

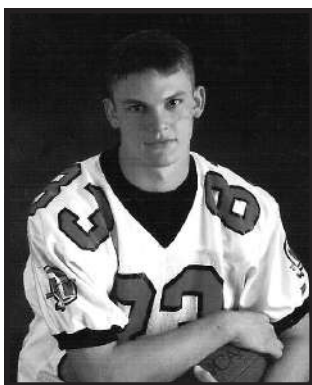
Tecumseh Athletic Hall of Fame

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2016 Hall of Fame Inductees

Rusty Lane
Missy Martin
Chris Roberts



Rusty Lane

John Russell "Rusty" Lane was born in Springfield, Ohio to Pete and Rita Lane.

He lived in Enon, Ohio for the first three years of his life, before his family moved to within earshot of Tecumseh's Spitzer Stadium, and is a 1999 graduate of Tecumseh High School. He is one of 2 children, his younger sister, Emily is a 2002 Tecumseh co-valedictorian.

Throughout his career Rusty excelled in both athletics and academics in high school. At Tecumseh he was a three sport athlete (track, football, and basketball).

In track, Rusty participated as a senior in order to work on his strength and conditioning in preparation for college football and compete alongside his friends one last time. He was a reasonably successful discus thrower, usually placing in the smaller meets and occasionally ran the 200 meters and other events.

In basketball, he dressed for the varsity as a freshman and played extensively for the next 3 years including CBC Championship teams in 1996-97 and 1998-1999 seasons. Rusty was a captain of the 1998-99 team. Rusty was 1st Team CBC his senior year and was selected to play in a Miami Valley all-star game during the summer.

The football field is where he had the most individual and team success. He saw the field as a freshman for the 1995, 8-2 CBC Championship team and became an offensive starter his sophomore year as a tight-end. During his junior year, Rusty began to standout as a three-way starter at wide receiver, outside linebacker and punter. Rusty was honored following his junior football season as 1st Team CBC, Associated Press 2nd Team All-Southwest District, with statistics of 25 receptions for 582 yards; 29 tackles; 3 tackles for loss; 3 recovered fumbles; an interception; and 3 blocked punts. During his senior season, Rusty was a team captain and rarely left the field, playing wide receiver, defensive end, kicking off, and also punter for the 10-0 1998 CBC Championship Team and first team in Tecumseh history to make the playoffs. The Arrows graduating in the Class of 1999 had a career record of 32-9. Rusty's senior season was decorated with numerous awards such as 1st Team CBC, All-County, All-Area, Associated Press All-Southwest District, Associated Press All-State 2nd Team. Rusty's individual stats during his senior year included 39 receptions for 738 yards; 9 touchdowns; 72 tackles; 5 tackles for loss; 3 sacks; and 3 blocked punts. Rusty also set Tecumseh records for receiving yards and touchdowns in a season. Rusty's career statistics include 72 receptions; 1450 receiving yards; 109 tackles, 8 tackles for loss; 3 sacks; 4 recovered fumbles; 6 blocked punts; and Rusty was also a 4 year Iron Man award winner. These accolades and statistics were enough to garner attention of college coaches ranging from Akron to Yale.

Rusty was also a standout in the classroom. Rusty's combined academic and athletic success created an opportunity for him to attend Yale University as a member of their historic football program. Rusty was a member of the 1999 Ivy League Championship team and in 2000 when a decisive 42-6 victory over University of Dayton to become the first college football team to reach 800 wins (as of the end of the 2016 regular season Yale is 2nd all-time with 890 followed by Ohio State in 5th with 879 wins). Rusty played defensive end, kicker and punter on the JV squad his freshman year and proved he could still catch the football by returning an interception for a touchdown and recovering his own onside kick against Harvard. After changing positions to the offensive side of the ball during the spring, Rusty again scored a receiving touchdown in a JV game his sophomore year, as well as recovering his own onside kick in two games that season.

After sustaining and aggravating a neck injury, Rusty made the difficult decision to give up his football career during the summer leading in to his junior year of college. This opened up his schedule to work part-time in the Yale University Development Office, become the treasurer of his fraternity, and stay involved with Yale Athletics by working for the Event Staff setting up or keeping score at basketball, baseball, crew, golf, gymnastics, lacrosse, and track and field events.

Rusty graduated in 2004 from Yale University with a BA in Political Science. Rusty began his career in Chicago, before applying to law school. Rusty began dating his future wife, Lindsay, in Chicago prior to beginning law school at University of Cincinnati. After one year in Cincinnati, Rusty choose to transfer to Depaul University in Chicago where he completed his law degree. Rusty and Lindsay were married in Dallas, Texas. After their son, Stone, was born they decided to move from Chicago to Texas. They spent one last summer in Chicago before migrating south in the fall of 2013. Rusty began work at a mid-sized law firm in downtown Dallas continuing his career as an attorney concentrating on real estate transactions including development of senior living centers and medical office buildings as well as other various legal transactions.

After college, Rusty has stayed active by participating in multiple flag football, basketball, volleyball and softball leagues in Chicago, Cincinnati, and Dallas. He has also taken up recreational running and participated in many charity runs while in Chicago and two half-marathons in Texas. He has also developed an interest in hunting and other outdoor pursuits.

Outside of the office, Rusty enjoys his most important job, raising his children, Stone (now 4) and Piper (2 years) with Lindsay. The Lane family currently resides in Dallas and Rusty is honored to become a member of the Tecumseh Athletic Hall of Fame. All of his achievements would have not been possible if it had not been for all of the wonderful support and dedication of the coaches, teachers, and administrators here at Tecumseh Local Schools and of course his parents and family.



Missy Martin

Melissa 'Missy' Martin was born in Springfield, Ohio to Donald and Elaine Martin. She grew up outside New Carlisle near Donnelsville, Ohio with her four siblings, all older brothers. She hails from an athletic family where her parents played basketball and tennis and she and her siblings all grew up playing baseball, softball, tennis and basketball. Missy credits her parents for always encouraging and supporting her whether it was by shoveling snow off the drive way to practice free throws or leaving a plate for dinner after late practices. They were always in the crowd cheering her on. Missy started playing softball at an early age, coming up through the Donnelsville leagues. She got her first chance of playing organized basketball in 8th grade at Olive

Branch Jr High where she averaged 14 points per game. After 9th grade at Olive Branch Jr High, the last graduating class of the school, she went on to Tecumseh High School where she lettered in three sports, playing at the varsity level for tennis, basketball and softball.

She earned All Miami Central Conference (MCC) – Honorable Mention in basketball her sophomore year. In her junior year, hard work started to pay off and the team finished with a winning record of 11 – 9 (MCC 6 – 3) for the season. Missy earned All MCC 1st Team and All Clark County honors that year. During Missy's senior year at Tecumseh, she helped lead the team to a 13 – 8 record and 2nd Place in the Greater Miami Valley Conference (GMVC 10 - 4), the best finish in Lady Arrows basketball history at the time. Missy's accomplishments included All GMVC 1st Team – Player of the Year, All Clark County, District 9 All Star, Player of the Week – Springfield News-Sun, and McDonald's All-Ohio Girls' High School Basketball Team nominee. She served as Captain for both the tennis and basketball teams and earned Most Valuable Player in tennis, basketball and softball (Defensive). As well as placing 2nd in 1st Doubles and District Qualifier for tennis and made 3rd Team All GMVC for softball. She thanks her coaches, Carla Beatley, Barb Nagel and Louise Michels for all their support and encouragement to become the best student-athlete she could be. Her teammates, friends and teachers also made her years at Tecumseh some of the best days of her life.

Missy also excelled off the playing field where she was Treasurer of National Honor Society, Student Advisory Council, Sports Co-Editor of The Arrowhead, Quill & Scroll, AFS, December Rotary Student of the Month and Who's Who Among American High School Students. She graduated in the top 5% of her class. Missy graduated from Tecumseh High School in 1983 and earned the Ron W. Manemann and James and Barbara Gastineau Scholarships.

Missy graduated from Eastern Kentucky University in 1987 with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and a minor in Mathematics and was a member of Kappa Mu Epsilon honor society. She stayed active by playing for the ECU Womens' Soccer club and intramural sports such as flag football and softball. She also has played on several softball travelling teams, competing in the Bluegrass State Games and several National Tournaments in Kentucky, Georgia, Louisiana, Colorado and Las Vegas, Nevada.

After graduating, she was a lead software developer for a small software company out of Lexington, Kentucky where she traveled to all but 12 of the 50 states. She then moved to Atlanta in 1997 where she worked as a network administrator at Turner Field for the Atlanta Braves. She worked four seasons, which included three National League Championship Series, the 1999 World Series and the 2000 All Star Game.

Missy is currently a software solution architect for a national retail technology company. She has excelled professionally by earning a President's Award, a Star Academy nominee, and a Best of the Best Award based on winning concepts for Store Fulfillment and Mobile Innovations.

"Many life lessons can be learned from playing sports – hard work and determination are what will carry you through life" Missy states. Missy credits her parents and coaches for molding her into the successful, strong woman that she is today. Many, many thanks for all the support and love that her family, friends, teammates and teachers have provided.



Chris Roberts

Christopher Lee Roberts was born in Dayton, Ohio to Dan and Rosemarie Roberts. He grew up in Park Layne near New Carlisle, Ohio. He is the oldest child in the family, with two brothers, Tim and Scott and a sister, Mechelle. He graduated from Tecumseh High School in 1979. He played football for the Park Layne Wee Arrows, New Carlisle Junior High Panthers and lettered in high school playing for the Arrows. He is proud of the fact that from 8th grade to finishing his senior year at Tecumseh, he never missed a football practice or game.

After graduation, Chris served four years in the United States Coast Guard. After training as an Electronics Technician, he was stationed at Coast Guard Group Duluth, Minnesota. His duties included repairing small boat equipment at Coast Guard stations and maintaining light houses all around the Western half of Lake Superior. He was honorably discharged in 1983.

Growing up, Chris was always interested in using his Grandfather and Uncle's movie camera and wanted to pursue a career in film making. After his discharge from the Coast Guard, he attended a radio and television school in Minneapolis, Minnesota. After graduation he was hired as a news videographer by WKEF TV in Dayton in 1984.

Chris covered many news events during his 30 year career for NBC, later ABC Channel 22 which later combined with WRGT-TV Fox 45. One of the memorable stories that he covered was being at the Cincinnati Reds spring training camp in Plant City, Florida when the Pete Rose gambling story broke and following it all the way to Pete's sentencing in Federal Court in Cincinnati. He was able to do a story from a hot air balloon and many stories done from airplanes, including riding in the bombardier's seat in a B-17 bomber. Chris covered political campaigns and elections from President's Reagan to Obama. He covered many fires, accidents, criminal activity and sporting events from pee wee to professional all around the Miami Valley area.

Chris has many interests including reading, genealogy and history. His interest in football began at a very early age, watching, playing and reading about the history of the sport every chance he got. After his playing days were over he always was interested in someday being a football coach like his father, a long time coach and co-founder of the Wee Arrows Apache team. When a change in his work schedule in 1988 freed up his afternoons, he applied for an assistant football coach position at New Carlisle Middle School. He was hired by then, new varsity head coach Mike Lucas and athletic director, Doug Chaffins.

After being a New Carlisle Middle School assistant under head coach, Drew Gross, for one year, Chris became the head coach at NC the next season. At the time the New Carlisle Panthers along with the Olive Branch Spartans were Tecumseh's two middle schools that played each other in sports. They were very competitive and fierce rivals. The 7th and 8th grade formed one team for each school which limited the 7th graders playing time. The rivalry and hard feelings even continued when the players combined at Tecumseh as freshmen. Doug Chaffins and Mike Lucas decided it was time to combine the middle school football teams and received school board approval to do that in 1990. The combining of the football teams was a new concept in the area with the advantages being able to form separate 7th and 8th grade teams which would give the 7th graders more playing time as well as better instruction with four coaches working together under a common system. Chris was appointed to be the head coach of the combined middle school teams and it was decided to call the team the Tecumseh Middle School Arrows.

Chris' organizational skills were put to the test as all of the different challenges of combining two different school's football teams were faced. Two different school schedules, administrations, practice facilities, equipment and game schedules were some of the issues that needed to be addressed before practice could even begin.

It was decided that the program would focus on developing 7th and 8th graders to join the High School team in a few short years. Academics, participation and fundamentals were stressed above all.

In addition to coaching at the middle school, Chris served as the Tecumseh Football team videographer, shooting over 300 game films for the varsity coaching staff through his 25 years.

Due to health reasons Chris resigned from his coaching position in 2014 and was pleased that Tim Emberton agreed to take over the program and continue and further its philosophy and goals. He also resigned his videographer position at WKEF-TV and now works as a news video editor for WHIO-TV Channel 7.

Chris lives in Vandalia with his wife Jackie. They are very proud of their two daughters. Elizabeth lives in Waynesville, Ohio with her husband Will. Stephany lives in San Jose, California.

With the help of a dedicated group of assistant coaches through the years, Chris is very proud of the role that the middle school football program has played in the success of Tecumseh Football. He is honored to be inducted into the Tecumseh Athletic Hall of Fame. He wishes to thank his family, friends, school administration, members of the Tecumseh Football Family and all of the TMS football players for their support in his 25 years with Tecumseh.