

# Legends of Vaughnsville

## **Bill Collar 1936 – 1938**

Bill played in an era when the only honors given to the players was recognition following the Putnam County Tournament. There are no individual statistics available.

Bill started his varsity basketball career at Vaughnsville in 1936.

In 1936, Vaughnsville, 16-1, won the PCL and Putnam County Tournament, but lost in the Sectionals to Swanton 35-33.

In 1937, Bill was named 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-PCL.

Vaughnsville, 5-4, lost the first game of the Putnam County Tournament.

In 1938, Bill was again named 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-PCL.

The Vikings, 14-6, placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Putnam County Tournament, but lost to Malinta in the Sectional Finals, 38-22.

During his tenure, Vaughnsville was 35-11.

## **Willis Sakemiller 1939 – 1941**

Willis played in an era when the only honors given to the players was recognition following the Putnam County Tournament. There are no individual statistics available.

Willis started his varsity basketball career at Vaughnsville in 1939.

In 1939, Vaughnsville, 9-8, lost the first game of the Putnam County Tournament.

In 1940, Willis was named 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-PCL.

Vaughnsville, 18-5, won the Putnam County Tournament, but lost to Holgate in the District Finals, 29-27.

In 1941, Willis was again named 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-PCL.

Vaughnsville, 18-3, won the PCL Title and its 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive Putnam County Tournament, but lost in the Districts to Delta, 51-48.

During his tenure, the Vikings were 45-16.

## **Sylvester ‘Stretch’ Goedde 1939 – 1942     1,538 Points**

First Vaughnsville Player to Score 1,000 Points  
First Player in PC History to Score 1,000 Points  
VAUGHNSVILLE’S #1 SCORER

Mr. Sylvester Goedde is truly the most legendary player in Putnam County history. His accomplishments rank with the top players that have ever played in Putnam County. Sylvester’s era was just after the center jump was eliminated. His individual season scoring feats cannot be determined except for his senior season when he scored 629 points.

In 1939, Vaughnsville, 9-8, lost the first game of the Putnam County Tournament.

In 1940, Stretch was named 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-PCL and Honorable Mention All-Ohio.

Vaughnsville, 18-5, won the Putnam County Tournament, but lost to Holgate in the District Finals, 29-27.

In 1941, he was named 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-PCL and 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Ohio.

Vaughnsville, 18-3, won the PCL Title and its 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive Putnam County Tournament, but lost in the Districts to Delta, 51-48.

In 1942, Stretch was named 1<sup>st</sup> Team PCL for the 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year, 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Ohio and Ohio’s Player of the Year.

Vaughnsville, 18-3, won the PCL Title and its 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive Putnam County Tournament, but lost again in the Districts to Holgate, 33-31.

For his career, Stretch scored 1,538 points. During his tenure, Vaughnsville was 63-19.

Following high school, he was given a scholarship to Georgetown University, but due to World War II, the University was converted to an armed service base. Stretch then began a dual career as a professional baseball player with the Toledo Mudhens and a college basketball player with the University of Toledo for the years 1943-1948.