

HOWARD OCHS (COACH & EDUCATOR)

HOF CLASS OF 2015

Mr. Ochs was a two-sport coach (basketball & golf) for PHS. He coached boys golf for 28 years (1973 to 2000), turning out many great golfers and winning teams. He coached basketball at the freshman & JV levels at PHS before taking over as the head coach in 1974. Although his tenure of 10 seasons were not as long as his golf coaching career, it most certainly was in our city's spotlight of pride. In Coach Ochs' 1st season as head coach he took his team all the way to the Class A Sectional at the UW Fieldhouse to play Madison LaFollette. That would start a string of very successful teams who competed at the highest levels in both Class A and Class B through his last season in 1983.

Howard's crowning season as a basketball coach was most likely this 1982 team. He led that team to a 23 & 2 season, ending the year with a 20-game winning streak and a Class B State Champion- ship. Coach Ochs is already a member of the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) Hall of Fame and he had a positive effect on hundreds of athletes and thousands of students as a coach and teacher in the Portage School District.