

WILBUR (BILL) GRAY

Played football, hockey and baseball while attending Calumet High School (1907-1910).

Named to Copper Country Hockey League all-star teams as a goaltender with Red Jacket. Was a teammate of CHS Hall of Famer, Charles Uksila, on both the Red Jacket and Mohawk teams. Played for a short period of time with a team from Calumet (1907-1911).

Played baseball in Copper Country leagues for Calumet, Lake Linden and Laurium. Was selected to league all-star teams as a catcher. (1908-1911) Was a teammate of George Gipp with Laurium teams while home from playing college and pro baseball (1913 & 1917).

Recruited by Notre Dame to play baseball where he earned three varsity letters as the team's catcher (1912-1914).

While at Notre Dame, organized a hockey team and played center on the school's first two teams (1912-1913).

Graduated from the University of Notre Dame with a Bachelor of Laws degree. Believed to be the first CHS athlete to earn a degree from Notre Dame (1914).

Was a classmate, hall mate and friend of Knute Rockne who would later become a football coaching legend at Notre Dame.

Served as an assistant coach with the Notre Dame baseball team (1917).

Recruited CHS Hall of Fame members, George Gipp, Ojay Larson and Hunk Anderson to attend Notre Dame.

Played five (5) years of professional baseball with Kalamazoo in the Southern Michigan Association, Wichita in the Western League, Fort Worth in the Texas League and Minneapolis in the American Association (1914-1918).

Signed a contract with the Chicago White Sox and was on their major league roster off and on for two seasons. Never played in a regular season game with the team (1916-1917).

During World War I served as a private stationed at Camp Grant in Rockford, Illinois.

A gifted athlete who excelled at baseball and became the first CHS alumnus to gain prominence as both a collegiate and professional player.

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