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### Jim Wallington

## All-Star Dream Come True



When Gary Morrill left Bath High School four years ago to enter Central Michigan University, he had dreams of becoming an all-star basketball player.


Morrill carried the credentials of a potential star. He was an all-round athlete for the Bees, making the All-Conference teams in basketball and football.

However, Gary didn't climb up the basketball ladder as rapidly as he would've liked. After a season with the freshmen, Morrill played on the reserve team in 1962 and was a substitute in 1963, scoring 34 points in 15 games, enough to earn a letter.

Last spring Gary wanted to see just how fast he could run in competition. He ran fast enough to place fifth in the conference's 220-yard dash. When his final year in basketball arrived, he decided to change sports. That decision has given the Bath product the all-star rating he dreamed of as a freshman.

### He Helped . . .

. . . the 1964 Central track team win its first Interstate Conference championship since 1960, the year he entered school. The college senior turned on the speed which helped him in high school football and basketball to win the conference 220-yard dash. He finished second in the 100-yard dash and ran the first leg of the mile relay, in which the Chips placed second. Morrill put his team in the early lead, however.



His 220 time was :20.9, just one-tenth of a second off the school and conference record.

Morrill wasn't the first Central trackman to make the conversion successfully. The 6-1, 180-pounder came on the heels of Bob Cornelius, who forsook basketball in favor of track and made headlines with outstanding sprint marks the previous year.

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Morrill wasn't the only Lansing area athlete to score some of Central's 78 points. Dave Magsig, a sophomore from Ovid, scaled 6-3 $\frac{3}{4}$  to win the high jump and Bob VanVleck of Charlotte vaulted 13-9 to place third in the pole vault.

It was a black day for the VanVleck family as Bob watched Ed Nelson of Eastern Illinois vault 14 $\frac{3}{4}$  to wipe out the league record of 13-8 $\frac{1}{2}$  set in 1960 by his brother, Jim VanVleck.



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