

Ralph “Moose” Wolf

Athlete

Ralph “Moose” Wolf is one of the most outstanding athletes ever produced at Slinger High School as stated by Coach Don Parker. Ralph played quarterback on the football team, he was a triple threat in kicking, running, or passing off a Split T formation. For the first time in many years as a Slinger player Ralph received “Honorable Mention” as a backfield man on the 1952-1953 “All State High School Football Squad.” He was Captain of the 1952 team and led the Redmen to a 3rd place in the 4-C conference. Ralph was rated as the outstanding back in the conference by many of the coaches. Ralph was offered a scholarship to play football at Marquette University but did not accept it.

Ralph also played forward on the men’s basketball squad at Slinger High School and was one of the top scorers on the team with 260 points.

Ralph began playing baseball with the Rock River A.C.’s in 1952 as a junior in high school since Slinger High School did not have baseball at the time. Ralph picked up his baseball experience in various sandlot games around the village. He played third base and right field, hitting was his important contribution to the team.

In 1959 Ralph was approached to try out for the Cincinnati Reds professional minor league baseball team. He was offered a minor league contract but declined because he had just started a family. The money offered in the contract was not as it is in today’s market. Ralph played in the Rock River for 15 years during the 50’s and 60’s. The left handed batting of “Moose” backed up his RBI totals with two Southern Division Batting titles and several homerun crowns while swinging in the cleanup spot. He holds the state amateur league record by hitting six home runs in seven games. Ralph was inducted into the “Rock River Hall of Fame” in September 1981.

Ralph was a member of Slinger Volunteer Fire Department from 1959 – 1987. He was also their secretary for 15 years. He held office of the Slinger Village President in 1978 and the Slinger Village Trustee 1971 – 1977.

In 1970’s Ralph was approached by Slinger JC’s to start up a little league baseball program which he was more than happy to do. He also umped, coached and groomed the baseball fields. In January 2005, Slinger Village president Russell Brandt signed a proclamation for Ralph’s 33 years of service to the Village of Slinger.

Graduated 1953