



Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame

Welcome to the 29th annual induction ceremony of the Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame. This is our annual showcase, a chance to bring together the local athletic community in a collective celebration of a new class of Hall of Famers. We also use this forum to update you on positive developments within the organization.

The Hall of Fame committee is heartened by the quality and volume of athletic résumés submitted in recent years, which supplement the many strong holdover nominations from prior years. Because of this wealth of high-quality candidates—and we are continually seeking more submissions (see page 4 for details)—our voting is virtually guaranteed to produce a bounty of star-quality inductees.

This year is no exception. Major league baseball shortstop Walt Weiss of Suffern; NFL running back Derrick Lassic of North Rockland; Albertus Magnus track and cross-country coach Dick Teetsel; Nanuet basketball standout Norinne Powers, who played professionally in Europe; and Suffern lacrosse star Kris Snider constitute this year's class, bringing the total to 158 enshrined since 1974.

The Old-Timers category initiated three years ago attempts to give proper recognition to accomplished athletes who were active before 1950. This year's recipient is Ken Harniman, a multi-sport star from Nanuet who attended Nyack High School (1929-33).

The Hall of Fame is only as strong as the constituencies that support it, and we are encouraged by the groundswell of interest shown by many local high schools in establishing their own athletic halls of fame. With the recent addition of Nanuet and the revival of Spring Valley's hall, eight of the 11 Rockland high schools now have halls of fame. These groups can serve as feeders of future résumés to us, as cooperative ties are forged between the county body and the respective school entities.

In keeping with our tradition on this page, we take a moment to note the passing in the past year of inductees and friends of our organization. Joe Klopchin, a 1995 inductee, starred in baseball and soccer for Congers High (1944-48) and in amateur and semipro baseball. Bob Mathias, a 1986 inductee and 1972 Clarkstown High alumnus, was one of Rockland's greatest basketball players. Our prayers go out to them and their families.

Finally, a nod of appreciation to those people who help keep our organization strong via their diligent efforts: Kathy Dapolito, vice chair; Ethel Doller, secretary; Pete Castellano, treasurer; Marie Aussner, past treasurer; Dan White, ticket chairman and master of ceremonies; Jamie Kempton, screening committee chair and program editor; Gibby Sweet, dinner arrangements; Bruce Schweizer of Quality Graphics, Pearl River; and Tom Doherty, Pearl River schools.

Regards,

Pete Scheibner, Chairman

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List of Inductees***

<u>INDUCTEE</u>	<u>PLAQUE SPONSOR</u>	<u>INTRODUCED BY</u>
KEN HARNIMAN	Sponsor Needed	Dick Harniman
DERRICK LASSIC	Sponsor Needed	Pete Matone
NORINNE POWERS	Sponsor Needed	Dave Powers
KRIS SNIDER	Sponsor Needed	John Orlando
DICK TEETSEL	Rockland County Track Officials Association	Larry Beckerle
WALT WEISS	Sponsor Needed	Ron Gamma

***The Hall of Famers social hour (6 p.m. to 7 p.m.)
is being sponsored by Gibby Sweet, Gene Erickson and George Dalzell..***

***The regular cocktail hour (7 p.m. to 8 p.m.)
is being sponsored by Paul Miller Toyota.***