

Legends of Miller City

Mel Meyer **1945 – 1948 1,100 Points**

First Miller City Player to Score 1,000 Points

Mel played in an era when there were very few individuals honors to be won.

He played in 57 games, but the stats for 14 games are missing. It is documented that he scored 931 points in those 57 games and an estimated 179 in the missing 14 games.

In 1945, Mel scored 10 points.

In 1946, he scored 279 points.

Miller City, 22-4, won a PCL Title, placed 2nd in the Putnam County Tournament and won a Sectional Championship, but lost in the District Finals to Ottoville, 36-28.

In 1947, Mel scored 389 points. He was named 1st Team All-PCL.

The Wildcats, 14-7, placed 2nd in the Putnam County Tournament, but lost to Holgate in the Sectionals, 55-37.

In 1948, he scored 437 points. Mel was named 1st Team All-PCL.

Miller City, 19-5, placed 1st in the Putnam County Tournament and won a Sectional Championship, but lost to Holgate in the District Finals, 47-45.

For his career, Mel scored 1,100 points. During his tenure, MC was 55-16.

Ralph 'Skip' Meyer **1948 – 1950 1,000 Points**

Skip played in an era when there were very few individuals honors to be won.

He played in 74 games, but the stats for 16 games are missing. It is documented that he scored 808 points in those 74 games and 193 in the missing 14 games.

In 1948, he scored 285 points.

Miller City, 19-5, placed 1st in the Putnam County Tournament and won a Sectional Championship, but lost to Holgate in the District Finals, 47-45.

In 1949, Skip scored 328 points and was named 1st Team All-PCL.

In 1950, he scored 402 points and was named 1st Team All-PCL.

The Wildcats, 29-0, won a PCL, Putnam County Tournament, District, Regional and State Championship. MC defeated Eaton in the State Finals, 44-36.

For his career, Skip scored 1,000 points. During his tenure, Miller City was 62-12.

Ken Vennekotter **1955 – 1958 1,325 Points**

Ken Vennekotter started his high school basketball career at Miller City in 1955 as a freshman when he scored 181 points.

Miller City, 12-12, finished 2nd in the Putnam County Tournament. Ken hit an 18-footer with three seconds left in the Putnam County Tournament to beat Kalida, 66-64. The Wildcats lost Deshler 46-44 in the District Semi-Finals.

In 1956, Ken scored 348 points. He was named 2nd Team All-PCL.

Miller City, 21-4, won a PCL and Sectional Championship. The Wildcats placed 2nd in the Putnam County Tournament. MC lost to Wilshire 73-61 in the District Semi-Finals.

In 1957, Ken scored 375 points and was named 1st Team All-PCL.

Miller City, 16-4, won a PCL Championship, but was upset in the second game of the Putnam County Tournament when they lost to Kalida 55-46.

In 1958, Ken had his best season when he scored 421 points. He was named 1st Team All-PCL, PCL Player of the Year and Honorable Mention All-Ohio.

Miller City, 21-3, won the PCL, Putnam County Tournament and Sectional Championship. The Wildcats lost to Ridgeville in the District Semi-Finals 59-53.

Ken and his teammate Ken Kern also won the Putnam County Free Throw Contest by sinking 86/100.

For his career, Ken scored 1,325 points. The Wildcats were 70-23 during his tenure.

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John Steffen

1960 – 1962 876 Points

John played in an era when there were very few individuals honors to be won.

He started his varsity basketball career at Miller City in 1960 when he scored 80 points.

In 1961, John scored 309 points with 152 rebounds. He was named 2nd Team All-PCL.

Miller City, 14-6, won a PCL Title.

In 1962, he scored 487 points and an estimated 150 rebounds. John was named 1st Team All-PCL and Honorable Mention All-Ohio.

The Wildcats, 22-5, won a PCL, Putnam County Tournament, Sectional and District Championship, but lost in the Regional Semi-Finals to Holmes Liberty, 69-64.

For his career, John scored 876 points with over 300 rebounds. During his tenure, MC was 43-23.

Following graduation, John went to Findlay University and played basketball for four years, 1963-1966. He was inducted into the Findlay University's Hall of Fame in 1981.

Jerry Lammers

1964 – 1967 1,079 Points

Jerry played in an era when there were very few individuals honors to be won.

He started his varsity basketball career at Miller City in 1964 when he scored 19 points.

Miller City, 17-6, placed 2nd in the Putnam County Tournament, won a PCL Title and Sectional Championship, but lost to Celina Immaculate Conception in the Districts, 46-44.

In 1965, Jerry scored 228 points

In 1966, he scored 372 points with 100 rebounds and 116 assists. Jerry was named 1st Team All-PCL.

In 1967, Jerry scored 460 points with 113 rebounds and 46 assists. He was named 1st Team All-PCL.

Miller City, 20-4, won a Sectional Championship, but lost to Kalida in the District Finals, 48-47.

For his career, Jerry scored 1,079 points with over 300 rebounds and 200 assists. During his tenure, MC was 66-21.

Clair Recker

1967 – 1969 801 Points

Clair Recker was a LATE BLOOMER to say the least! He didn't play as a freshman and only scored four points his sophomore year.

In 1968, his junior year, Clair scored 257 points.

However, Clair's senior year in 1969, was outstanding as he had one of the greatest scoring seasons in the history of Miller City with 540 points. He was named 1st Team All-PCL and PCL Player of the Year.

Miller City, 17-6, won a Sectional Championship, but lost to St. Henry in the Districts, 73-48.

For his career, Clair scored 801 points. During his career, MC was 29-14.

After Miller City, Clair attended Bluffton College where he was the high scorer on three of the highest -scoring men's basketball teams in Bluffton history from 1970-1973.

In 1971, Recker earned 1st Team All-Mid-Ohio Conference honors and 2nd Team All-NAIA District 22.

In 1972 and 1973, he was 1st Team All-Hoosier-Buckeye Collegiate Conference and 1st Team All-District. Clair was also selected to play in the Sertoma Ohio/Indiana All-Star Game in Indianapolis.

For his career, Recker scored 1,667 points for an average of 20.3 points per game and led Bluffton in scoring in three different seasons. He was the first player to score 40 or more points in a game twice and six times scored 35 or more. Clair was inducted into the Bluffton Athletic Hall of Fame in 1992.

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Daryl Lammers **1968 – 1971 1,161 Points**

Daryl played in an era when there were very few individual awards such as District 8 or Northwestern Ohio. PCL awards were the only local awards passed out.

In 1968, Daryl started his varsity basketball career by scoring 9 points

In 1969 he scored 293 points.

Miller City, 17-6, won a Sectional Championship, but lost to St. Henry in the Districts 73-48.

In 1970, Daryl scored 373 points and was named 1st Team All-PCL.

In 1971, he scored 486 points with 307 rebounds. He was named 1st Team All-PCL for the second time.

For his career, Daryl scored 1,161 points. During his tenure, the Wildcats were 37-27.

Fred Recker **1975 – 1977 913 Points**

Fred started his varsity basketball career at Miller City in 1975 when he scored 238 points with 199 rebounds, 36 steals and 60 assists.

In 1976, Fred scored 297 points with 209 rebounds, 31 steals and 14 assists. He was named 2nd Team All-PCL.

In 1977, he scored 378 points with 225 rebounds, 55 steals, 26 assists and 17 blocked shots. Fred was named 1st Team All-PCL and PCL Player of the Year.

For his career, Fred scored 913 points with 633 rebounds, 122 steals and 100 assists.

Jeff Hermiller **1981 – 1984 1,124 Points**

Jeff began his high school basketball career at Miller City in 1981 by scoring just 4 points.

In 1982, Jeff scored 264 points with 161 rebounds, 27 steals, 12 assists and 20 blocked shots.

Miller City, 18-6, won a Sectional Championship, but lost to Delphos St. Johns in the District Finals, 74-48.

In 1983, Jeff scored 372 points with 159 rebounds, 28 steals, 16 assists and 31 blocked shots. He was named 2nd Team All-PCL.

The Wildcats, 19-4, won a Sectional Championship, but lost in the District Semi-Finals to Ottoville 59-57.

In 1984, Jeff had his best season when he scored 484 points with 232 rebounds, 56 steals, 29 assists and 35 blocked shots. He was named 1st Team All-PCL, 1st Team District 8, 2nd Team Northwestern Ohio and 2nd Team All-Ohio.

Miller City, 19-6, won a Sectional and District Championship, but lost to Monroeville in the Regional Semi-Finals, 66-64.

For his career, Jeff scored 1,124 points with 554 rebounds, 111 steals, 57 assists and 86 blocked shots. During Jeff's tenure, the Wildcats were 56-16.

Randy Siefker **1989 – 1992 1,499 Points**

MILLER CITY'S #1 SCORER

Randy Siefker began his high school basketball career at Miller City in 1989 by coming off the bench as a freshman and scoring 63 points with 28 rebounds, 9 steals and 13 assists.

Miller City, 14-10, won a Sectional Championship, but lost to Kalida in the District Finals, 64-43.

In 1990, Randy scored 318 points with 71 rebounds, 33 steals and 70 assists. He was named 2nd Team All-PCL, 2nd Team District 8 and Honorable Mention Northwestern Ohio.

The Wildcats finished with a 15-5 record and a PCL Championship.

In 1991, Randy had a monster season by scoring 565 points with 219 rebounds, 47 steals and 142 assists. He was named 1st Team All-PCL, PCL Player of the Year, 1st Team District 8, 1st Team Northwestern Ohio and 3rd Team All-Ohio.

Miller City, 20-5, won a PCL, Sectional and District Championship, but lost to St. Henry in the Regional Finals 66-58.

In 1992, Randy had another fantastic season by scoring 553 points with 142 rebounds, 43 steals and 86 assists. He was named 1st Team All-PCL, PCL Player of the

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Year, 1st Team District 8, 1st Team Northwestern Ohio and Co-Player of the Year and 1st Team All-Ohio. Randy was also selected to play in the North/South Ohio All-Star Game.

In 1992, Miller City finished with a 17-6 record and a Sectional Championship. The Wildcats lost to Kalida in the District Finals 65-61.

For his career, Randy scored 1,499 points with 460 rebounds, 132 steals and 311 assists. During his tenure, the Wildcats were 66-26.

After high school graduation, Randy went to Findlay where he played for four years, 1993-1996, and scored over 1,200 points.

Mike Otto **1992 - 1994 795 Points**

Mike's varsity basketball career began in 1992 when he scored 155 points with 171 rebounds, 37 steals, 31 assists and 26 blocked shots.

Miller City, 17-6, won a Sectional Championship, but lost to Kalida in the District Finals, 65-61.

In 1993, Mike scored 316 points with 209 rebounds, 49 steals, 66 assists and 27 blocked shots. He was named 1st Team All-PCL, PCL Player of the Year, 1st Team District 8 and 3rd Team Northwestern Ohio.

The Wildcats, 20-5, won a Sectional and District Championship, but lost to Lima Central Catholic in the Regional Finals 76-53.

In 1994, Mike scored 324 points with 185 rebounds, 53 steals, 54 assists and 44 blocked shots. He was named 1st Team All-PCL, PCL Player of the Year, 1st Team District 8, 1st Team Northwestern Ohio and 3rd Team All-Ohio.

Miller City, 16-5, won a PCL Championship.

For his career, Mike scored 795 points with 565 rebounds, 139 steals, 151 assists and 97 blocked shots. During his tenure, the Wildcats were 53-16.

Aaron Lammers **1997 – 2000 1,348 Points**

Aaron Lammers began his varsity high school basketball career at Miller City High School in 1997 when he scored 38 points with 15 rebounds, 7 steals and 11 assists.

In 1998, Aaron scored 372 points with 64 rebounds, 26 steals and 64 assists. He was named 2nd Team All-PCL, Honorable Mention District 8 and Honorable Mention Northwestern Ohio.

In 1999, Aaron scored 524 points with 108 rebounds, 34 steals and 51 assists. He was named 1st Team All-PCL, 1st Team District 8 and Player of the Year and 2nd Team Northwestern Ohio.

In 2000, Aaron scored 414 points with 107 rebounds, 33 steals and 44 assists. He was named 1st Team All-PCL, PCL Player of the Year, 1st Team District 8, 2nd Team Northwestern Ohio and Honorable Mention All-Ohio.

For his career, Aaron scored 1,348 points with 294 rebounds, 100 steals and 170 assists. During his tenure, Miller City was 44-41.

After graduation from Miller City, attended college where he played basketball and Urbana for two years and then at Defiance for one year.

Tyler Niese **2002 – 2004 710 Points**

Tyler began his varsity basketball career at Miller City in 2002 when he scored 1 point.

In 2003, he scored 179 points with 134 rebounds, 9 steals, 8 assists and 16 blocked shots.

In 2004, Tyler scored 521 points with 178 rebounds, 16 steals, 27 assists and 23 blocked shots. He was named 1st Team All-PCL, PCL Player of the Year and Special Mention All-Ohio.

For his career, Tyler scored 710 points with 314 rebounds, 25 steals, 35 assists and 39 blocked shots. During his career, Miller City was 38-26.

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Andy Hermiller **2004 – 2007 1,125**

Andy started his varsity basketball career at Miller City in 2004 when he scored 78 points with 18 steals, 18 assists and 11 blocked shots.

In 2005, Andy scored 272 points with 171 rebounds, 30 steals, 11 assists and 18 blocked shots.

In 2006, Andy scored 369 points with 200 rebounds, 34 steals, 34 assists and 12 blocked shots. He was named 2nd Team All-PCL, 2nd Team District 8 and Honorable Mention Northwestern Ohio.

In 2007, Andy had his best season when he scored 406 points with 178 rebounds, 34 steals, 30 assists and 9 blocked shots. He was named 1st Team All-PCL, 1st Team District 8 and Honorable Mention Northwestern Ohio.

For his career, Andy scored 1,125 points with 607 rebounds, 116 steals, 93 assists and 50 blocked shots.

Austin Ruhe **2019 – 2022 1,184**

Austin began his high school career in 2019 by scoring 202 points with 70 rebounds, 12 steals and 22 assists.

In 2020, he scored 289 points with 81 rebounds, 33 steals and 40 assists. Austin was named 2nd Team All-PCL.

In 2021, Austin scored 270 points with 77 rebounds, 33 steals and 38 assists.

In 2022, he scored 423 points with 136 rebounds, 39 steals and 57 assists. Austin was named 1st Team All-PCL, 1st Team District 8 and 3rd Team Northwestern Ohio.

For his career, Austin scored 1,184 points with 364 rebounds, 117 steals and 157 assists.