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whose outstanding contributions to the Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame represent those of a true athlete.

May the memory of his efforts propel us forward in the continuation of our aims and goals . . . to provide recognition for the athletes of Rockland County.

DINNER PROGRAM

Pledge of Allegiance Invocation	Chairman Jim Brown Chairman Jim Brown Rev. Farrell Hopkins Leon Pesner
COMMITTEES	
Program Book	Leon Pesner Harry Jackson Rich Mattern J. Grasso Jim Brown F. McGarvey A. Bogitsh
NEW INDUCTEES	
Frank De Patta Tony Gamboli, Jr.	Bill Perry George Jakowenko Ed McGrath
Concluding Remarks and Thanks Leon Pesner Benediction Rev. Farrell Hopkins	

Music for Dancing

Flowers donated by Al Dykstra

ENSHRINEMENT REQUIREMENT

The Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame was established to honor outstanding professional and amateur sportsmen, living and deceased, who have gained prominence while residing in Rockland County. To be considered for nomination to the Sports Hall of Fame, a prospective candidate must meet the following criteria:

- A. Attain prominence in either professional or amateur sports as a player, coach, manager, official, owner, writer or broadcaster.
- B. Have been a resident of Rockland County at the time of his or her prominence.
- C. Be a person of integrity and good character.
- D. A period of 5 years shall have elapsed since he or she gained prominence.

Nominations for consideration by the Hall of Fame Committee are solicited from the general public. Nominees are reviewed by the screening committee and then voted upon for enshrinement by the entire committee.

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SPORTS HALL OF FAME PAST RECIPIENTS

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1975

Roger Brown Joe D'Auria Bill Drescher Bill Hogan Donald 'Pop' Sherwood

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1977

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1979

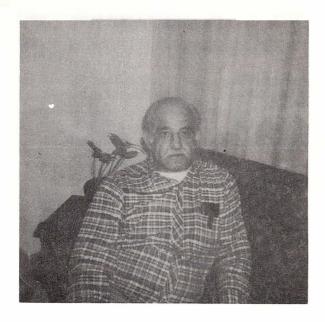
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1981

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FRANK DePATTA
Suffern High School — late 30's and early 40's

AWARDS: R.C.P.S.A.L.

High School: Football – All-County – 2 years – Captain Basketball – All-County – 1 year – Captain Baseball – All-County – 2 years – Captain

Prep School: New York Military Academy (football, baseball and basketball)

U.S. Army:

Military Service - World War II

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After W.W. II:

Suffern Football Suffern Baseball Suffern Basketball

Ed Green, Rockland County Hall of Famer and Frank DePatta's high school coach, rates him as one of his all-time high school greats.



TONY GAMBOLI, JR.

The only pitcher to ever pitch back to back no-hitters!

When you talk about the greatest athletic feats by any athletes in any sport, invariably the back to back no-hitter in baseball ranks as one of the toughest to fulfill.

On April 24, 1956, Tony Gamboli, Jr., pitching for Spring Valley High School in a regular 7 inning P.S.A.L. game, threw his first nohitter. Four days later, he accomplished the almost impossible and threw his second no-hitter. A feat that had never been done in Rockland County before or has ever been done since. In fact, in the entire history of Major League Baseball, it has only been done once. That by Johnny Van Der Meer of the Cincinnati Reds in the National League. THUS, Tony Gamboli must be considered one of the greatest pitchers in Rockland County P.S.A.L. history. This you would have to say because of his back to back no-hitters. But when you examine his other pitching achievements, they back his fame even more.

These are the records he now holds in P.S.A.L. Baseball:

- 1. The first and only pitcher to throw back to back no-hitters.
- 2. Most no-hitters career. (3)
- 3. Most strike-outs season. (136)
- 4. Tied for most strike outs game. (19/21)
- 5. Most strike out in two consecutive games. (38/42)
- 6. Most consecutive no-hit innings. (18 and one third)
- 7. Most strike outs in a relief appearance. (13 out of 13)
- 8. Lowest ERA season. (0.33)
- 9. Tied for highest winning percentage season. (1000)(10-0)
- 10. Most strike outs inning. (4) (Passed ball by catcher)
- 11. Most 1-hitters career. (3)
- 12. Highest strike out average season. (13.6)
- 13. Tied for most consecutive shut outs. (3) (This record has since been broken by Fritz Scholl of Pearl River.)

In 1942 he purchased the Nyack Express Co., a moving and storage firm, and was its president until he retired in 1975. For many years, he sold used furniture and antiques to Nyack area residents at discount prices, furnishing many homes in "early Perry."

In the opinion of many people, Bill Perry was the greatest basketball player ever seen come out of Rockland County. It was a pleasure to have played with or seen him play.

He will never be forgotten!



GEORGE JAKOWENKO

Attended Nyack High School — 1965-68

High School Achievements:

All County Fooball — Soccer Kicked Nyack's longest field goal — 44 yards Played two sports the same season — football and soccer while at Nyack Was the first Kicker to ever get a full scholarship to Syracuse University.

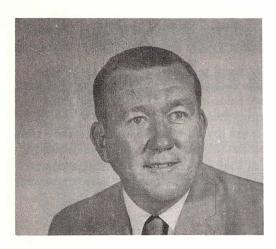
Professional Achievements:

Played for Oakland Raiders – 1974 Had a 72% average kicking 4th in the NFL. Played for the Buffalo Bills – 1976 – Kicker.

Present Employment:

C.P.A.

Works for Joe Namath Camp in Connecticut, teaching kicking for football and soccer.



ED McGRATH

A Fine Gentleman and Great Coach

Edward J. McGrath and his wonderful family shared their lives with our community for nearly a quarter of a century. During this period he was a very active member of the Clarkstown North High School system. Ed was a teacher, guidance counselor and at the time of his retirement was the director of guidance.

In addition to his contributions in academics, Ed was the head basketball coach and the outstanding success of his team is one of our finest memories.

Prior to Ed's stay in Rockland County he had starred in athletics, both at St. Michael's high in Northampton and at the University of Massachusetts. He won seven letters in baseball and basketball while in high school and nine varsity letters in basketball, baseball and soccer at the University of Massachusetts.

The fact that he captained so many of these teams and that he was selected as an All American soccer goalie in his college senior year was an indication of the brilliant leadership qualities he exhibited throughout his coaching and teaching careers.

During his twenty years as head basketball coach at Clarkstown North High School his teams established records that may never be eclipsed. Clarkstown teams won 190 games and 10 county championships under his brilliant guidance.

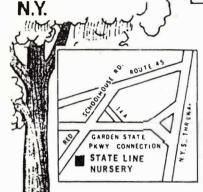
Two of the truly exceptional records are: Within the time frame between 1963 and 1972, his teams won 136 games while losing only 14. Then there was that incredible skein of 56 straight P.S.A.L. basketball wins. It is not likely that this record will be equalled or even approached.

As brilliant as his record as a winning coach is, his greatest and most appreciated contribution to this community was his unique ability to lead and shape the lives of the young men on his teams and in his classes.

A former player described this best. "Many things will be said about his great won and loss record. I don't think the greatness of Ed McGrath is measured in athletic victories. It is measured in the quality of young men he shaped and the love they held for him. Many things will be said about the fine basketball players he developed. But his greatness is shown by the fact that for 20 years he influenced and guided the lives of young athletes in Clarkstown – these young men and the community are better for having known him."

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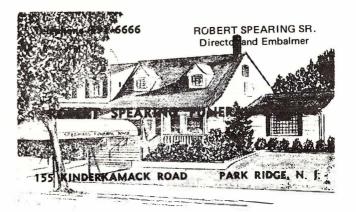
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