

Athletics

Ace Gruening - Considered one of the greatest basketball players of all time. He and his teammate, Jack McCracken, were chosen for the A. A. U. All American Basketball Team ten out of eleven years.

Jack Demsey - Starting his career as the "Manassa Mauler", he became the World Heavyweight Boxing Champion from 1910 to 1926.

Babe Didriksen Zaharias - Broke four golf records in the 1932 Olympics. In 1947 was the first American to win the British Women's Golf Championship. Also won the National Women's Open Golf Tournament.

Alex English - After playing basketball for the Bucks and Pacers, English came to the Denver Nuggets. As a Nugget he became the leading scorer of the National Basketball Association, and played in the NBA All-star games several times.

Wallace Werner - One of the greatest skiers of all time. In 1962 was the first American to win a major European ski event, Austria's Hahnenhamm. Won the Grand Prix, Holemollen, Lauberhorn, Criterium, Roch Cup, Harriman Cup, and received the National Ski Hall of Fame Athlete of the Year Award.

Amy Van Dyken - First American woman to win four gold medals in a single Olympics in 1996. Her swimming career is even more amazing in that her asthma only allows her to use 65% of her lung power.

John Elway - Quarterback for the Denver Broncos from 1984 to 1999. Known for his last-minute, game-winning scoring drives Elway led the Broncos to three Super Bowl losses before back-to-back wins in Super Bowl XXXII and XXXIII. Elway was also the 1987 NFL MVP, a four-time Pro Bowl selection, and one of only two quarterbacks in National Football League history to throw for over 3,000 yards in 12 seasons.

Jerome C. Biffle - Won gold medal in the long jump in the 1952 Helsinki Olympics with a jump of 24 feet, 10 inches. After the Olympics, he returned to Denver to become a coach and counselor at East High School for the next three decades.