

Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

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Alvin "Dutch" Cummings, son of Mrs. Sophie Cummings of Crystal Falls, was promoted to head football coach at Kingsford High School. He previously served as head football coach at Kingsford during the war years and tutored the team to an undisputed U.P. Championship in 1944. Cummings, a 1931 graduate of Crystal Falls High School attended Western State Teachers College in Kalamazoo for one year before transferring to Northern State Teachers College in Marquette where he received his degree in physical education and mathematics in 1937. A star athlete in football, basketball, baseball and track including playing semi-pro basketball and baseball in lower Michigan. "Dutch" began his coaching career at St. Johns (1937-1942), Lake Linden (1942-1943), Belding (1943-1944) and to Kingsford in 1944 where he was also athletic director and taught physical education, general science, history and mathematics. Along with his wife, the former Jean Bedford, are parents to a young son William J. Cummings. Note: Upper Peninsula Sports Hall of Fame – Class 1978.



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