

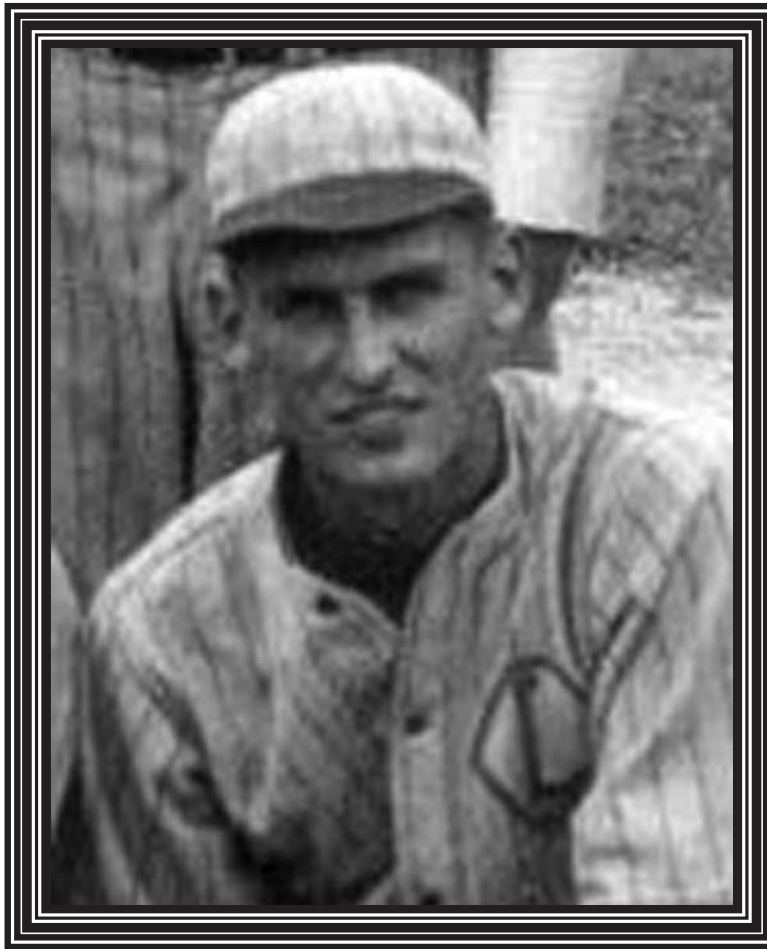
LEOPOLIS BASEBALL



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FRANK KLEMENT
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Born August 19, 1908, Frank Klement was the second of five sons and three daughters born to Jacob and Barb Klement. The Klements farmed where Rita and Carol Kristof now reside. Frank went to school in Leopolis and later went on to teacher's college. After graduating he came back to Leopolis to teach and became the principal at Leopolis.

As far as records go, it is believed Frank started his baseball career in 1928. Records also indicate the cost of admission to a game that year was also raised to 55 cents. That was later reduced to 25 cents in 1931 due to the depression. Hall of Famer Alex "War Horse" Sousek acknowledged Frank was the best shortstop the team had in this era of Leopolis baseball history. Alex stated, "Frank had an excellent range of coverage and could easily get a ball behind third base and throw out the runner with his strong arm." Frank's career spanned at least eleven years. The last records do not show him playing past 1938, but what a career and what a team. During that time, Leopolis won championships in 1929, 1930, 1931, 1933 and 1937. Records (although scarce) on batting averages show Frank finished the 1938 season with a .429 batting average. It is believed his career average hovered around the .400 mark.

Frank was a star not only on the baseball field but also in his life as an educator. According to his sister Helen Ebert, Frank worked his way through college by working as a teacher and supporting himself through college. Frank received his master's and PhD from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and went on to teach at Marquette University for 35 years. At the time of his death in 1994, Frank was Professor Emeritus of History at Marquette. He also taught abroad at Sussex University in England for a year. Author of nine books and over one hundred printed articles on the Civil War; Frank was known as a worldwide expert on Civil War history. His last book, "The Gettysburg Soldiers' Cemetery and Lincoln's Address: Aspects and Angles" was copywrited in 1993. Frank and his wife Laurel had three sons, Paul, Richard and Kenneth. Laurel preceded her husband in death in 1992.

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CAROL & RITA KRISTOF
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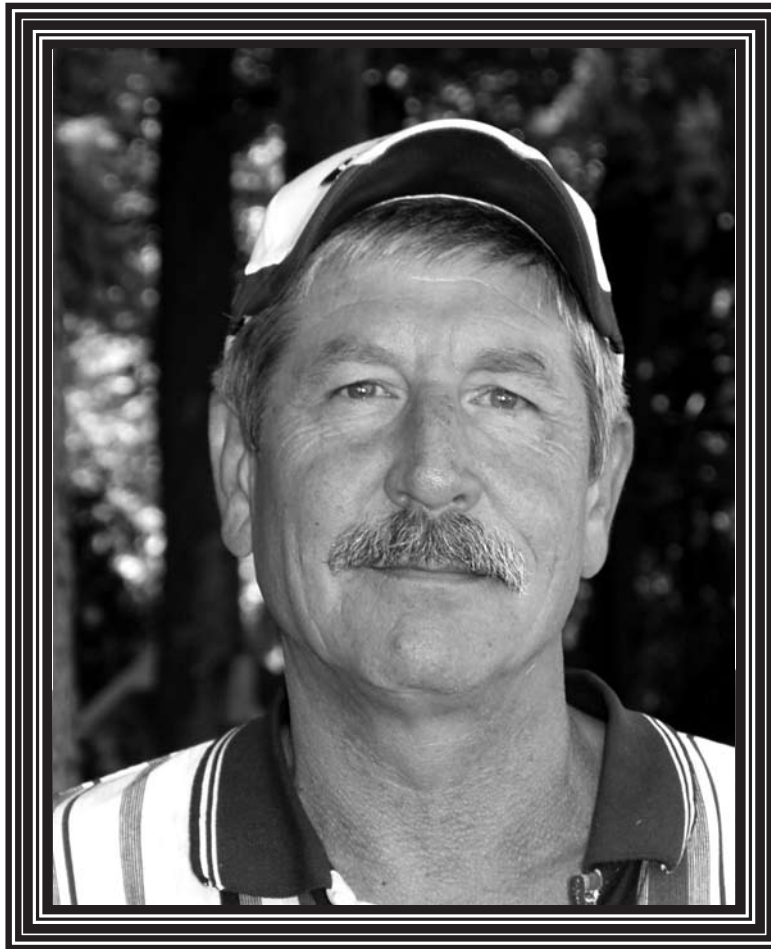
RITA & CAROL KRISTOF

Born into a family of baseball thoroughbreds, Carol and Rita Kristof had no choice but to become fans of Leopolis baseball. Carol, born in 1935, and Rita, in 1939, were two of six children born to James and Lena Kristof. Their two brothers Floyd and Allen have already been inducted into the Leopolis Baseball Hall of Fame. Rita and Carol have lived in Leopolis all their lives and have both worked as office personnel in the medical field.

Both state that for as long as they can remember there has always been a Kristof playing baseball in Leopolis. Both attended the first championship game Leopolis won in 1946 and have missed very few games since. Sundays were a routine, where they ate dinner and went to a ballgame.

Rita and Carol have been consistent supporters of the Leopolis Baseball Club. We look forward to seeing them at games for years to come.

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PETE KRISTOF
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Born October 27, 1954, Pete Kristof now joins his father Floyd, and brothers Tom and Steve in the Hall of Fame. Born into the royal family of Leopolis Baseball, Pete was an early star in Leopolis Little League and Junior BABA. Graduating from Marion High School in 1973, Pete excelled in high school baseball, and helped lead the team to the state high school baseball tournament in 1971. However, they were eliminated in the first game by Beloit. Pete was the Marion High School MVP his senior year. He was also named all conference and maintained a .400 batting average. Pete holds the record for strikeouts in Marion, fanning 20 in one game. Pete threw a no hitter into the tenth inning in a game against New London but lost 1-0.

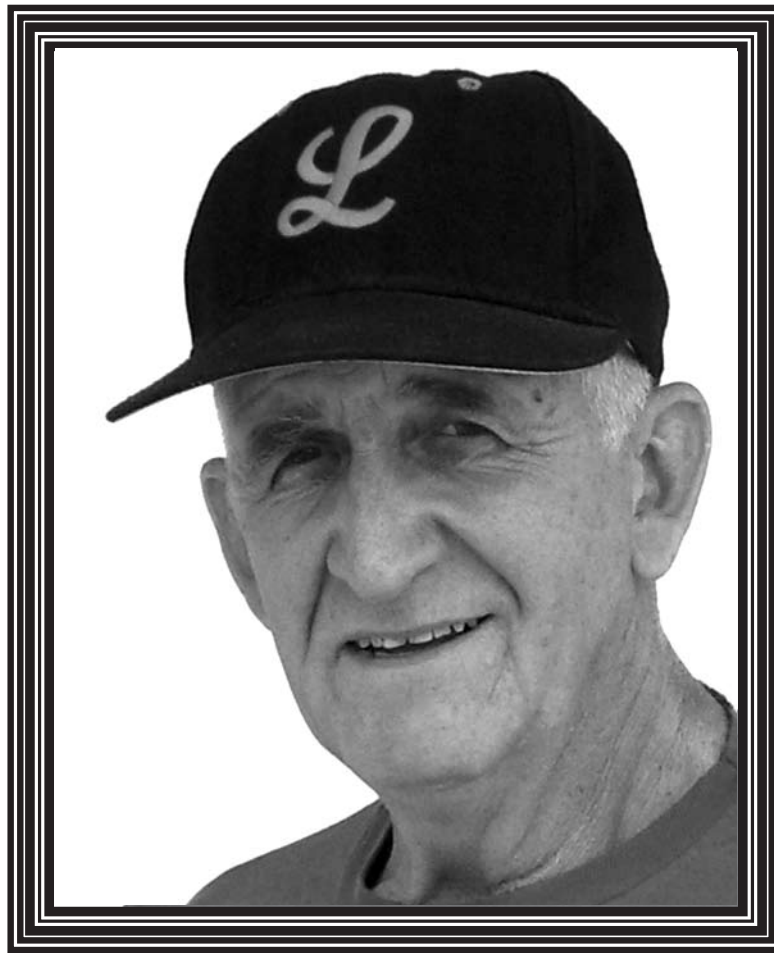
Pete started playing in the BABA around 1970 and played until 1987. He played shortstop, third, second, outfield and even catcher for Kevin Thiel in a game. But he is most noted for his pitching skills. His curveball was one of the best in the league.

Pete was the homerun champ one year and even had the honor of playing in the league all-star team with his brothers. Pete also took honors as the best pitcher in the league. Records indicate Pete hit above the .400 mark for at least four BABA seasons. His best year batting was 1975 at .458. Records indicate a lifetime batting average of .362.

His fondest memory of playing baseball is the night Leopolis beat the Green Bay Blue Ribbons in the Shawano Tournament 3-2. Kevin Thiel picked up the win. Pete even drew the attention of the Chicago White Sox and was scouted by Bert Thiel. Although Pete never played professional baseball, his achievements in local amateur baseball will live on for a long time to come. Pete regretted the teams he played on never made it to the grand championship. A tough 1-0 loss to Waupaca at the semi-finals was as close as they could get.

Pete has been married to his wife Debbie for 28 years. They have three children, Adam, Jessica and Miranda, and four grandchildren.

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JERRY SCHULTZ
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Born in 1936, Jerry Schultz is a 1954 graduate of Marion High School. Jerry enjoyed playing baseball, but due to his father's death in the spring of 1954, Jerry had plenty to do running the family farm. Jerry would bike to the ballpark to watch the players practice and he chased fly balls for them as a child. Jerry played for Leopolis from about 1952 to the mid 1960s. During this time period, Leopolis and Tilleda played together as one team for two years – one year at Tilleda and the other at Leopolis. Jerry played all positions including pitcher for a few innings.

Jerry recalled a first playoff game against Caroline, "Even though we won the division we lost the first playoff game." Jerry hit a grand slam in that game but to no avail in the win column. Jerry remembered his days as a catcher. He caught some of the best pitchers of all time, Lowell Grosskopf (who later pitched for the Oshkosh All Stars), Bert Thiel (former Major League pitcher) and Swampy Steinke. Jerry said he never had a huge batting average but his batting and fielding were always consistent. Jerry served as secretary for the club for a few years and is now the voice of the Leopolis Bulldogs. Jerry started his announcing career the year Leopolis played Waupaca to earn the right to play in the championship game. Leopolis, however, lost that game.

Jerry has farmed his entire life and been married to his wife Marlene for 45 years. Together they have raised three children Teri, Randy and Brian. Jerry states, "I've had lots of good memories and played with a lot of good guys."