

**Thomas S. Wootton
High School
Sports
Hall of Fame**

**Inaugural Class
October 10, 2003**

*The Wootton High School Sports Hall of Fame honors athletic achievement.
The Wootton High School Sports Hall of Fame is sponsored by the Booster Club.*

Call for Nominations

Please assist us by submitting your nomination for the 2004 Wootton Sports Hall of Fame Class.

Name of Athlete, Team, Coach

Accomplishment/ Years

Your Name, Phone and email (Optional)

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Tim Britton '83

Tim Britton epitomized athletic excellence during a career at Wootton High School that included Back-to-Back State Wrestling Championships in 1982 and 1983. Wrestling at 185 lbs. for Coach Roger Cook, Tim is Wootton's only two-time State Wrestling Champion. In addition to Wrestling, Tim achieved great success as a member of the football team. In 1982, Tim was recognized as an All-Met in football where he played both center and linebacker. Accepting a scholarship to play football at the University of Houston, Tim played both center and nose tackle in college. His favorite college memories include winning the 1985 Southwest Conference Championship and playing in the Cotton Bowl. Tim currently works for MCPS as Assistant Principal at Silver Spring International School and returned to Wootton in the mid-90's to serve as assistant football coach. He reminds everyone that Wootton "was and is a great school."

Stephanie Fuller '98

Stephanie achieved All-American status twice during her field hockey career: with Wootton in 1997 and again with the University of North Carolina in 2002. During her tenure playing defense at Wootton for Coach Steve Swift, Stephanie won every honor possible including All-Met, Gazette Player-of-the-Year, All-State as well as All-American. Accepting a scholarship to North Carolina after graduation, Stephanie continued to garner accolades including All-ACC, Team Leadership Award and All-American. She served as Tri-Captain at North Carolina and counts playing in the NCAA Championship Game in her Junior Year as a college highlight. Stephanie also played on the Under 21 National Team traveling to Europe and later participated in the Junior World Cup in Argentina. While playing for the National Under 23 team, Stephanie represented the United States at tournaments in South Africa. Field Hockey afforded Stephanie the opportunity to get a great education, travel the world, and make life-long friends.

Girls Volleyball: Seven Consecutive State Championships

Wootton's own sports dynasty spanned seven years and included a streak of 74 consecutive games without a loss. Numerous players achieved All-Met status and earned scholarships to prestigious colleges including Duke, Georgetown, Pepperdine, Brigham Young and North Carolina. Beverly Stross Sivaslian, who won a State Championship each year she was in high school, (and now teaches at Wootton), credits her coach, Mickey Lipman, with the team's success. "Coach Lipman's brilliance as a coach did not come from a knowledge of the technical aspects of volleyball," Sivaslian notes, "but from his skills at coaching. He was a master at bringing out the best in his players. Coach Lipman was always aware that he was preparing us not just for volleyball but how to be good people throughout the rest of our lives." Sivaslian recalls Coach Lipman's strategy for motivating the team after the first three consecutive championships: "...our goal is not only to win a State Championship but to become the standard that others will use when comparing past and future State Champions." Tragically, Coach Lipman passed away soon after retiring from coaching in 1989. Fifteen years later, Coach Lipman and Wootton remain the standard of excellence for Montgomery County High School Volleyball.

1990 Football Team

What's the word? Byrd! (As in Byrd Stadium at the University of Maryland, traditional site of the High School State Football Championship). Seemingly a team of destiny, the 1990 football team set an ambitious goal: to play for the state championship. The Cinderella season included a key victory over Churchill during which Wootton's star return specialist, Marlon Evans (who later played for Stanford), returned two punts for touchdowns only to have each called back. "Rather than lose focus," recalled Shawn Thomas, running back (who later played for Maryland), "the team gained motivation and went on to victory." After achieving an undefeated regular season, the team defeated Old Mill, perennial Howard County power, in the first playoff round. The Patriots then faced Springbrook, the dominant power in Montgomery County. Marlon Evans took the opening kickoff back for a touchdown and Wootton was on its way to a memorable upset and a spot in the State Championships Game. Although they finished the season as State Championship Runner-Up, the team, coached by Bob Hampton, serves as a reminder that a positive attitude can lead a team to greatness.

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