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Woodbridge Sports

Did you know our very own Woodbridge was filled with sports in about the early-mid 1900's? You may not think so, but just wait until you read my essay. I will prove you wrong. If you dig a little bit deeper, you will find they many sports that were played in the early-mid 1900's.

There were so many sports that were played in Woodbridge. For example, let's take football. Everyone loves football right! As the article from the *Woodbridge Independent* on October 5th 1928 states, "The Red and Black football team of Woodbridge High School took the short end of 6 to 0 across from Freehold High School in the opening clash last Friday afternoon on the Parish house field." Who knew we were good at football back in those days too! Want to hear something else, well this is for you baseball fans. "The Woodbridge Cardinals added two more games to their long string of victories when they defeated the South Amboy Ramblers" (*The Woodbridge Leader*, March 9th 1928.) GO Woodbridge Cardinals! Plus everything is from 1928, must've been a good year for the world of Woodbridge sports.

Wait a second. Don't go yet, there are a few sports that were pretty popular back in the Woodbridge times that I haven't told you about yet. SLAM DUNK!!! Everyone loves basketball, well here's some Woodbridge basketball for you. "Belleville made good nine out of nineteen free throws from the fifteen foot line. Woodbridge could only make five out of twelve" (*The Woodbridge leader*, March 9th 1928.) Bad day for Woodbridge basketball, huh. It's okay, we probably got them back the next time. Time for the last sport of the day. Bowling! *The Woodbridge Leader* reports, "The newly organized Jolly Rogers bowling team took a clean sweep from the Sensky Five of Perth Amboy, in a three-game match at Perth Amboy last Saturday night" on March 9th 1928. Great job, Jolly Rogers. But I think I am a little too late. Sorry!

Now that we are done with some Woodbridge sports, you might be thinking what else. You might say this, everyone's townships have played sports in the past. That is true, but our township has something even more. We have a famous athlete who came from our township. His name was Lou Creekmur. Lou Creekmur was a famous football player. He is from a town in Woodbridge called Hopelawn. He was a 1944 graduate from Woodbridge High School. Lou Creekmur went way farther than expected. In 1950, Creekmur choose to play for the Detroit Lions. He played offensive guard and tackle. "Creekmur won All-Pro honors seven times and

played in eight Pro Bowls”(www.woodbridgehistory.com.)The 1959 season was when Lou retired. Creekmur was so loved that he was elected into the NFL Hall of Fame several years later.

I think I answered all of your questions about Woodbridge sports. Am I right? Turns out there is a lot of spots that we played years ago in Woodbridge. Well the next time someone asks you about sports that took place in Woodbridge back in those times, you certainly have an answer. You can say it loudly and clearly. In conclusion, I hope you enjoyed! Until next time!!!