



MHSA ATHLETES' HALL OF FAME

William Crtalic (1940)

Bearcreek High School

Inducted 1998



In 1939, Bearcreek was the center of Montana sports. Crtalic lettered three years in basketball and twice in track and field. It was Crtalic and his teammates' effort at the 1939 State Basketball Tournament in Billings that brought fame to tiny Bearcreek. Great Falls and Livingston would vie for the A title, while Brockton and Bearcreek competed for the B crown. In the B championship game, Crtalic paced the Bearcats to a 44-34 win. Crtalic was named to the All-State basketball team. In track his 11-6 1/2 effort would claim the Class B pole vault title and he would tie for third in the high jump. Crtalic was a member of the Rocky Mountain College basketball team that went 33-1 in 1947-48.

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