

# **DECEMBER 9, 2005**



# MIKE ANDERSON CLASS OF 1939

Mike was the starting center in basketball for four years from 1935-1939. During the 1938-39 seasons, he scored 436 points which was the most points scored that season in the state of Minnesota. He was captain of the 1939 team. Basketball was the only major sports at the high school during that time with only occasional participation in track and six-man touch football. He threw discus and shot in track and was center on the football team. Mike was recruited by the University of North Dakota to play basketball. He also played some basketball, softball, and baseball for the Newfolden Independent teams.

Mike moved to California and worked as a welder at Kaiser Shipyards during the war. He returned to Newfolden where he was a partner with his parents in a café for three years. After working for a time managing lumberyards in Twin Valley and Hoople, ND, he returned to California in 1955. There he worked again as a welder until he became disabled in 1976. He passed away August 17, 2000. Mike married Newfolden graduate Mavis Sorenson in 1942. They have two children. She still resides in Lu Puente, CA.

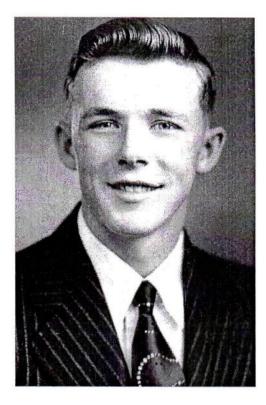


# RAY ANDERSON CLASS OF 1940

Ray was a starting forward in basketball for three years. He was captain of the 1940 team. Ray was the leading scorer in the 1940 eight team subdistrict tournament in Baudette and was a member of the all tournament team. Ray played one season of basketball at Mayville State. He enlisted in the Navy in 1943 and was a commissioned officer and served in five invasions in the Pacific theater of the war. He received a BS from MSU. Ray taught high school in Aneta, ND, and coached the basketball team to the consolation championship in the Class C State Tournament. He received his MA and PhD in Political Science from the University of Minnesota.

Ray's teaching career spanned 41 ½ years including Mayville State, Western Illinois University and the University of Wisconsin River Falls where he served as the chairman of the Department of Political Science. He was also active in local politics serving on the County Board of Supervisors and was active in the University of Wisconsin Cooperative Extension program serving as president of the state and national organizations.

Ray is married to Zora Houkom. They have three children and reside in River Falls, WI.



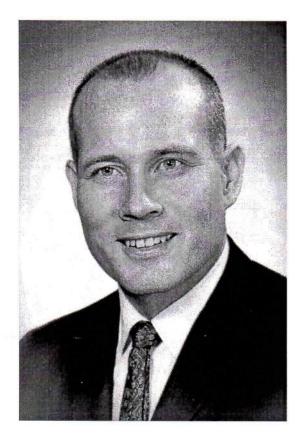
# LOWELL ANDERSON CLASS OF 1943

Lowell was a four year letter winner in basketball serving as captain of the 1942-43 team. During his junior and senior seasons, the Nordics were 33-3 losing only one regular season games. He was also a two year letter winner in football. He was a three year regular on the Moorhead State College Basketball Team.

Led by Lowell, Newfolden Independent teams were outstanding during the early 50's. They were undefeated in 1951. In the championship game, Lowell scored 28 points. To quote the Kalstad paper, "making 10-12 tries from near the middle of the floor."

Following high school, Lowell spent three years in the military serving in Europe during the war. He received his degree from Moorhead State and then returned to Newfolden to teach and coach. During his five years here his basketball teams won 79 games and lost 41, and won the first District 32 title in the school's history. Football had been discontinued during the war and Lowell was instrumental in reorganizing it. His 1952 and 1953 teams had a combined record of 10-2. He also started the baseball program in 1952.

Lowell left Newfolden in 1955 for Park Rapids where he taught for 27 years and coached basketball for ten years. After retiring from teaching, Lowell managed Headwaters Golf Course for fifteen years. Lowell is an accomplished golfer having won the Headwaters Club Tournament on two occasions. Lowell is married to Newfolden graduate Lois Green. They have two children and live in Park Rapid.



# ERLING HUGLEN CLASS OF 1950

Erling was a starting guard for four years and scored 928 career points. He was captain of 1949-50 teams. He is a graduate of Augsberg College where he was a four year letter winner in both basketball and baseball. He was captain of the basketball team and pitcher for the baseball team.

He was named Honor Athlete at Augsberg in 1954 and to the Augsberg Athletic Hall of Fame in 1993. Among his athletic memories are playing on a basketball team with Lute Olson at Augsberg, playing baseball against the U of M and pitching against Paul Giel. Erling says perhaps his greatest thrill was pitching 18 innings for the Viking Oilers as they defeated the Thief River Falls Thieves 2-1.

He received his BA and MSD degrees from Augsberg. He served as pastor in Harvey, ND, from 1957-1962 and Roseau from 1962-1997. Since retirement, he has served as interim minister in Strandquist, Hallock, Badger, and Roseau.

Erling also has been active in writing sports columns for the Roseau times and coaching in both the Roseau High School boy and girls basketball programs.

Erling and his wife Rhoda have five children and fourteen grandchildren and are living in Roseau.



# DENNIS BAKKE CLASS OF 1959

A three sport athlete, Dennis was a four year regular in baseball where he was a pitcher and catcher. He quarterbacked the football team for two years and was a letter winner in basketball for three years. His senior year he was captain of all three teams. The baseball team was second in the district, the football team was second in the conference and the basketball team won the District 32 Championship.

Dennis played college basketball and baseball at Luther College and UND. He also raced snowmobiles professionally for Arctic Cat. Dennis perhaps has the distinction of being the youngest player ever to play B-squad Newfolden basketball when he got to play in a JV game as a 5<sup>th</sup> grader.

For nearly twenty-five years, Dennis was one of the outstanding Independent basketball, baseball and fast pitch softball players in the area.

Dennis has spent most of his life in Thief River Falls where he is part owner and CEO of Forsbergs Inc.

# Roger Langlie, senior manager

Roger played basketball and was a letter winner in baseball. Following high school he served four yeas in the Air Force as a weapons control tech on jet fighters. He worked twenty-eight years for Minnegaged. He is married to Elaine Hellquist and has three children and nine grandchildren. Roger is retired and living in Crystal, MN.

## John Dyrud, senior forward, co-captain

John is a four year letter winner in basketball, three in football and team captain and one year in baseball. BA and MA from the University of Minnesota, Law Degree from the University of Maryland, Associate Professor from the University of Oklahoma Law School and senior lecturer at the University of the West Indies Law School. Currently John is a practicing partner at Webster-Dyrud Law Firm in Angilla, British West Indies.

## Alfred Hanson, senior forward

Alfred is a three year letter winner in basketball, one year in baseball and played JV basketball at MSU. He played independent basketball in Newfolden and Fargo and was selected to play for the Northern Minn. All-Stars vs the Globetrotters. He has a MS degree from MSU. Alfred taught industrial Education at Fargo High School for thirty-three years. Married to Dorothy Peet, they have one daughter, two grandchildren and are retired living in Denver, CO.

# Alton Johnson (aka Lefse Lindback), senior center

Alton was a three year letter winner in basketball and baseball. He spent 4 ½ years in the Air Force following graduation. Alton was with U.S. West for twenty-four years, married, and has two sons. He is retired and living in Hamilton, MT.

### Delano Lind, senior guard

Delano was a two year letter winner in football, basketball and baseball. He has a BA from Augsberg College, graduate of Luther Seminary of St Paul and doctorate at McCormick Seminary in Chicago. He served churches in Starbuck, Chokio, Eden Prairie and Lakeville. He served for CENCOAD out of Augustana College as well as the State Council of Churches in South Dakota. He is married to Newfolden graduate, Margaret Ranum, they have three children, seven grandchildren and are living in Savage, MN.

### Gene Shern, senior guard

Gene lettered four years in basketball, two in football and one in baseball. He also played independent basketball, coached CYO basketball in California for eight years. He joined the teamsters union and drove semi-truck for forty-four years and three million miles. Gene raised four sons and is retired living in Petaluma, CA.

### Jerry Elseth, junior guard

Jerry played basketball and football for four years, baseball three years and was captain of both football and basketball his senior year. Following graduation, he was in the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne for three years. Jerry has a BA from MSU with a PhD in genetics and biochemistry from Utah State. He spent thirty two years at Bradley University teaching and doing research in genetics and biochemistry. Married to Newfolden graduate Carol Martin, they have two children and are retired living in Crookston.

# **Rolland Amundson, junior forward**

Rolland played football three years, baseball three years and basketball three years and was captain his senior year. Rolland attended the University of Minnesota, and spent two years in the military. He returned to spend the rest of his life farming in Marsh Grove township. He married Doreen Kvenshagen and has a daughter and two grandchildren. Rolland passed away in January, 2000.

### Gene Halvorson, sophomore guard

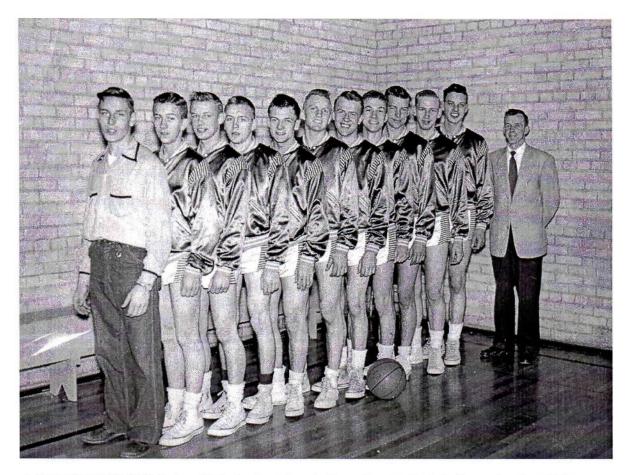
Gene lettered in football and baseball four years and in basketball three years and was captain his senior year in basketball. He played independent baseball and fast pitch softball. All of Gene's eight children were active in MCC sports as were and are his grandchildren. All total, Gene's children and grandchildren have accounted for about 240 varsity seasons of participation with some still playing. Gene is retired and living in Viking.

### Dwight Tanquist, sophomore forward

Dwight lettered four years in baseball, three in basketball and was basketball captain his senior year. He played Independent basketball for ten years for the Viking trotters and fast pitch softball for ten years. He still plays basketball three mornings a week. Following graduation, Dwight began working at Hartz in TRF. He purchased the store in 1972 as well as the Hartz stores in Warroad and Karlstad. He sold out in 1990. He is presently employed by Bakke Insurance Agency. He is married to Linda Swanson has two children, two grandchildren and lives in TRF.

#### Adrian Sollom, freshman center

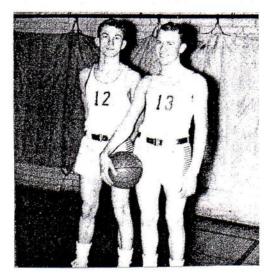
Adrian lettered four years in basketball and was captain his senior year. He played football and baseball three years. Following graduation Adrian moved to California where he worked a variety of jobs, finally settling into firefighting. He was a firefighter for twenty-seven years working in rescue. He is married and retired living in Petaluma, CA.



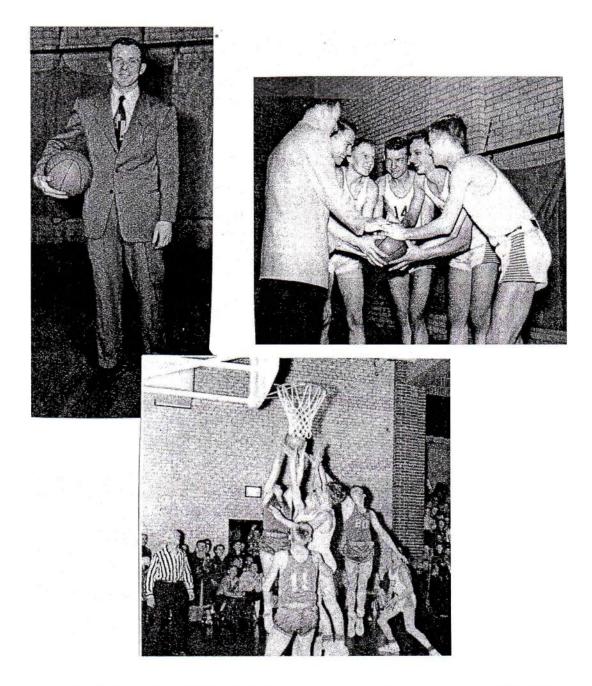
A TEAM PERSONNEL (left to right) Student Manager Roger Langlie, Dwight Tangquist, Gene Halvorson, Jerry Elseth, Rolland Amundson, Delano Lind, Gene Shern John Dyrud, Alton Lindbeck, Adrian Sollom, Alfred Hanson, Coach Anderson.

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Co-Captains Gene and John



# DEDICATION FROM THE 1953 YEARBOOK



We dedicate this edition of the Saga to present and future victorious Nordics. Long may they uphold the tradition of fair play and good sportsmanship.

Much credit for guiding present-day Nordics must go to Coach Anderson for his keen interest and untiring efforts in high school athletics.