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Telford Telescope: Sports Hall of Fame inducts Hatcher, 9 others

By Dr. John Telford
SUN COLUMNIST



Cliff Hatcher (pictured here in the starting blocks) was an All-American 440-yard sprinter at Detroit Central High School who clocked an all-time Michigan-best 48.8 seconds in 1951 that stood as a DPS record for 20 years. He became my Wayne State teammate and lifelong friend.

In 2014, I joined luminaries like Mackenzie High's football and track speedster Jerome Bettis, boxing champ and North-eastern alum Thomas Hearn, Northwestern's Olympic sprint champion Henry Carr, my old Pershing high-jumper and hoop star Spencer Haywood, and my coaching colleague and idol Will Robinson in the Detroit Sports Zone High School Hall of Fame for my 1950s sprinting at Denby (and also at WSU, for the Detroit Track Club, and on the U.S. national team). Now Cliff and I will be reunited!

On Friday, September 27, Cliff's widow Barbara and daughter Joy--my goddaughter--will see the late, great Cliff Hatcher inducted posthumously at the 8th Annual Detroit Sports Zone High School Hall of Fame and Scholarship Banquet in the International Banquet Center (above Fishbones in Greektown--400 Monroe Street, Detroit 48226). For tickets (\$60 apiece), contact old MSU All-American running back Laval Perry at allamlaval@aol.com or (989) 239-1623.

I have many fond recollections regarding my old friend Cliff, but the most vivid one is of an indoor race in the Livingston Relays at Denison University in Granville, Ohio in 1956 that drew the midwest's best college teams. Northwestern High alumnus "Bullet Billy" Smith--a world-record-breaking hurdler who in 1958 teamed with me, Pete Petross, and Jim Bibbs on the Detroit Track Club's world's fastest 4x220-yard relay team--led off the featured sprint relay race in Granville for Wayne State against Western Michigan's world-record-holding 100-meter dashman Ira Murchison. Billy was in second place behind Ira when he handed the baton to

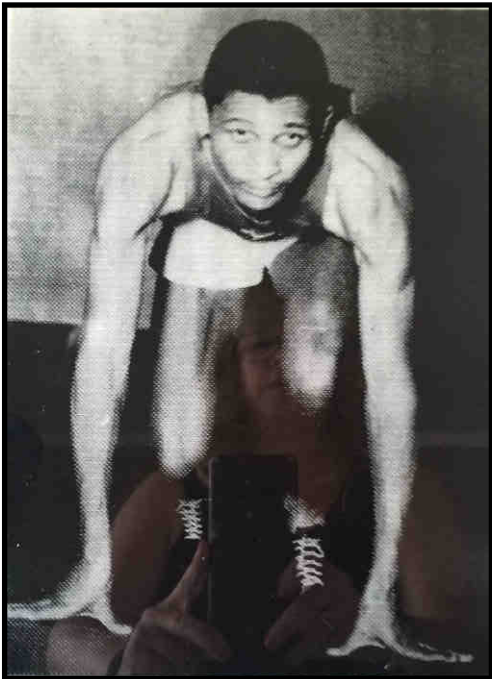
Jerry Catalina, who was caught and passed by Ohio State and MSU--so we were running fourth when Cliff Hatcher got the baton for the third leg. I saw Cliff disappear behind the stands on the far side of the fieldhouse in fourth place and then reappear from behind the stands with a ten-yard lead! He rocketed around the turn and handed me the baton for the anchor leg with a wide, triumphant grin on his face which I have never forgotten, and I sped off to win the race going away.

Cliff Hatcher, "Bullet Billy" Smith, and Marine Corps 440 champ Ralph D. Carter from Northern High later teamed with me to win the 4x440 and 4x220-yard races for WSU at the Ohio Relays in Columbus and the Penn Relays in Philadelphia. Cliff

topped off that 1956 season by winning the conference 440 when Coach David L. Holmes moved me down from the 440 to win the 100 and 220. The following summer, I incidentally teamed with Ira Murchison on the U.S. Team to win the 4x100-meter relay race in Bologna, where I also won the gold medal over Italian champion Giovanni Scavo at 400 meters. Joining Hatcher and me and the other old DPS stars in the Hall of Fame on September 27 will

be Mackenzie's Pepper Johnson (football) and Gary Waters (basketball); Pershing's Wendy Truvillion and Ella Willis (track and marathon); Kettering's Stan Edwards (track and football); Southeastern's Selina "Hollywood" Johnson (Lewis Colson Award); Cass Tech's Hilton Napoleon (baseball); and Southwestern's Bill Jones (basketball). Popular Wayne County Sheriff Benny Napoleon will MC the event. We hope to see all of you there!

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Veteran Detroit police officer finds himself on the opposite side of the law, faces 10 years for bribery

By Janae' Miller
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A 19-year veteran of the Detroit Police Department was recently charged with two counts of bribery for allegedly receiving \$15,000 in cash bribes from a drug trafficker in exchange for the trafficker's signed confession.

If convicted, Officer Michael Mosley, 47, of Detroit, faces up to 10 years in prison and a fine of \$250,000 for each charge.

"Although the vast majority of police officers in Michigan are fully dedicated to protecting the public, sometimes there is an infrequent example of an officer driven by corruption and greed," United States Attorney Matthew Schneider said. "I am thankful to Detroit Chief of Police James Craig for his commitment to combating corruption, so that the rare example of bribery does not overshadow the outstanding work of so many other great police officers."

Mosley, who was a member of the DPD's Major Violators Unit, was involved in a search of the trafficker's home in April 2019. Two kilograms of heroin, one kilogram of cocaine and six firearms were found during the search. The trafficker confessed to owning the drugs and signed a written confession.

The trafficker allegedly made two payments to Mosley in exchange for his written confession and charges dropped for the drug possession.

On May 2, 2019, Mosley collected a \$10,000 payment that was left in the backyard of an abandoned home in Detroit. The second, \$5,000 payment, was delivered to the abandoned home on May



23.

The scheme was uncovered during an investigation conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigations.

"Officer Mosley allegedly engaged in conduct that betrayed the oath he took to faithfully serve the people of Detroit," Acting Special Agent in Charge Rainer S. Drolshagen said. "His behavior should not take away from the outstanding work done each day by the vast majority of law enforcement professionals at the Detroit Police Department."

An indictment is only a charging document and is not evidence of guilt. Mosley is entitled to a fair trial and is considered innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

Ways to prepare now to keep winter utility bills manageable

LANSING, Mich. - With summer drawing to an end, now is a good time to think about winter and heating your home.

The Michigan Public Service Commission today is urging Michiganders to plan ahead to make sure your utility bills are manageable when the weather turns cold.

Space heating in Michigan homes takes up about 55 percent of a household's energy use annually, according to the federal Energy Information Administration. Here are six things to do to prepare your home and household budget for winter bills:

Contact a certified professional and schedule a furnace tune-up so it runs more efficiently. Replace filters regularly; clogged filters make a furnace work harder. If replacing the furnace, look for the ENERGY STAR logo, which indicates a high-efficiency product.

Discuss with your utility provider programs that can help to manage costs. Ask about or sign up for demand response or time-of-use programs, a budget plan, low-income assistance, active duty military shutoff protection or a winter protection plan.

Research options before signing up with a propane provider. Locking in a contract now can mean lower prices. More than 8 percent of Michigan households use propane as their primary heating fuel, and the state leads the nation in total residential consumption.

Now's the ideal time to tackle home improvements that reduce energy waste. Seal cracks around windows and doors to keep heat from escaping. Check air ducts and seal openings against leaks. Insulate attics and crawl spaces. Install a programmable thermostat, which can save an estimated 10 percent a year on heating and cooling. Familiarize yourself with how to safely operate supplemental heating sources for your home, and portable generators should you lose power.

Apply by Sept. 30 for the Home Heating Credit using Michigan tax form MI-1040CR-7. Contact the Michigan Department of Treasury or the federal Internal Revenue Service about the Earned Income Tax Credit, which could offset some living expenses by helping pay utility bills. Familiarize yourself with protections from shutoffs for those with medical emergencies or needing critical care. Call 211, a free phone service that links people with information or agencies that can help with utility assistance.

If you're considering purchasing your natural gas through an alternative gas supplier, be sure to shop around. Browse the MPSC's CompareMIGas website to compare the rates of suppliers serving in your utility service area, but be sure you understand the terms and conditions before signing a contract.

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