



Fox Point files

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Three Fox Point Sports Luminaries

Fox Point is the home to a surprising number of accomplished athletes. We focus on three athletes whose careers have touched the national stage.

Albert "Ollie" Adelman

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Avillage resident for over 60 years, Adelman passed away on January 13, 2012 at the age of 96. After graduating from Shorewood High School, Adelman had a storied career at Northwestern University in football and tennis.

It almost didn't happen. Adelman was a terrific athlete at Shorewood but he was 5' 8" and 157 lbs. For this reason Wisconsin football coach Clarence "Doc" Spears did not think Adelman would work out in his program. Fortunately, the family stockbroker (and talent scout) was Robert W. Baird. Baird introduced Adelman to Baird's alma mater, Northwestern University. Northwestern welcomed Adelman with an athletic scholarship. By his sophomore year, under the guidance of Coach Lynn Waldorf, Adelman was a starter on the varsity football team. Adelman also was a key contributor to the varsity tennis team, and even managed to make the varsity basketball team.

Adelman played quarterback, tailback, punt returner and, on defense, safety. Offensive formations in the 1930s largely consisted of the single wing, double wing, Notre Dame Box, and the original T. These formations involved many shifts, fakes, cutbacks, reverses, trick plays, and other attempts at misdirection. Often the tailback took the shotgun snap from center; the quarterback, lined up behind the guard, was principally a blocking back. Adelman started out at quarterback but the coaching staff soon realized his strength was as a running back. Against Wisconsin on November 15, 1935, Adelman scored 3 touchdowns and rushed for 115 yards in 8 carries in a 32-13 victory. The following season, in 1934, Adelman lead Northwestern to its first undisputed Big Ten championship by defeating a Gerald Ford lead Michigan 9-0. (A subsequent 26-6 loss to Notre Dame, however, cost Northwestern the national title.)

Adelman was selected as an All-American. Not only did he excel in academics but he also served as an officer in the senior class council and president of the Jewish students association. He turned down a contract from the NFL Chicago Cardinals, returned to Milwaukee to join his father in the laundry business, married his college sweetheart, Edie Margolies, and started a family. The Adelmans moved into their Frank Lloyd Wright designed house on Barnett Lane in 1948 and never left.

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Jules "Skip" Kendall

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Kendall, for many years on the Professional Golf Association (PGA) Tour, grew up in Fox Point, as an unknowing actor in what might be described as a reverse Field of Dreams: the family lived only a short distance from the site of the historic Fox Point Club and golf course.

Kendall attended Peter Stormonth and Bayside schools, and Nicolet High School. Given the many cold weather months that golf courses are closed in Wisconsin, growing up in the village is a challenge for any kid who would benefit from year round play. Kendall made up for it by way of a long-standing Wisconsin virtue: hard work. With the help of Coach Steve Frieber, Kendall worked at his game at various county courses including Lincoln Park, Brown Deer, and Dretzka. With Kendall at the helm, the Nicolet golf team won state once and finished second twice. Individually, Kendall finished second twice. In addition to golf in the spring, Kendall played varsity soccer in the fall (an all-state selection his senior year), and varsity basketball in the winter.

Kendall, by the way, is 5'8" and 150 lbs.

He played golf at the University of Nevada Las Vegas, made all-conference, graduated with a BS in business education, and joined the tour in 1993. From 2000 through 2008 Kendall created and ran the Wisconsin Children's Hospital Skip Kendall Pro-Am Fore Kids. This event raised 4.5 million dollars for the hospital. Kendall was inducted into the Wisconsin Golf Hall of Fame in 2006.

Although he has relocated to the Orlando area, Kendall still lists his hometown as Fox Point.

Garrett Weber-Gale

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Weber-Gale won two gold medals as a member of the U.S. Swim Team at the Beijing Olympics in 2008. Teammate Michael Phelps, recall, won 8 gold medals, including something of a trompe l'oeil finish in the 100 meter butterfly. But it was Garrett Weber-Gale who brought glory to the Village of Fox Point.

It's true. The Fox Point pool has produced an Olympic champion. Coached by Danny Westphal, Weber-Gale believes he swam at the Fox Point pool more than any other kid in history. In 2003, competing for Nicolet High School and coach Dwight Davis, he set still-standing Division I state records in the 100 yard freestyle and the 100 yard backstroke. He then had a multi-year All-American career under the tutelage of Olympic Coach Eddie Reese at the University of Texas-Austin - highlighted by the 100 meter freestyle championship his junior year, as well as a relay championship.

Then came the Beijing games, and worldwide recognition as part of the championship team in the world-record setting 4 x 100 freestyle relay. Weber-Gale took a second gold medal for his semi-finals participation in the 4 x 100 medley relay.

To combat high blood pressure, Weber-Gale cooks for himself. He has co-founded a free on-line resource called ATHLETICFOODIE™: "I had to start cooking to watch my salt intake, and get the nutrition and taste I wanted," he said. "Now, I want to share the sports, nutrition and healthy lifestyle information that made me successful, while also developing products to help others enjoy great food, that's good for them."

With swimming, as with eating, there's more to do. Despite breaking American records in the 2008 Olympic trials, Weber-Gale failed to advance to the Olympic finals in both of his individual races, the 50 and 100 meter freestyle. He may get another chance this summer in London. If so, all of Fox Point will be cheering him to victory.