



The Flaget Museum

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ANOTHER FLAGET SPORTS LEGEND

With so many great sports figures coming out of Flaget High School it might be forgivable if one was overlooked. We read about Paul Hornung, Sherrill Sipes, Howard Schnellenberger, Gus Bell, the McGills, Kings, and Reynolds and the list goes on and on, many times over the years. The events of football, basketball, baseball, track, tennis, golf, swimming etc. have seen many outstanding participants from Flaget. You might think that all have been covered ad nauseam. Our sports champion today participated in track and field at Flaget, but today I want to speak to his sports achievements after he left Flaget. It is safe to say that he most likely never played the game in high school, college, nor anywhere else for that matter prior to entering the competitive world of "DAINTY". He probably never even considered a career in the game until a few years ago. The game was revived in Louisville after a many year absence. 1970 saw the revival of the game and that same year saw Bill Ridge graduate from Flaget. Dainty is the art of hitting a small piece of wood about five inches in length, pointed on both ends, with a slender thirty-six inch long stick, popping it into the air and then hitting it as far as you can. The contest is only open to those forty-five years of age and older so Bill could not participate for a good number of years after graduation. Bill has participated in this dainty championship each year since 1998. This year Bill won with a whopping 112-foot distance. Bill is a two-time champion having also won the contest in 1999 with a ninety-one foot swat in only his second year of competition. For winning Bill has received a trophy and this year recognition on a new wall plaque displayed at Hauck's. The contest is always held on the last Monday of July and is billed as the World Championship Dainty contest. This makes Bill a two-time world champion. Bill also participates in the Senior Games in Frankfort throwing the discus and in the golfing tournament. I do not know how we could have overlooked this Flaget sports hero. If I can get his photo I will place it in the museum hanging next to the other Flaget sports standouts.

Many many thanks to all those who brought items for the museum at the last luncheon. It has been a long time since I had so many items to include in our collection. To those who may still have Flaget memorabilia at home collecting dust, consider a museum donation. Sports programs, school newspapers, sports trophies and many more items are still being sought. Bring your donation to any alumni luncheon, drop them off at the museum, or call me if you pick up service.