Class of 2010

Sharon Blake was monumental in establishing the Women’s Track and Field team as one of the premier programs in the state. In her 19-year career (16 as head coach), Sharon’s teams captured five conference, six regional and two sectional championships. Sharon qualified 35 individuals in 55 events for the state track meet and routinely produced state place winners including three state champions. In Sharon’s final year of coaching, the team captured its first and only “triple crown” winning the Conference, Regional, and Sectional team championships.

Although Sharon coached her teams to great success, she is just as well remembered for the personal quality of her teams and her coaching. Sharon was well respected by her peers; she was often selected to serve on rules committees for meets ranging from the local through state level. Sharon’s assistant coach, Jim Walrath summed it up best, “I watched her lead the program with integrity and instill in her athletes the personal pride of being a Chi-Hi athlete and representing the Chippewa Falls community. She garnered the respect of the athletes but also had the respect of parents, fellow teachers, administration and community.”