going to watch his father coach the baseball team.

"Sometimes, I'd be late," said Campbell, now a baseball announcer for ESPN. "It was a pretty good hike from Walter French over to Sexton."

Now Campbell will make another pretty good hike to the Sexton field.

That's because Thursday, Sexton will be naming the field after his father, Bob, the longtime Sexton coach who died in 1992 from cancer. He was 76.

Dave Campbell now lives in Colorado Springs, Colo. The former major leaguer's schedule is hectic. This week he'll be in Colorado Springs, Denver, Baltimore, St. Louis and Bristol, Conn.

Thursday, he stops in Lansing for a game as important as any major league game he'll announce.

The field will be named after his father in between games of a doubleheader against Jackson. The first game starts at 3:30 p.m.

Bob Campbell coached baseball at Sexton from 1944 through 1977.

Dave Campbell, who arrived in Lansing Thursday morning after broadcasting the White Sox-Orioles game from Baltimore the previous night.

"Winning was not everything for him. It was about people and working with kids. I'm not even sure what his record was or if it even matters."

Robert Campbell, better known as Camps, coached baseball and taught physical education at Sexton for nearly 35 years. He even spent some time with the football team as an assistant coach.

Twenty years after his 1977 retirement, his favorite field was named after him. It's an honor that would rank among his greatest achievements, including his 1976 induction into the Michigan High School Coaches Hall of Fame.

A red-and-white sign will hang from the backstop fence in memory of Robert Campbell, who died in 1992 from cancer.

"He was a wonderful family man who put his family first and sports second," Nancy Hollerback said of her father. "Dad had a great sense of humor. My brother and I are lucky to have two wonderful parents."

"It's a very special day," said Frances Campbell, Robert's widow. "It's a great honor. I'm very proud, and I know Bob is, too."

The Campbells were especially proud of the effort the 1997 team displayed on this special day.

After a 9-3 defeat in the opener snapped Sexton's five-game winning streak, the Big Reds found themselves in an even deeper hole

Campbell, who lettered in football and baseball at the University of Michigan, was inducted into the Michigan High School Coaches Hall of Fame in 1976.

His wife, Francis, said the man know affectionately as "Camps" would love Thursday's ceremony.

"I think he would be thrilled to death," Francis said. "Baseball meant a lot."

Current Sexton coach Bob Gast remembers the time he met his predecessor. Gast was umpiring a JV baseball game in 1980. Campbell had been called out of retirement to fill in for the regular JV coach, who was filling in for the ailing head coach Dick Bates.

Gast approached Campbell and introduced himself.

"We met for a little pre-game chat," Gast said. "I thought he was going to talk for an hour. He started talking about baseball."

And, true to his character, Campbell enjoyed the game, never questioning a call by Gast.

"He never said a word about any of the calls," Gast said. "He was just enjoying himself."

Bates later met with Campbell to thank him for helping out.

"When I talked with him afterwards, he gave the impression that he was real honored to be asked to step in again and help out," Bates said.

Thursday, Sexton returns the honor to a man who may not have been the first coach at the school but was the one who left the biggest impression.

Sexton had four baseball coaches from 1939 to 1943.

It didn't have another vacancy for the next 34 years.

...and my 1st cousin, Dave Campbell

Rod, My 1st Cousin Dave Campbell

Lansing Sexton HS 1960
 University of Michigan 1960-1964
 Signed with Lakeland For the Tigers
 Worked his way up on the Farm System.
 Made Roster on the 1968 World Championship Team
 Traded to San Diego Dec. 69'
 Started 2nd Base For the Padres 1970-1974.
 Broadcaster For Padres w/ Jerry Coleman 1978 to 1988
 Signed with ESPN & Colorado Rockies in 1990.
 Senior Baseball Analyst For ESPN in 1990's.
 on Sports Center & Baseball Tonight Shows.
 Wrote Scouting Report Book in 1985 & 1986
 with Harmon Killebrew, Brooks Robinson & Duke Snyder
 Daves Voice on PlayStation Video game.
 Lives in Post Falls ID. Retired at 75.

My Cousin Dave
 currently lives in Colorado Springs area

But is moving to APRIL 1970
 the northern IDAHO area to be with family.

DAVE CAMPBELL

The San Diego Padres will be going with a new older man this season in the form of former Padre infielder-outfielder Dave Campbell.

Campbell will be teaming up with veteran Jerry Coleman to give the Padres one of the few broadcasting crews composed solely of 40-ball players.

Dave played for Detroit in 1967-68 and then came to the Padres in December, 1969 in a trade with the Tigers which saw them get pitcher Joe Niekro for Campbell. Many a second baseman by trade, he did play other infield positions for the Pads and saw spot duty in the outfield.

In all, he spent three seasons with the Padres before being traded to the St. Louis Cardinals in June, 1973. Later that same season he went on to the Houston Astros where he finished out his playing career in 1974.

He put together an eight-year league career and wound up with a batting average of .213 with a best of .327 in 106 games for the Padres in 1971. He also hit .218 in 164 games for San Diego the year before.

MY GREATEST THRILL IN BASEBALL

"Professionally, I think that probably a home run I hit off Tom Seaver in New York has to be my biggest thrill, just from the standpoint that my brother-in-law, who's a great, great baseball fan, lives in New York and he had a bunch of his friends out there that day and I led off the ballgame with a home run and I know it had to make him awfully happy, too."

Dave Campbell

APRIL 1967

DAVE CAMPBELL

Infielder—6-0—185—B-R—T-R—27—Born, January 14, 1942, Manister, Michigan—Residence, Lansing, Michigan—Married . . . Acquired by the Padres Dec. 4 along with Pat Dobson from Detroit for Joe Niekro . . . Was called from Toledo early last season by the Tigers after hitting .427 in 25 games . . . Slugged 49 homers in Triple-A play . . . Performs well at all infield positions and led International League second basemen in fielding in 1967 . . . Son of a high school coach at Lansing . . . Signed bonus contract in 1964 after standout career at the University of Michigan . . . Seventh year pro.

Year	Club	League	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	SO	CS	OPS
1964	Lakeland, Fla.	State	17	65	11	26	3	1	12	4	10	.366
1965	Daytona, Florida	State	31	136	15	53	8	1	20	4	13	.319
1966	Montgomery, Southern	SL	171	613	63	218	31	3	28	4	13	.319
1967	Toledo, International	SL	96	372	42	132	12	2	16	4	12	.347
1968	Montgomery, Southern	SL	177	629	72	212	12	2	24	9	21	.328
1969	Toledo, International	SL	106	399	48	138	10	2	18	5	12	.328
1969	Detroit, A.L.	AL	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	.111
1970	San Diego, International	SL	97	339	32	99	10	0	10	6	1	.262
1971	San Diego, A.L.	AL	9	38	1	10	0	0	1	2	0	.263
1972	Toledo, International	SL	49	187	14	57	3	0	6	1	1	.253
1973	Detroit, A.L.	AL	32	99	4	25	0	0	2	0	4	.253

DEC 69' Traded to San Diego
 Started 2nd Base For Padres
 1970-1973
 Coached Double A Ball in Amarillo
 1978-1988 Broadcaster (Color)
 For San Diego Padres
 1990-1992 Broadcaster Colorado
 Rockies
 1990-current Senior Baseball
 analyst ESPN