

## Muncy High School Athletic Hall of Fame

Charles Houseknecht Class of 1941 Induction year 1989

Charlie was one of the most versatile athletes who excelled in sports at Muncy High School. He lettered three years in football and basketball while also lettering four years in baseball.

In football Charlie played the single-wing halfback position. The newspaper considered him a triple threat (pass, kick and run). He was team captain his senior year.

In basketball, as a junior, Charlie was on the starting five of the 1940 league champions. The Indians beat the Ralston Rabbits in the Championship game at Lycoming College. He played the guard position and in his senior year led the league the first half of the year with 78 points.

In baseball Charlie played shortstop and pitched. He held a 300+ batting average throughout his MHS career. A memorable moment was striking out 16 in a game against Picture Rocks.

Returning from the Navy in 1945 he played West Branch baseball for 8 years. He played shortstop and leftfield and batted .300. Charlie also played softball and basketball for J&L. He bowled for several years and carried a 168 average.