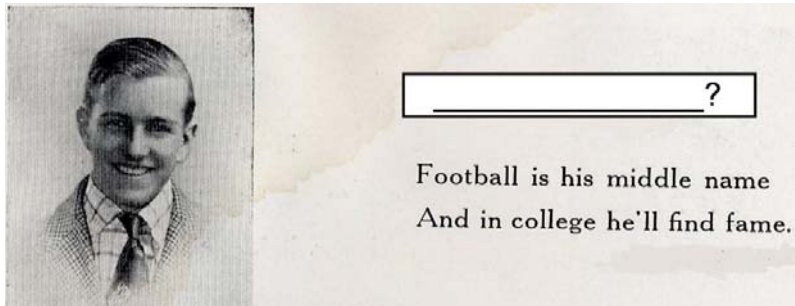


# Langhorne Trivia

Who is the only person in the Neshaminy Football Hall of Fame, to pitch a major league no hit game?



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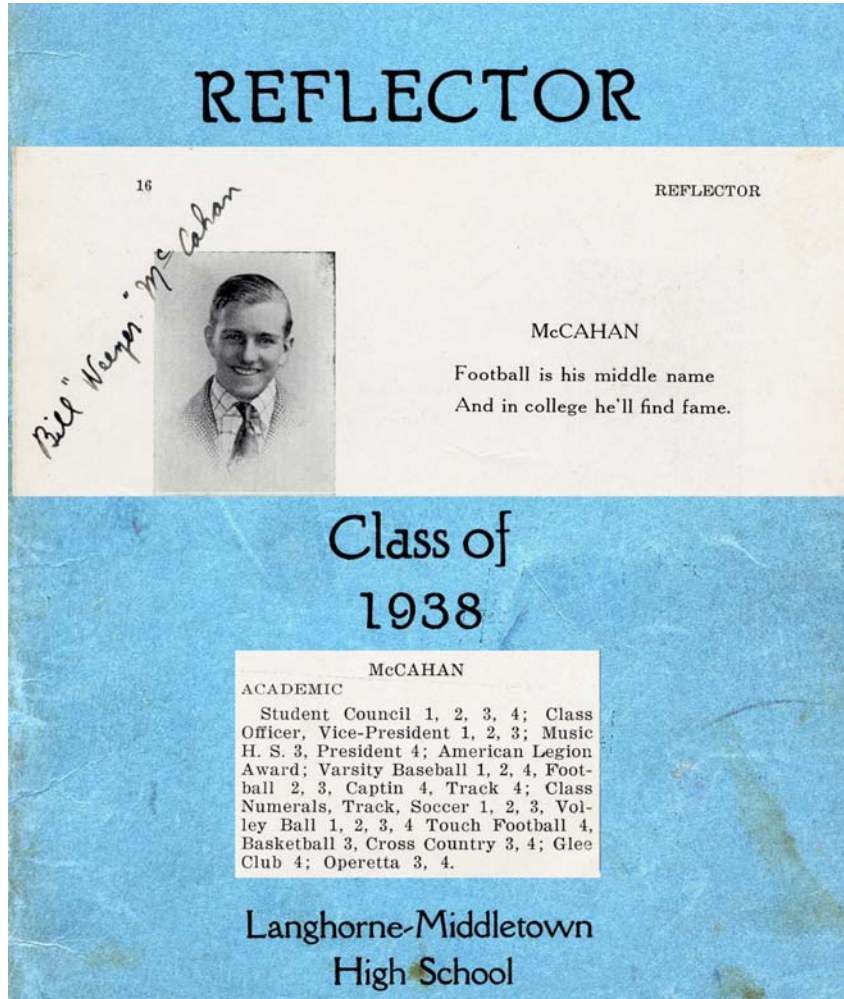
# Neshaminy Football Hall of Fame member

William G. McCahan

Bill "Weezer" McCahan

Born June 7, 1921 in Philadelphia, PA Died July 3, 1986 in Fort Worth, TX

Bill was born in Philly and moved to Langhorne in 1927 with parents William G. and Sarah M. and lived at 618 Old Lincoln Highway, across from Point Service Gas Station at the time. Bill's father departed this life on February 11<sup>th</sup>, 1935. Bill was the recipient of many local awards, both for his athletic prowess and community involvement.



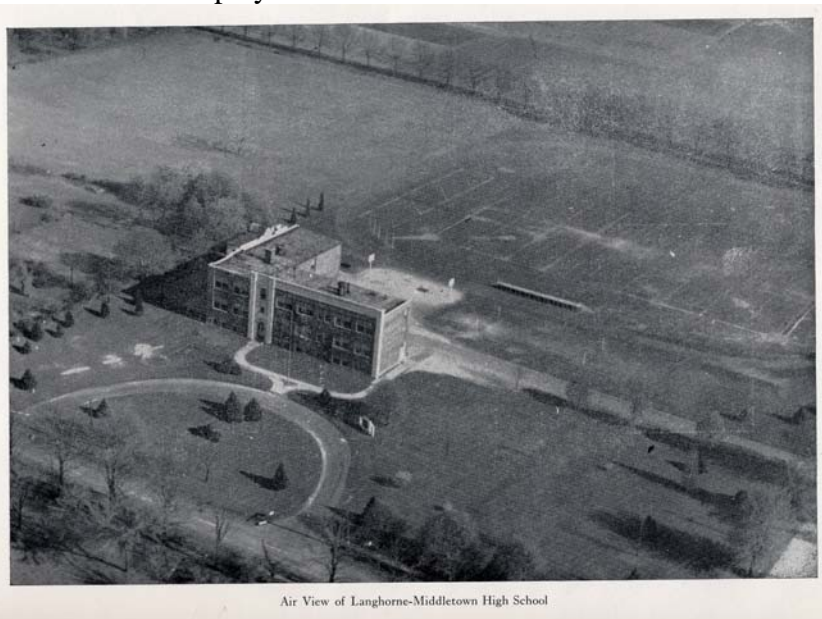
## Horoscope from year book

NAME	NICKNAME	DELIGHT	PRIZE POSSESSION
McCahan	Weezer	Football	Address Book
FAVORITE ORCHESTRA	DESTINY	FAVORITE EXPRESSION	
Jimmy Lunceford	All-American (Husband)	Oh! Rock it for me	

Bill attended high school in this building, the Langhorne Middletown High School, which was the school system's name till 1952. It was then changed to Neshaminy and Lower Southampton was added to the district. This building served as the High School from 1928 to 1953, and in 1954 the present high school was opened. This building today is used as an office building and is located across from the Langhorne United Methodist Church on Maple Ave...



This 1945 aerial view of the high school is as it looked about the time Bill graduated. He played football, basketball, and baseball and made all-county on the field located behind the school. The basketball court is behind the school on the macadam and the team practiced here when the school had a team, which some years they didn't. When weather was poor, they practiced in Gamble's barn on the southwest corner of Hill and Richardson Ave., avoiding the beams and other obstacles. All games were away games as they had no home court to play on...



Upon graduation Bill attended Duke University, his education being paid for by Connie Mack, owner and manager of the Philadelphia Athletics (later the Kansas City, now the Oakland A's). At Duke Bill played baseball and basketball, Mr. Mack not wanting his highly touted pitching prospect injured, disapproved of him playing football. Duke won the Southern Conference basketball titles in 1941 and 1942, the coach being Eddie Cameron, who Cameron Indoor Stadium is named after. Duke Indoor Stadium opened in 1940 and Bill played basketball there in its first season. The building was dedicated to longtime Duke Athletic Director and basketball coach Eddie Cameron, a legend in his own right, on January 22, 1972.

From Duke University Archives:

An article in the 1940 [opening season] report on the team (p.7) says of McCahan:

THE SOPHOMORES "BILL MCCAHAN" guard one of the fastest men on the squad also the youngest is another fine baseball prospect hails from Langhorne, Pa. is five feet, nine inches tall weighs 180."

From the same article (p. 8): SCORING RECORD OF 1939 FRESHMAN REGULARS  
Bill McCahan---Pos. G, Games Played: 15, Total points: 43, Avg. per game:  
2.9

From Duke Chronicle March 9, 1942:

"Two players from Duke's Southern Conference championship basketball team and one each from William and Mary, North Carolina State and Wake Forest were named today on the United Press all-tournament team." McCahan played on the first team as a guard.

#### SELECTIVE SERVICE

(from files kept by Dept. of Alumni Affairs of Duke University)

Entered Army Air Corps service on Feb. 24, 1943

Received commission as 2nd Lt. and wings as pilot at Spence Field in Moultrie, Ga. on August 4, 1944.

Training: Colby College: 21st College Training, Detachment

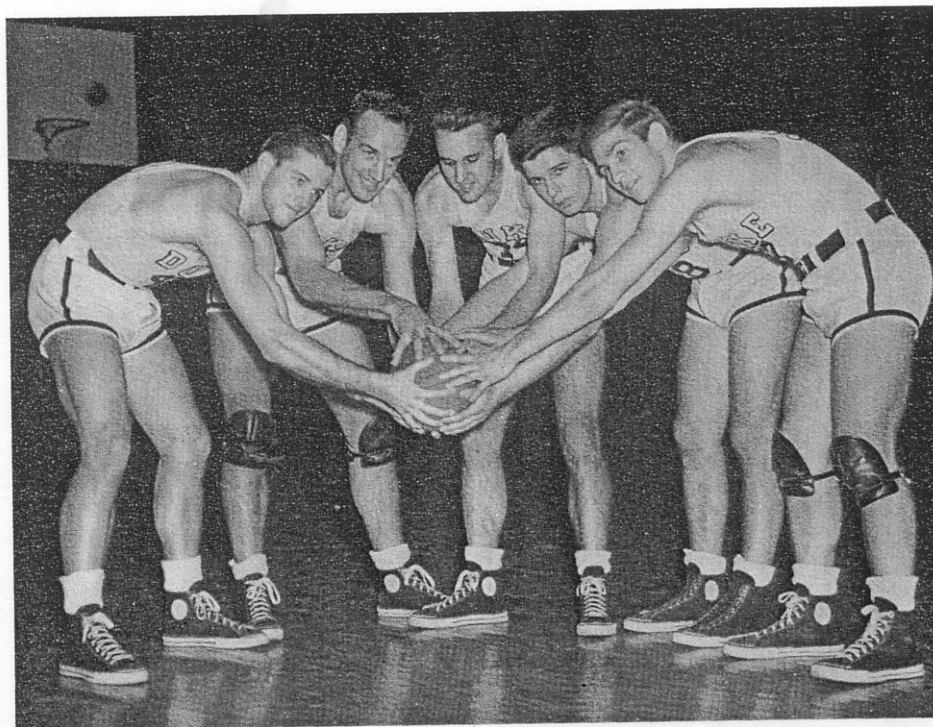
Service: AAFPCS Pilot, 1943

Service: 61st F.T.D, AAFCPS Squadron G., Group V, Flt. 2

Discharged Nov. 9, 1945

Miss Charlotte Crump (fiancé) of Amityville/Long Island, N.Y.

## FIVE BIG FIVE CHAMPS

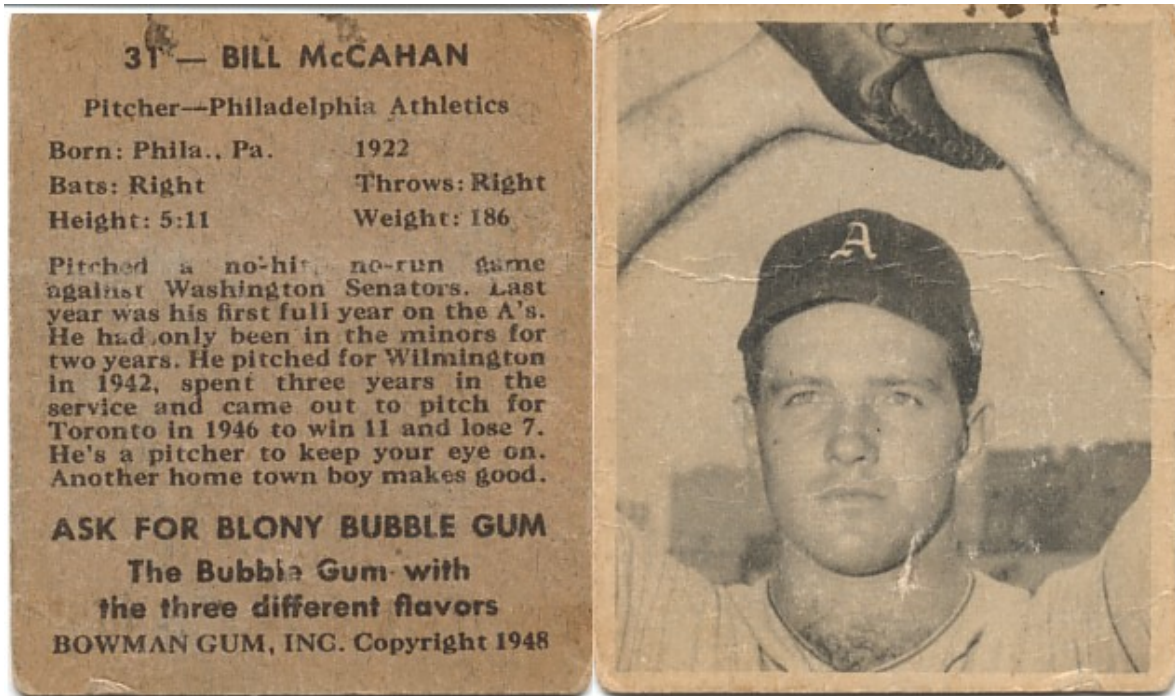


The five happy young men clustered around the basketball in the picture above have a right to be happy. They are the five young men who have been starting games for Eddie Cameron's Blue Devil eagers and their performances have gone a long way toward the clinching of the Big Five championship and the successful defense of Duke's Southern conference title. The first of these matters is already settled—the second awaits the Conference tournament at Raleigh March 5, 6, and 7. But we almost forgot to name the lads. Left to right, they are: Bill McCahan, guard; Clyde Allen, center; Hap Spuhler, forward; Sam Rothbaum, forward; and Bill Stark, guard.

Upon graduation Bill played baseball for the Wilmington Blue Rocks in the minor leagues. He then went into the service of his country, serving in the Army Air Force. When Bill was discharged from the Army Air Force at the end of WWII, he was sent to the minor league Toronto team in 1946 and had 11 wins and 7 losses, before moving on to the Majors. He entered the Major Leagues on September 15, 1946 and pitched a 2 – 0 shut out win over the Cleveland Indians in his debut. He ended the year with a 1-1 win lose record. Following the baseball season he played pro basketball for the Syracuse Nationals (now the Philadelphia 76ers) of the National Basketball League, averaging 4 points a game.

1947 saw Bill pitch a no hitter against the Washington Senators on September 3<sup>rd</sup>, only one runner reached base, on an error by first baseman Ferris Fain. At the time it was only the fifth rookie no hitter of all time in the American League history. McCahan the former Duke University star, was the losing pitcher when Don Black of the Cleveland Indians threw his no-hitter July 10<sup>th</sup> in Municipal Stadium, before the largest crowd

(47,871) ever to see a no-hitter up until then. Bill ended the year with a 10 – 5 win loss record and an E.R.A. of 3.30. Following the baseball season Bill played pro basketball for the Philadelphia Sphas (South Philadelphia Hebrew Association) team in the American Basketball League averaging 3 points a game. The savvy coach was Eddie Gottlieb, who was also the owner of the most successful team in basketball history. In fact, the Hebrews as they were called, eventually morphed into the NBA's Philadelphia Warriors, now the San Francisco Warriors.



1948 saw Bill's record drop to 4 wins and 7 loses with an E.R.A. of 5.31. Following the season Connie Mack had forbidden him to play Pro Basketball fearing an injury or burnout. Bill took a job instead, handling oil barrels and injured his shoulder. 1949 saw him have a 1 win and 1 lose year, but his shoulder would no longer take the strain of pitching and his career in the Majors was over. He then coached in the Minors for a few years with the Pueblo Dodgers in Colorado.

After Bill's baseball career was over he and his wife moved to Texas, he worked in the oil industry, and was quite successful. Bill returned to Langhorne a few times, and always made it a point to see his old friends.

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The above baseball card is one from my collections; one was given to H.L.A. as I had two and is at the H.L.A. building.