

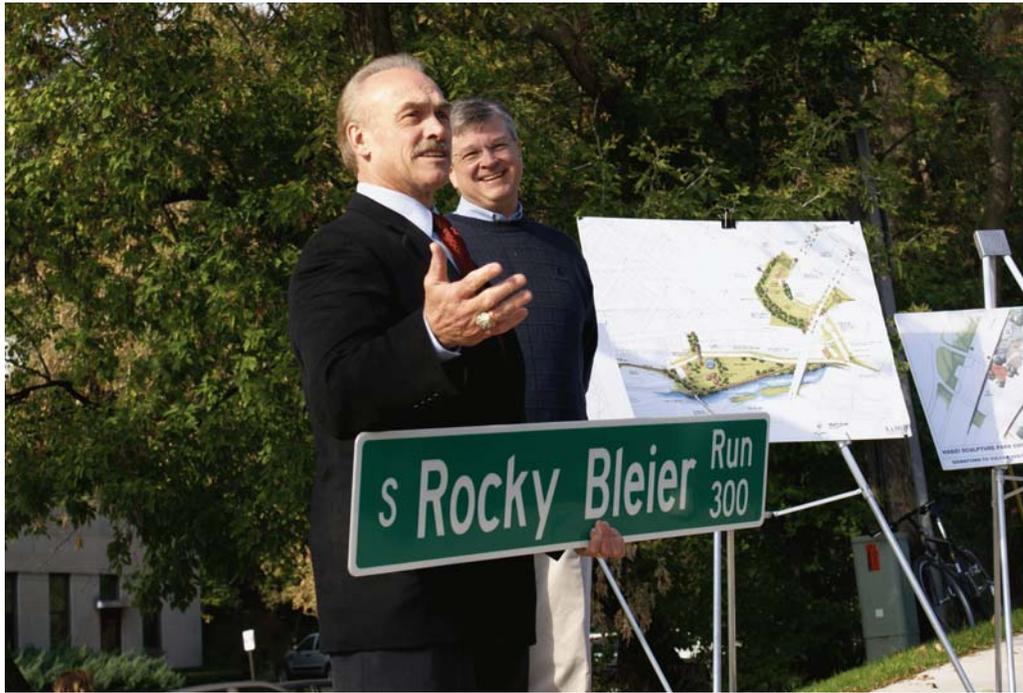
Rocky Bleier Field



Rocky Bleier Field at Xavier was dedicated Friday night, Oct. 12, 2007 in a special ceremony prior to the XHS football game at the Knights of Columbus Sports Complex behind XHS. The gate was manufactured by Metalist Laserfab of Oshkosh as a gift to Xavier High School. Note how there are 23 spindles at the bottom of the gates, the same number as Rocky's football jersey number for the Hawks when he played for Coach Gene 'Torchy' Clark. Below, the Fox Valley Vietnam Veterans Honor Guard presents the colors and the Knights of Columbus Honor Guard awaits to escort Rocky & the dignitaries into the facility for the dedication ceremony.



Rocky, captains & game officials meet before the game for the coin toss.



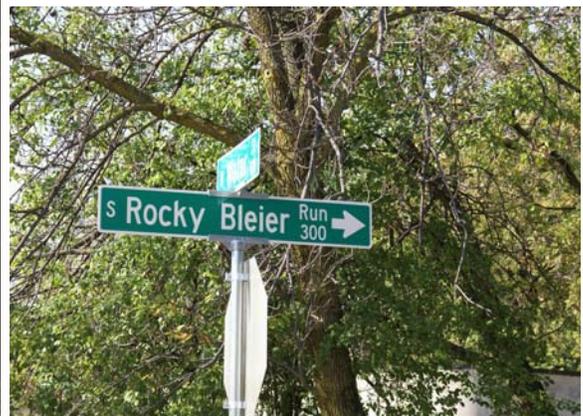
Rocky Bleier, left, and Tim Hanna, the mayor of the City of Appleton, during a ceremony on Saturday morning, Oct. 13, 2007, when the City of Appleton dedicated Rocky Bleier Run. The street is near Jones Park in downtown Appleton, close to where Bleier grew up back in the 1950's and 60's. He used to run the steps and hills of the park as part of his athletic training and then his rehab from injuries suffered in 1969 during the Vietnam War.

Artist's Rendition:

Rocky Bleier Run

This is an artist's drawing of what the City of Appleton will create in the area of Jones Park in downtown Appleton as part of Rocky Bleier Run.

The entire plan includes making the area a gateway from downtown through Jones Park to the city's new Waterfront Riverwalk.



FACILITY TID-BITS - ROCKY MAKEOVER

Rocky Bleier Field on the Knights of Columbus Sports Complex

Xavier Football

The former Knights of Columbus Athletic Field at Xavier has undergone a major makeover, and there now is a new name for the Hawks' home turf. The facility received:

1. a new grass playing surface,



Aerial view, 2005

2. a new 8-lane running track which has a top-of-the line rubberized surface,

3. a new 4-foot high permanent fence entirely around the outside lane of the track,

4. new & huge aluminum bleachers -- with fully-enclosed, increased seating and a specially designed sight-line... which enables spectators to better see all of the lanes for a track meet when runners go in front of the seating area, plus it gives significantly better visibility for the football field,

5. new, much larger 2-level press box to accommodate news media and coaches,

6. new, double-wide runway for the jumping events & pole vault,

7. new, larger high jump area,

8. new, handicap access ramp and wheelchair seating areas in the bleachers,

9. new, pro-model 30-foot-high, arched football goal posts, with an 8-foot offset,

10. new underground, automatic watering system and drainage tile,

11. new main ticket entrance area, spectator walkway and engraved brick area,

12. new, larger scoreboard – in memory of the late Bradley Williams, the Xavier football player who in September, 2005 collapsed and died on the XHS football practice field from a congenital heart problem completely unrelated to football,

13. new, brick concession stand with storage & restrooms, and,

14. new, 485-foot deep well to pump water from an underground river deep below the game field. It enables water to be put on all of the athletic fields at Xavier without expensive city water.



Most of the work was done in 2004, when Xavier played its home games at the St. Joseph Middle School field in Appleton. The huge KofC field project was spearheaded by the Xavier Booster Club, which also recently helped with the installation of 4 new tennis courts on the St. Joe's grounds as well as a complete renovation of the Xavier football practice field, located adjacent to the game field. Considerable work has been headed by the XBC since that major makeover.