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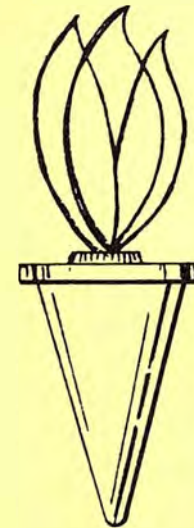
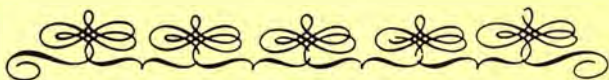
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Call to Order and Welcome Chairman Leon Pesner
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Invocation Ref. Farrell Hopkins
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Dinner Leon Pesner
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NEW INDUCTEES

Darryl Brown
James Feeney
Tom Canty
Pat D'Auria
Ronald Becraft

Concluding Remarks and Thanks Leon Pesner
Benediction Rev. Farrell Hopkins

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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1974

Charles (Chuck) Aleno
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1975

Roger Brown
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1976

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1977

August Bradley Chapman*
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1978

James (Jim) Brown
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Nicholas (Nick) Mottola
Ira Shuttleworth*

1979

Bob Bacheller*
Frank Cosentino
Harry Dee Dembnicki
Jerry Hollahan*
Bob Grossman
E.J. Maurer*
Bruno Ablondi*

1980

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Arthur Orlando*
Britain Patterson*
Nickolas Ryder
Horace Tyrus
Emil Wilis*
Mickey Wittman

1981

Arthur Hopper*
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Howard Johnson
Lester Lepori
Walter Ostrom
Victor Shankey*
William Yuda

1982

Frank DePatta
Tony Gamboli, Jr.
Bill Perry*
George Jakowenko
Ed McGrath

1983

Warren Austin*
Jim Brechbiel
Frank Dawson
Jeanette Paddock
Walter Sickles*

1984

Jim Ashcroft
Marvin Branche
Ralph Cordisco
Bryan Hassett
Bob Tierney*

1985

Wilbur J. (Wil) Arietta*
Joseph (Josh) Bolack
Eugene (Gene) Erickson
Anthony John Gemma
Joe (The Saint) St. Lawrence

1986

Joe Alleva
John Jemison
Harold Lederman
Bob Mathias
Sylvester McGee

*Deceased

1987

Fred Hahn
Charles Halbrook
Chuck Scarpulla
James Stamos
Robert Strack



DARRYL BROWN

I can't imagine anyone contesting the assertion that Brown is the best basketball player ever at Nanuet High, and one of the best ever in Rockland. At Nanuet, Brown scored 1,188 points (tied for fifth on all-time Rockland list) and dominated the Rockland-PSAL along with Clarkstown High's Bob Mathias.

He was recruited by Digger Phelps, then the Fordham University head coach, and gave the Rams four quality seasons. In his junior year at the Holiday Festival in Madison Square Garden, Brown was named the Most Valuable Player for leading the Rams to the title on the strength of upsets over Manhattan, U.S.C., and St. Joseph's.

Brown graduated as Fordham's ninth all-time scorer with 1,233 points and was named to the third-team All-American team. He was drafted by the Boston Celtics and was the team's final roster cut in both 1975 and 1976.

"Not only was it basketball, but he was also All-County in the triple jump and the high jump. At Fordham, he really showed what kind of player he was. I still remember the headline in the Daily-News after the Holiday Festival one year."

The headline Bonomolo so fondly recalls is, "If McMillan is All-American, Brown is All-Universe." Tom McMillan played for the Maryland University, but was outplayed by Brown in the Holiday Festival.

"Darryl has accomplished more than any other ball player as far as high school and college combined," said Bonomolo.



JAMES (SHAM) FEENEY

Feeney attended St. Peter's Grammar School from 1937 to 1941 and played CYO Archdiocesan Championship Basketball and Softball with Brother Mark as Moderator. In 1941 he played with the Haverstraw Ramblers (baseball) and the Bricktown Baseball Champs.

At Haverstraw High School he played Varsity Baseball from 1942 to 1945. During the same years he played Varsity Football and the Team was All County for 2 years and Co-Champs in 1942 & 1943. The Varsity Basketball team on which he played were also All County for 2 years; County Champs 1942 - 1945 and lost only one game in County play in three years.

The high points for Feeney in 1945 were as follows: Set New County Game High Record - 37 points; Set New County Scoring Record - 212 Points (10 games); Scored 90 Points in 3 Games - Section 9A Playoffs; Season High of 427 Points in 19 Games; First Haverstraw Team to Win Section 9A Playoffs.

In 1944-1945 he played with the CYO Champs - Newburgh Tournament.

Sham played basketball from 1946 to 1962 with Letchworth Village Big Five, The Haverstraw Violets, Haverstraw Knights of Columbus, St. Peter's Vets and Brophy's A.C.

1946 to 1956 found him playing baseball with Dunnigan's A.C., Haverstraw Knights of Columbus and Haverstraw Vets; softball with Hurley's Irish 10; and football with the Haverstraw Vets.

With Haverstraw Little League he was Giants Manager and Umpire from 1962 to 1965 and Haverstraw Senior League Mastromarino's Manager from 1965 to 1972.

Feeney has been Junior Varsity Coach at St. Peter's CYO since 1964 as well as President of the Group since 1981.



TOM CANTY

Tom Canty attended Suffern High School, where he won R.C.P.S.A.L. and Section 9 wrestling titles from 1956 and 1957. He then graduated from Pennsylvania State University where he wrestled from 1958 to 1962. After college, he coached wrestling at Pearl River High School from 1962 to 1967. His teams won two R.C.P.S.A.L. titles and broke Suffern High Schools 87 match winning streak. He was twice selected Rockland County "Coach of the Year" during this time.

He left in 1967 to attend the University of Colorado on a fellowship to earn his Masters of Science Degree. While there, a N.C.A.A. National Champion and two place winners.

Tom returned to Rockland County in 1969 and started a team at Ramapo High School, where his team won the New York State Title in 1972. They also won a R.C.P.S.A.L. title in 1974, and Section 9 Titles three other times. Ramapo had thirteen State Place winners in 13 years. Five of his wrestlers were Scholastic Wrestling News High School All-Americans. His former wrestlers from both schools include a number of outstanding N.C.A.A. Division I wrestlers and All-Americans. Four of these wrestlers competed in the Division I Championships in one year, at that time the only school in New York State ever to accomplish this feat.

Canty was influential in starting summer Freestyle wrestling in Rockland County and Section 9, before it was common practice. He coached the New York State Championship team at the National Championships in Iowa City, Iowa in 1973 and 1974. Also in 1974-75 he was president of the New York State Wrestling Coach's Association. Tom retired from coaching in 1980 with 40 R.C.P.S.A.L. Champions, 28 Section 9 Champions and 4 State Champions and 2 other State Champions until their senior year.



PAT D'AURIA

Pat D'Auria attended Nyack High School, where he played Varsity Baseball for 4 years. He was All-County Shortstop in his junior and senior years and had a batting average of .681 in his junior year.

Pat was on the Varsity Wrestling team during his junior and senior years. He played Varsity Football for 3 years and was All-County Quarterback during his senior year. In 1935 Pat kicked the extra point that beat Haverstraw. A riot had started and people were on the field when he kicked the extra point. A former *Journal News* sports writer, Al Simmonds, wrote an article about it during November 1965, the 30th anniversary of the game.

While attending Perkinson Jr. College (Mississippi) Pat was a punter and place kicker on the State Junior College Champs team.

Pat batted .457 on Southwestern University's (Louisiana) baseball team and boxed the SEC champion from LSU to a draw.

After graduation he signed a pro baseball contract with Port Arthur, Texas of the Evangeline League. He played for one season, quit to teach and coach at Rayne, Louisiana H.S. Pat served in the Army Air Corps in China, Burma, India from 1941 to 1946. He coached and played fast pitch softball for the U.S.O champion 408th School Squadron. He also coached boxing. In 1950 he coached the first Little League team in Nyack to the championship. From 1950 - 57 Pat was assistant football coach to Nick Mottola at Tappan Zee High School. They won four championships.

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RONALD BECRAFT



Mr. Becraft epitomized Rockland County basketball in the 1940s and 50s. Born in Suffern in 1932, he attended the Suffern schools, graduating from Suffern High School in 1949 at the tender age of sixteen. During his high school career, he was "drafted" from the Junior Varsity Basketball squad by Mr. Joe St. Lawrence and led Suffern High School to its 4th straight R.C.P.S.A.L. championship with a 9.8 points per game average in his senior year. He was named Second Team All-County and also lettered in baseball as a pitcher and first baseman.

Entering the State University at Cortland in 1949, he quickly blossomed into an outstanding basketball player even though he was often the houghest player on the floor. He led the Cortland team to 29 straight collegiate victories in his junior and senior years while setting what was then the school record with an average 16.6 points per game in his senior year. That team also established the new school record for average points scored per game. Upon receiving his degree in Elementary Education from Cortland, he became a member of the 273 Infantry Division stationed at Ft. Dix and starred on their basketball team for two years prior to his honorable discharge in 1955. While in the service, he married Carol Culver and they have two children; one an attorney in New York City, and the other a homemaker in California.

Following his discharge, he participated in the Rockland County Basketball League. In 1956, he averaged 40 points per game and won the sportsmanship trophy in their All-Star game. In 1957, he led County Welding to the League championship with a 29 point per game average and led the All-Stars in an exhibition game against the New York Knicks where he outscored the legendary Connie Simmons. He continued in the County League playing with the Davies Cornhuskers in 1958 and gained fame as one of the "Gruesome Twosome" with John Antoine. Prolific scoring continued with a game high of 56 points. He continued in the County League playing with the Clarkstown Sportsmen in 1959.

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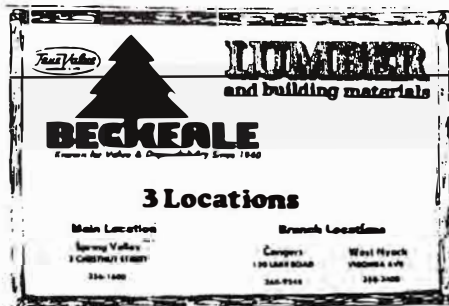
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