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2011 Athletic Hall of Fame Class Announced
Green Bay Preble High School

The Green Bay Preble Athletic Department proudly announces the 2011 Athletic Hall of Fame Class who will be inducted at a ceremony on Friday, January 13, 2012, during the home boys basketball game in which Preble takes on Green Bay Southwest. The basketball game starts at approximately 7:30 p.m. The ceremony will take place at halftime of the basketball game.

The 2011 class includes the following:

Bill Heim (Class of 1988): Bill was the W.I.A.A. State Individual Golf Champion in 1986, 1987 and 1988, one of only two in the history of the W.I.A.A. to achieve this. Bill was the W.I.A.A. Regional Golf Individual Champion in 1985, 1986, 1987 and 1988, the W.I.A.A. Sectional Golf Individual Champion in 1987 and 1988, the Fox River Valley Golf Individual Conference Champion in 1987 and 1988 and the Green Bay High School City Golf Individual Champion in 1986, 1987 and 1988. Bill was the 1986 Green Bay Press Gazette Golf Sportsman of the Year and was named the Wisconsin State Junior Golf Player of the Year in 1986, 1987 and 1988. Bill received first team All-State honors in the Wisconsin High School Golf Coach's Association inaugural season in 1988. Bill attended the University of Texas-El Paso on an athletic scholarship. Bill received his professional golf card in 1993. He currently resides in Austin, Texas.

Patrick Prochnow (Coaching Career 1976-2011): Pat was a long time Football and Boys Track Coach. During his coaching career in football his teams earned 9 conference titles, 12 playoff berths and reached the semi-final level 4 times. He achieved 169 wins as the head football coach. During his coaching career in track and field his teams earned 4 indoor state titles (WTFA), 2 outdoor W.I.A.A. state runner up places, 24 conference titles, 27 city meet titles, 26 Brown County meet titles, 25 conference relay titles, 17 W.I.A.A. Sectional meet titles and 27 W.I.A.A. regional meet titles which include 20 consecutive titles that began in 1992. Pat was inducted into the Wisconsin Football Hall of Fame in 2010. Pat has received the Red Smith Award for Excellence in Coaching, the Bellin Health Award for Commitment for Excellence and was voted an All-American Coach at the National High School All-Star event in San Antonio, Texas. Pat was named a Green Bay Packer Coach of the week in 1997. Pat was instrumental in improving the facilities at Preble through the formation of the Quarterback Club. Pat's leadership contributed to school improvements at Preble including a new football stadium and track, a water irrigation system for practice fields, a new football storage shed and a weight room. Pat recently retired from Preble High School in 2011.

Jesse Steinfeldt (Class of 1992): Jesse was a First Team All-Conference player in Football, Basketball and Baseball while attending Preble. He was the F.R.V.C. Conference Player of the Year in Basketball in 1991 and 1992 and All-Metro Green Bay Player of the Year in Football and Basketball in 1991. Jesse earned Second Team All-State in Basketball and First Team All-State in Football in 1991. Jesse played in the 1992 All-Star Shrine Football game and the 1992 All-Star Basketball game. Jesse was the class valedictorian with a 4.0 G.P.A. and served as the class president both his junior and senior year at Preble. He went on to play collegiate Football, Basketball and Baseball at Yale University. Jesse played professional Football, Basketball and Baseball in Europe from 1997-2000. Jesse was named the Best American Athlete in Norway in 1999. Jesse is currently a Psychologist and Professor at Indiana University.

Mary Kay Van Ess (Class of 1982): Mary Kay lettered in Cross Country and Track and Field while attending Preble High School and earned First Team All-Conference in Cross Country honors in 1980 and 1981. She was a member of the W.I.A.A. Sectional Champion Cross Country Team in 1980 and 1981 finishing second in 1981 and was a member of the W.I.A.A. State Cross Country qualifying teams in 1980 and 1981. She ran collegiately at Marquette University in Cross Country from 1982-1985, where she was a member of the 1982 N.A.I.A. National Championship Team. Mary Kay was an All-Conference runner and achieved All-American status while running for Marquette University. Mary Kay was inducted into Marquette University's Hall of Fame in 1996. She is married with four children and currently lives in Mequon, Wisconsin.

Lyle "Bucky" Wickman (Class of 1960): Lyle lettered in Football, Basketball and Baseball during his high school career at Preble. Lyle earned First Team All-Conference in Basketball and Football. He earned Second Team All-State in Basketball in 1960 and was on the Second Team Associated Press squad in Football in 1959. Lyle scored 56 points in a basketball game in a 1960 versus East De Pere which set a new single game scoring record for the conference. Lyle played collegiate Football and Basketball at Stevens Point College where he was voted Freshmen Athlete of the Year in 1961. He played Semi-Pro Football for 5 years for the Manitowoc Chiefs. Lyle currently resides in the Green Bay area, is married to Virginia, and has two sons.



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