



The Flaget Museum

Xaverian Hall
St. Xavier High School Campus



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Without question Paulie Miller was the most notable coach of Flaget, but he was not the first. The first coach hired at Flaget was Irv Jeffries. Irv was born in 1905. He was an athletic standout at Manual High School. He starred in football, baseball, and basketball. He was all-city, all-state, and on the high school All-American basketball team. After graduation in 1926 he attended the University of Kentucky for a couple of years playing varsity basketball for ten games in 1928. He left U of K and got his professional career started in squads for the Akron Tyrites and Dallas Steers (1928-1929) and the Toledo Mud Hens in 1930, Irv was called up to the Chicago White Sox as a 3B and SS from 1930-1931, after which he returned to minor league ball with the American Association St Paul Saints from 1932-1933. In October 1933, he was drafted by the Reds in the Rule 5 draft and was traded 2 months later to the Phillies, where he remained on the active roster until July 1934 when he was traded to the minor league Baltimore Orioles (then of the International League). Irv spent the next 3 years in Baltimore. In 1937 he went to the Montreal Royals (IL Pirates affiliate at the time) for one season only, then to the Portland Beavers in the Pacific Coast League from 1938-1939. Jeffries ended his career with the Fort Worth Cats in the Texas League retiring in 1940. During the 1940s, Irv was a scout for the White Sox. Irv was working at Fort Knox as the posts athletic director in when he was hired by Flaget for the 1944 school year starting with the 1945 baseball coaching chores. When the 1945-46 school year rolled around coach Jeffries was at the helm of the football squad for their first year of varsity play. After the first six games the team had won two and lost four. Now somebody knows for sure, but nobody is talking on why, after that sixth game of the season with only one game left to play, the coach left the school. I have heard several different stories on why he left, some being of his own decision, and some being the decision of the school. Rather than engage in gossip, lets just say he moved on to make room for Paulie. After leaving Flaget he did some local coaching and refereeing and even some scouting for major league baseball. He was a constant at Churchill Downs and other sporting establishments. He died in 1982 at the age of 76.

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