

Five inducted into Sports Hall of Fame

The National Football League, U.S. Marines Corps., high school coaches, teachers and school administrators, and the computer and manufacturing industries were all represented when Northern Michigan University inducted the Class of 2001 into its Sports Hall of Fame in September.

Former Wildcat football players **Stuart Betts '76 BS**, **Robert Stefanski '84 BS**, and **Jerry Woods '89 BS**; men's basketball player **Tim Bullock '65 BS**; and dual sport athlete (track and football) **Pierce Roberts '53 BS** were honored.

Betts and Woods are former NFL players. Betts, a native of Green Bay and a current resident of Seymour, Wis., was originally drafted by the New England Patriots and later signed with the Dallas Cowboys. Following his playing days, he began a 20-year career with the Marines as a naval aviator, Cobra pilot, and weapons instructor. He received numerous decorations during his career, including two Humanitarian Service Medals and two Navy Commendation Medals. The retired Lieutenant Colonel now teaches industrial technology at Seymour Community High School. As a Wildcat, Betts was a three-year letterman and most valuable player of the 1974 squad.

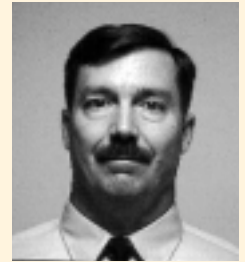
Woods, a native of Racine, Wis., and a current resident of Brooklyn Center, Minn., was drafted by the Detroit Lions and saw action there and with the Green Bay Packers. He also did stints in the World, Arena, and Canadian football leagues. At NMU, Woods was a two-time, first-team Kodak All-American and the 1986 MVP. He led the squad in punt, kickoff, and interception returns in 1986, '87, and '88. Woods still holds the Wildcat record for career kickoff return yards. Today, he is a mechanical designer at Cummins Inc. in Minneapolis.

Stefanski, a native of Grand Blanc, Mich., also had an illustrious football career

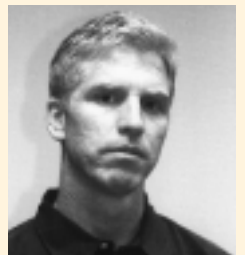
at Northern. The three-time letterman served as a captain of the 1984 squad. He led the 'Cats in pass receiving and touchdowns in 1983 and '84, and in scoring in '84. His NMU record of 22 career touchdowns still stands. In 1983, Stefanski was the first Academic All-America football player in Northern history to be elected to the first team. Stefanski completed his master's degree in engineering and law degree at the University of Michigan. A resident of Palo Alto, Calif., Stefanski is currently the executive vice president, general counsel, and corporate secretary for software company TIBCO Inc.

Roberts, a native of Calumet and current resident of Battle Creek, Mich., earned two letters on the gridiron and four as a member of the Wildcat track team. He co-captained the 1952 track squad. After graduation, he served in the military, then returned to Northern for a teaching certificate, during which time he worked with the football coaching staff as a graduate assistant. Later, he went on to earn a master's in biology from the University of Michigan. Roberts enjoyed a 26-year career as a teacher and coach at Battle Creek High School. He is a member of the Michigan High School Football Coaches Hall of Fame and in 1984 was named the Michigan Social Studies Teacher of the Year.

Like Roberts, Bullock was a stellar prep coach. The Marquette native and current resident of Sault Ste. Marie was the boys' basketball coach at Sault Ste. Marie High School for 27 years. He was named the Upper Peninsula Coach of the Year in 1983 and 1987, and the Class B State Coach of the Year in 1983. As a Wildcat, Bullock earned four hoops letters as a guard. In 1964-65, he was the team's co-captain. That team led the nation in scoring. Two of the NMU teams he played on won N.A.I.A District 23 championship crowns. He played in 96 career games and scored 706 points.



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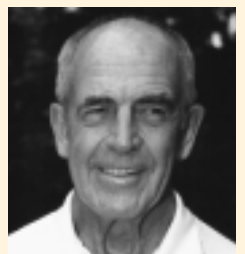
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