



## **MIKE HENRY**

### **OV EDUCATOR & COACH 1971-2005**

**MIKE'S CAREER AT OV BEGAN AS AN INSTRUCTOR & COACH IN 1971. OVER THE NEXT 34 YEARS MIKE SPENT A LOT OF HIS TIME AND ENERGY MAKING OV A PLACE HIS STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY COULD LOOK ON WITH PRIDE.**

**AS AN INSTRUCTOR, MIKE BROUGHT HIS IMAGINATION, PATIENCE AND GENTLE NATURE INTO EACH LESSON HE TAUGHT. AS A COACH, MIKE EARNED THE RESPECT OF HIS PLAYERS WITH HIS EVEN KEEL AND CALMING PERSONALITY AS WELL AS HIS EXTENSIVE KNOWLEDGE OF THE RULES OF THE GAME, WHICH OFTEN EXCEEDED THOSE OF THE OFFICIALS. IF YOU VISITED AFTER SCHOOL YOU WOULD LIKELY FIND HIM ON A FIELD OR COURT WITH HIS TEAMS. IT WAS THAT DEDICATION THAT EARNED HIM A LONG STANDING SPOT AS THE BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL COACH AND IN FOOTBALL, BEING SELECTED AS MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ASSISTANT COACH OF THE YEAR IN 1998 AND INDUCTED INTO THE COACHES HALL OF FAME IN 2000.**

**BOTH ON AND OFF THE FIELD, MIKE WAS ALWAYS READY TO LEND A HAND TO HELP PULL OFF THOSE TIMES AND EVENTS THAT CREATED THE SPECIAL MEMORIES FOR THE STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY HE SERVED. OV HAD A GREAT ASSET IN MIKE HENRY.**