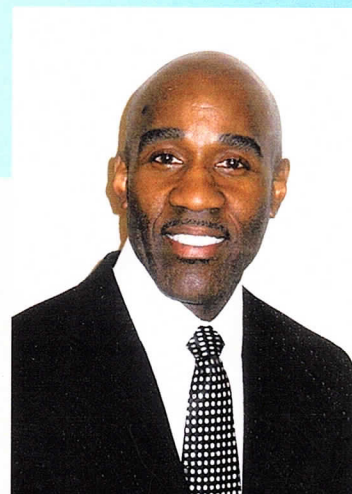


*38<sup>th</sup> Annual Induction Dinner*

# ROCKLAND COUNTY SPORTS HALL OF FAME



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**JEFF BECKER**

**DAN KEELEY**

**GENE MARTIN**

**KRISTEN CONKLIN-SULLIVAN**

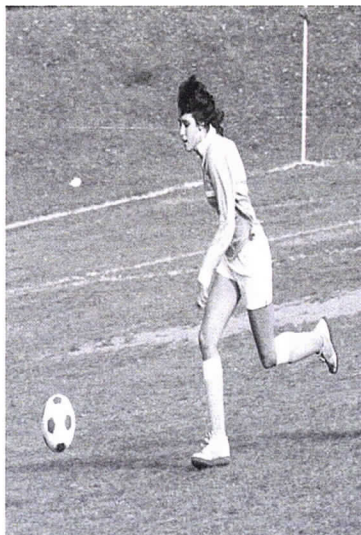
**SHULTON WHITLEY**

**WILBUR "WEB" WANAMAKER**



4/30/11

*To our Kristen~  
Your Accomplishments  
Have No Boundaries.  
We Are So Proud  
Of You.  
Congratulations!  
Love, Mom & Dad*





## Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame

Welcome to the 38th annual induction ceremony of the Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame. The Class of 2011 continues the tradition of excellence that has epitomized the Rockland Hall of Fame. Included among this year's headliners are **Gene Martin**, a State track and cross country champion at TZ who also starred at Manhattan College and later became a successful coach at Valley Central and elsewhere; **Dan Keeley**, a standout baseball and football player for legendary North Rockland championship teams who coached the RCC baseball team to the National Junior College World Series in 1993, and has been RCC's athletic director since 1997; **Jeff Becker**, one of the finest players to come out of North Rockland, where he led the Raiders to State championships in football and baseball, was named State Player of the Year in football in 1993, and later excelled in baseball at Duke University; **Kristen Conklin-Sullivan**, who excelled in soccer and softball for the Suffern Mounties and in softball at St. Thomas Aquinas College, where she capped her career with a perfect game; and **Shulton Whitley** of Nyack, the premier high hurdler in Rockland County history who qualified for the 1984 U.S. Olympic Trials and has been a track coach at his alma mater for the last 28 years.

This year we honor **Wilbur "Web" Wanamaker** of Nyack with the Old-Timers' Special Award. Wilbur achieved his athletic mark in football, baseball and swimming and turned down a football scholarship to serve his country during World War II. He was a well-respected football, wrestling and tennis coach at Haverstraw/Stony Point and was a leader in the community involved with the YMCA, American Legion and Empire Hook and Ladder Fire Company affairs and activities.

The Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame Board of Directors proudly salutes Tom Collins and Lorraine Moylan, two of our board members, on their induction into the New York State Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame in March 2011.

The Hall of Fame has a web site that serves as a rich repository of Hall of Fame information, including bios and photos on all 210 inductees. Visit the web site at [www.rcshf.org](http://www.rcshf.org)

We also wish to thank the people who keep our organization a vital force in the community: Joan Neuendorf, vice chair; Gibby Sweet, dinner arrangements; Ethel Doller, secretary; Pete Castellano, treasurer and ticket chairman; Bob Veltidi, master of ceremonies, screening committee chair and program editor; Dan White, Tom Doherty and Jamie Kempton for their behind-the-scenes support; the entire Board of Directors for contributing to the support of the organization throughout the year; and Bruce and Phyllis Schweizer of Quality Graphics.

Regards,

Pete Scheibner, Chairman

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INDUCTEE: **JEFF BECKER**

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INTRODUCED BY: *Bob Nadal (Baseball Coach)*

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INDUCTEE: **GENE MARTIN**

INTRODUCED BY: *Joe D'Innocenzo (Teammate)*

TROPHY SPONSOR: Supervisor Paul Whalen, The Town of Orangetown

PLAQUE SPONSOR: Rockland County Track & Field Hall of Fame

INDUCTEE: **KRISTEN CONKLIN-SULLIVAN**

INTRODUCED BY: *Barbara Vano (College Coach)*

TROPHY SPONSOR: Supervisor Christopher T. St. Lawrence, Town of Ramapo

PLAQUE SPONSOR: Jim, Michael, James, & Danielle Conklin

INDUCTEE: **SHULTON WHITLEY**

INTRODUCED BY: *Jamie Kempton*

TROPHY SPONSOR: Supervisor Paul Whalen, The Town of Orangetown

PLAQUE SPONSOR: Nyack High School

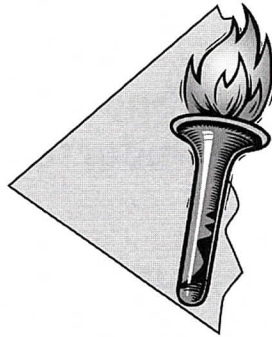
### OLD-TIMERS' SPECIAL AWARD

INDUCTEE: **WILBUR "WEB" WANAMAKER**

INTRODUCED BY: *Rev. William G. Kalaidjan (Teammate)*

TROPHY SPONSOR: Nyack American Legion Post 310

PLAQUE SPONSOR: Rockland County YMCA



### Dinner Program

Pledge of Allegiance.....Gene Erickson  
"America the Beautiful" .....Sung by Shulton Whitley

### Invocation

*Rev. William G. Kalaidjan*

### Master of Ceremonies

*Bob Veltidi*

### Committees

Dinner .....Gibby Sweet  
Program Book .....Peter Scheibner  
Screening/Editor .....Bob Veltidi  
Tickets .....Pete Castellano

## 2011 INDUCTEES

JEFF BECKER

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KRISTEN CONKLIN-SULLIVAN

SHULTON WHITLEY

*Old-Timers' Special Award*

WILBUR "WEB" WANAMAKER

## ENSHRINEMENT REQUIREMENTS

The Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame was established to honor outstanding sportsmen and sportswomen, living and deceased, who have gained prominence while residing or competing in, or have brought recognition to Rockland County. To be considered for nomination to the Hall of Fame, candidates must meet the following criteria:

- A. Attain prominence in sports as an athlete, coach, manager, official, owner, writer, broadcaster or supporter.
- B. Reside or have resided in Rockland County, competed here at the time of their prominence, or brought fame to Rockland County as a result of their accomplishments.
- C. Be a person of integrity and good character.
- D. Candidates cannot be considered until 10 years after their high school class graduation, except in special cases.

Our committee encourages the public to send athletic resumes/nominations of prospective candidates to Screening Committee chairman Bob Veltidi, 400 Jersey Avenue, Greenwood Lake, NY 10925. Nominees are reviewed by this committee and, if accepted, voted upon for enshrinement by the committee as a whole.

The Hall of Fame Committee holds monthly meetings the first Tuesday of the month from October to May. Anyone wishing to join the organization should write to Chairman Pete Scheibner, 1 Captain McGovern Drive, Stony Point, N.Y. 10980, or e-mail him at [scheibnp@msn.com](mailto:scheibnp@msn.com).

Each inductee in the Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame receives a commemorative trophy and is further honored with an individual plaque, which is given to the inductee's high school for public display.

The Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame is more than awards and trophies and dinners, however. It is really about people – Rockland County people who have had an impact in the world of sports. A total of 210 such individuals have been honored since the hall's inception in 1974.

The Hall of Fame has evolved from those early beginnings to become a recognized presence in Rockland County athletics. In addition to its annual dinner, where it honors new inductees, the hall makes sizable donations to worthwhile local organizations and charities. Included among these donations have been cash gifts to:

- ARC • Varsity Athletes Against Substance Abuse • Salvation Army
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## Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame Nomination Form

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (M)

Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

*\* If deceased, please give name, address and phone number of family member.*

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On a separate typewritten page, list all of the significant accomplishments of the nominee, both as a Rockland County resident and otherwise. Please be as specific as possible. Include varsity sports played in high school and college, dates, letters earned, honors won, records set, post-collegiate achievements, etc.

\* Please submit a clear black-and-white or color photo of the nominee.

Nominating Person:

Last name: \_\_\_\_\_ First: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Submit to:

Bob Veltidi  
Chairman, Selection Committee  
Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame  
400 Jersey Avenue  
Greenwood Lake, NY 10925

## Rockland County Hall of Fame Inductees

### 1974

Chuck Aleno\*  
Henry "Peck" Artopee\*  
Dr. Daniel "Danny" Fortmann\*  
Joseph "JoJo" Mackey  
Howard "Howie" Pierson

### 1975

Roger Brown  
Joe D'Auria  
Bill Drescher\*  
Billy Hogan\*  
Donald "Pop" Sherwood\*

### 1976

Howard Parker Talman\*  
John Koster\*  
Jim Ridlon  
Pete D'Auria\*  
Gloria Callan Jones

### 1977

Augusta Bradley Chapman\*  
Nick Gamboli\*  
Ed Greene\*  
Harry Jackson\*  
Paul Toscano  
Richard "Gus" Shankey\*

### 1978

Jim Brown  
Harold "Hale" DeChelfin\*  
Jim Faulk\*  
Ira Shuttleworth\*  
Jim Schnaars  
Nick Mottola\*

### 1979

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

### 1980

Dr. Jeffrey Munson  
Art Orlando\*  
Brit Paterson\*  
Nick Ryder  
Horace Tyrus  
Emil Willis\*  
Mickey Wittman

### 1981

Art Hopper\*  
Frank Horan  
Howard Johnson  
Lester Lepori\*  
Walter Ostrom  
Victor Shankey\*  
Bill Yuda\*

### 1982

Frank DePatto\*  
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 Cordischo  
Bryan Hassett  
Bob Tierney\*

### 1985

Wil Arietta\*  
Joseph "Josh" Bolack\*  
Gene Erickson  
Tony Gemma\*  
Joe St. Lawrence\*

### 1986

Joe Alleva  
John Jemison  
Harold Lederman  
Bob Mathias\*  
Sylvester "Molly" McGee\*

### 1987

Fred Hahn\*  
Charles Holbrook  
Chuck Scarpulla  
Jim Stamos  
Bob Strack

### 1988

Ron Becraft\*  
Darryl Brown  
Tom Canty  
Pat D'Auria\*  
James "Sham" Feeney\*

### 1989

Ralph Consiglio\*  
Patty Dillon Solliday  
Vincent "Dugan" Kovalsky\*  
Frank Nelson\*  
Bob Wolff

### 1990

Denise McGuire  
Guy Guccione  
Abe Schuster  
Robert "Red" Schassler\*  
Don Clancy\*

### 1991

Steve Drummond\*  
Lew Brundage  
Johnny Burns\*  
Pete Haubner  
Ethel Doller  
Dominic Gamboli\*

### 1992

Murray Olderman  
Jerome Bonomolo  
Joseph "Biscuit" Picarello  
Dale Lydecker  
John Mercurio

### 1993

Jim Kane  
Kathy Miller Dapolito  
Jay Bohnel  
Mike Deane  
Don Driscoll

### 1994

Hubert Nealy  
Martin "Hawk" Jacobs\*  
Joe Goldsmith  
Tom Collins  
Ron Tellefsen\*

### 1995

Ron Edwards  
Walter "Red" Levy  
Max Talaska\*  
Joe Klopchin\*  
Joe McDowell\*  
Paul Urban\*

### 1996

Harry Babcock\*  
Gerald Kapusinsky  
John Orlando  
Al Simonds  
George Garrecht  
Marty Springstead

### 1997

Mike Hagon  
Hank Kapusinsky  
Tom Mounkhall  
Dennis Pozsar  
Steve Wanamaker

### 1998

Kevin Kane  
Lou Kliewe\*  
Rocco Marano  
Howie McNiff  
Blaise Winter

### 1999

Jim Cann  
Joe Casarella  
Ervan Levine\*  
Gibby Sweet  
Dick Yerg

### 2000

Rich Conklin  
Kevin Houston  
Dawn Royster  
Sarah Will  
Alex Zilko\*

### 2001

George Dalzell  
Gerald D'Auria\*  
Seth Joyner  
Tod Giles\*  
Debbie Grant  
Bill White

### 2002

Ken Harniman\*  
Derrick Lassic  
Norinne Powers  
Kris Snider  
Dick Teetsel\*  
Walt Weiss

### 2003

Genny Mulderig Allard  
Jeff Bryant  
Peter Hackett\*  
David Hirsch  
Bill Kurisko  
†† Joe Grasso\*  
† Charles "Jumbo" Strack\*

### 2004

Jim Gallo  
Dave Hanson  
Joan Neuendorf  
Nancy Rosenfeld Lewis  
Ed Rubbert  
Frank Samoylo

### 2005

Jane Ronner-Beckley  
Mike Carroll  
Tom Doherty  
Jamie Kempton  
Lee Klepper  
†† Leon Pesner\*  
Rudolph Rejholec\*

### 2006

Tony Harlin  
Jon Hess  
Jim Pollard  
John Scanlan  
Jeff Van Wie  
John Van Wyck\*

### 2007

Julius D'Agostino\*  
John Flaherty  
Barbara Hebel  
Robert Neuendorf  
Richard "Dixie" Reilly\*  
†† Dan White

### 2008

Noreen Annunziata Apicella  
Charles Dittmer  
Reid Hoffer  
Randy Nelson  
Paul Pietropaolo  
Tim St. Lawrence  
† Elizabeth "Pat" Ryan\*

### 2009

Joe Biddy  
Jeff Brown  
Jim Horvath  
Mike Longuil  
Janice Olszewski  
John Sottile

### 2010

Joe Conace  
T. J. Ford  
Sol "Spike" Isreal  
Barbara Mellen-Speerin  
Margie Sahlstrom-Jaxel  
Mike Sparago  
Robbie Woods

\* Denotes Deceased

† Old-Timers' Special Award

†† Joe Holland Lifetime Achievement Award

# GENE MARTIN

Tappan Zee High School  
Class of 1955

In the early to mid-1950s, Tappan Zee High School was a hotbed of athletic talent, with names like Howie Pierson, Joe D'Auria, Frank Cosentino, Hubie Nealy and John Mercurio lighting up the playing fields of Rockland. When Hugh Short – the former world record holder in the 600-yard run for Georgetown – arrived at Tappan Zee in 1949 to coach track and cross country, the conditions were ripe for some more sporting magic. And Gene Martin became the Pied Piper in the Dutchies' running renaissance.

Inspired by Coach Short's enlightened philosophy of seeking the best competition, Gene captured the New York State mile championship in his senior year, 1955. Running on a slow cinder track on a damp, rainy day in Rome, N.Y., Gene outdistanced defending champion Artie Dunn of Sewanhaka, Long Island, to win handily in 4:26.0.

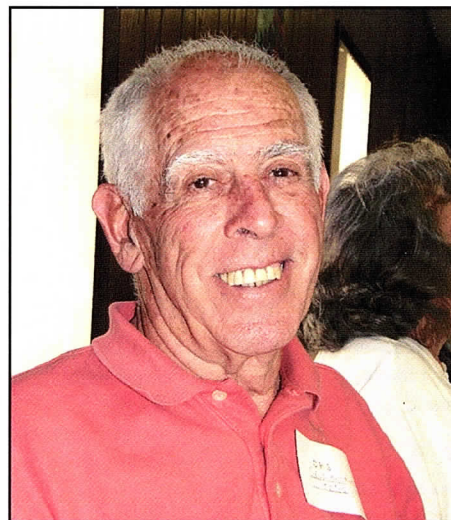
"Gene ran a smart race," says Short, who is 89 and lives in South Burlington, Vt. "We knew Dunn had a better kick, so we planned to run the third quarter very fast. At halfway Gene took off and ran a 65-second third quarter. He built a 20-yard lead and Dunn couldn't catch him. Gene was a strong runner; he had a great heart and tremendous determination. When the gun went off, he knew what he was doing."

In post-season junior competition (age 19 or younger), Gene went that one better. Entered in the mile at the junior metropolitan AAU championships at Van Cortlandt Park stadium in the Bronx, Gene finished second to a Wesleyan University freshman in a time of 4:23.4, which was half a second faster than the listed state high school record of 4:23.9. Since it was not achieved in a high school-sanctioned meet, however, it couldn't qualify as a record.

But considering that the national high school record in June 1955 was 4:19.5 – it had been 4:21.2 for the previous 20 years – Gene's performance truly was outstanding for the cinder track era. Gene never ran on an all-weather track, the accepted standard today.

Gene credits Coach Short for much of his success. "Hugh said that to run a 4:20 mile, you had to run against 4:20 milers, not 6-minute milers," Gene says. "It was important to run against the best." In the 1950s Rockland teams generally ran against local competition, but Tappan Zee (in addition to Suffern) broke from that mold by frequently traveling to New York City and beyond for stiffer competition.

A native of Brooklyn who moved to Tappan at age 10, Gene attended Nyack High School as a freshman, then transferred to Tappan Zee as a sophomore. Immediately he began to reap dividends from the steady guidance of Coach Short, who started TZ's cross country



program in 1950. In that sport, Gene led the Dutchies to the first of two straight County titles, won the Section 9 meet and finished fourth in the State Class B race as a sophomore. In spring track, he won the mile at Sectionals and finished eighth in the State meet. As a junior, he won the County cross country title, and in track he swept the County and Section 9 mile crowns and finished seventh in the States, clocking 4:32 at West Point.

Gene's senior year left an indelible imprint on Tappan Zee athletic history. At the St. John's Invitational cross country meet at Van Cortlandt Park, Coach Short, who was attending night classes at Columbia University, ran into the athletic trainer at Columbia, who had come back from the 1952 Helsinki Olympics with a shipment of running shoes from a newly founded company, Adidas. Short was given two pairs of spikes, one pair each for track and XC. He gave Gene the spikes, which fit perfectly, and Gene wore the XC spikes that day en route to victory over the 2.5-mile course at Van Cortlandt. Gene went on to capture the County, Section 9, Eastern States Championship and New York State titles, while TZ also claimed the State team championship.

Coach Short's progressive approach allowed TZ to field a winter track program, and Gene capitalized with several high-octane efforts during his senior year, including a fifth-place finish in the mile at the national interscholastic championships held at the old Madison Square Garden. The meet, which drew competitors primarily from the Northeast, was held in conjunction with the national AAU championships. Gene clocked 4:32 in the race, his first on a 160-yard, 11-lap-to-the-mile banked board track.

Buoyed by a strong winter season, Gene started quickly in the spring, running a 4:28 anchor leg on TZ's fourth-place distance medley at the national-caliber Penn Relays, and winning the

mile at the Rye (4:26.4) and Englewood (4:26.6) invitationals in exceptional times. Gene then took the County meet title in 4:29.7, a County record that stood for 16 years. (At that time, Rockland County records could only be set in the County meet.)

Gene's running exploits earned him a full scholarship to Manhattan College. He was a versatile collegiate runner for the Jaspers, excelling at every track distance from 880 yards to three miles and at the five-mile cross country distance. Among his highlights were victories in the Penn Relays two mile (9:23.5), Metropolitan Conference two mile indoors (twice) and outdoors, and the Senior Met AAU three mile; a school record in the indoor three mile (14:48, at the New York City Armory) and personal bests of 9:18 in the indoor two mile (at the old Madison Square Garden) and 9:22 outdoors; second-place finishes in the IC4A two mile – behind 1956 Olympic 1,500-meter champ Ron Delany of Villanova – and the Senior Met AAU 3,000-meter steeplechase; and solid leadoff legs (best of 1:55.4) on Manhattan's indoor two-mile relay, which clocked 7:44.

After graduating from Manhattan in 1959, Gene immediately embarked on a career as a physical education teacher and coach. He was an assistant to Dick Teetsel at Haverstraw High School for two years and spent two years coaching in New Jersey before a 14-year tenure at Valley Central in Orange County, where he coached five individual or relay state champions and two Orange County team champions. He also helped launch a girls' track program in Orange County, and started the cross country and indoor track programs at Valley Central. Gene concluded his coaching career with a four-year stint at James I. O'Neill High School in Highland Falls, N.Y.

Gene was elected to the Rockland County All-Century Cross Country Team in 1999, the Rockland County Track & Field Hall of Fame in 2005 (its second year), and was an inaugural inductee into the Tappan Zee Sports Hall of Fame in 2009.

Gene, who is 74, and his wife, Marilyn, have been married 53 years and have lived in Monroe, N.Y., for the past 48 years. They have two grown children, Sue, 51, and Lyn, 50, and four grandchildren.



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## CONGRATULATIONS

# GENE MARTIN

*(Go Dutchmen)*

**AND ALL THE OTHER 2011  
ROCKLAND COUNTY SPORTS  
HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES**

# LISETTE HAUTAU

# DAN KEELEY

North Rockland High School  
Class of 1972

Rockland Community College

Dan's road to success began on the playing fields of North Rockland High School as a three-sport athlete. Dan earned one varsity basketball letter, two varsity letters in baseball, and three varsity letters for North Rockland's famed football team. He achieved honorable mention and second team All-County recognition in football while playing on two undefeated championship teams in 1970 and 1971, as quarterback and defensive back. Dan was selected as The Journal News Athlete of the Week and the Bergen Record Player of the Week for scoring both of his team's touchdowns in an epic 13-7 North Rockland victory over Nyack, a perennial RCPSAL powerhouse. In that game, during his junior year, Dan was pressed into service at quarterback when the first- and second-string QBs went down with injuries, and he responded with a memorable game-winning performance.

Dan played quarterback, defensive back, running back, returned punts and kickoffs, and called signals on the defense. He received the James F. Tierney Memorial Trophy in his senior year at North Rockland, which was awarded to an outstanding player who excels academically. In baseball, Dan was an infielder-outfielder on North Rockland's 1971 and 1972 teams under the guidance and coaching of Bob Nadal. In 1972, North Rockland won the Section 9 baseball championship with a 22-2 record and Dan played a major role in the team's success. Participating in athletics at North Rockland built the foundation and set the stage for Dan's future career as an outstanding coach of young men. After high school Dan was recruited by Lafayette College, in Pennsylvania, where he competed for one year as a running back.

Dan's coaching career began in 1981 when he returned to his alma mater, North Rockland, as an assistant football coach. He still coaches football at North Rockland and has served as a JV and assistant varsity coach, and is now a volunteer assistant varsity coach, where he can usually be found in the press box during games calling the plays for North Rockland. In 1982 Dan began his baseball coaching career at Rockland Community College as an assistant coach under his former mentor and coach, Bob Nadal. He worked his way up to assistant head baseball coach and took over the head coaching position in 1991 when Nadal retired. During Dan's 11-year tenure (1991-2002) as the head coach of the RCC baseball team, he compiled a record of 289 wins and 182 losses. His teams won the Junior College Region XV baseball championship seven times: 1991 through 1995, and 1997-98. They also won the

Junior College Mid-Hudson championship eight times. In 1993, the Keeley-coached RCC baseball team made it to the National Junior College World Series in Grand Junction, Colo. While serving as head baseball coach at RCC Dan was selected as the Junior



College Region XV Coach of the Year seven times, the Northeast Junior College Coach of the Year in 1993, and also the National Junior College Coach of the Year in 1993. As a result of his efforts Dan was inducted into the National Junior College Athletic Association Baseball Hall of Fame in 2006.

While Dan produced outstanding teams at RCC he also produced outstanding baseball players as well. Fifteen former players of Dan's were drafted or played professional baseball, and seven players were named All-Americans. One hundred and four players went on from RCC to four-year colleges like Seton Hall, LIU, St. John's, Virginia, North Carolina, Fordham, and many more. Twenty-three former players are now coaches, including Rich Wirchansky and Vin Michello at Clarkstown South; Pat Carey, the head baseball coach at Iona College; Pat Gorman at Albertus Magnus; and Khyl Farrison, the strength and conditioning coach at Seton Hall University.

Currently Dan serves as the Director of Athletics and the Director of Arena Management at RCC, positions that he has held since 1997. Dan is the Region XV Chairman of men's tennis, cross country, indoor track, and women's tennis. He also serves on the baseball and golf committees. Dan has in the past served as the Assistant Regional Director (a national officer), and as the Chairman of the Standards and Ethics Committee and National Division III baseball and basketball committees. In addition, Dan was the catalyst in establishing the RCC Sports Hall of Fame in 2008. Dan and his wife, Michelle, currently live in Suffern. Michelle is an honorary member of the North Rockland Sports Hall of Fame.



# JEFF BECKER

North Rockland High School  
Class of 1995

Jeff Becker has left a mark on Rockland County athletics that may not soon be equaled. Rockland has had numerous team state champions and state players of the year, but no athlete had accomplished this feat in two sports until Jeff Becker became the first. As a two-sport athlete, Jeff led North Rockland High School to state championships in football and baseball, and along the way managed to pick up a host of individual honors.

On the football field during Jeff's tenure as quarterback, the team compiled a 33-1 record, which included undefeated Section 1 championship teams in 1992, 1993 and 1994, a New York State Class A championship in 1993 – the first year for New York State football playoffs – and a New York State finalist team in 1994. In 1993, Jeff led a North Rockland offense that outscored its opponents by 312 to 88, averaging 26 points a game. In 1993 and 1994, North Rockland was nationally ranked by USA Today. Individually, Jeff was selected as a two-time All-County, two-time All-Section 1, and two-time All-State quarterback, and in 1994, Jeff was selected as the New York State Football co-Player of the Year for Class A. In 1994 Jeff was selected as The Journal News Athlete of the Season, the Junior Heisman award winner, and was rated the No. 1 football player in New York State by USA Today.

In the springtime Jeff turned his attention to the baseball diamond and it was there that he, and the North Rockland baseball team, outdid the considerable achievements of the football team. The baseball team won the Section 1 championship three years in a row just as the football team did, but they made it to the New York State championship game each of those three years (1993 through 1995) and won the state championship twice. In 1994 and 1995, North Rockland was also ranked nationally by USA Today. As a starting infielder on those teams, Jeff was selected as a two-time All-League, two-time All-County, two-time All-Section, and two-time All-State player. Jeff was the Section 1 baseball Player of the Year in 1995, and was voted as the New York State Baseball Player of the Year by the New York State Sports Writers Association.

Being a highly sought-after two-sport athlete made college decisions hard for Jeff, but he finally settled on a baseball scholarship to Duke University in North Carolina. Jeff became a four-year starter for the Duke Blue Devils and rewrote their record book. In his first year Jeff was selected as the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) Freshman of the Year, and was voted All-ACC third baseman three years in a row after that. Jeff was not only a great defensive player but in 1996 and 2000 he led the Duke team in batting average and runs scored. In 1997 Jeff

led the team in RBI with 62, and, just to show his power, in 2000, Jeff led the team in triples, and in 1997 was the team leader in home runs with 12. Although Jeff graduated from Duke in 2000, he still holds many school career records. He ranks first in career records for Duke

University in: games played, 240; at bats, 947; hits, 334; runs scored, 232; doubles, 74; and RBI, 198. His .353 batting average is the third highest in school history, and he ranks fourth in home runs with 35 and fourth in walks with 111. As for Duke single season records, Jeff ranks in the top 10 for doubles, 22; hits, 86; at bats, 235; RBI, 62; home runs, 12; and batting average, .368.

After graduating from Duke, Jeff was signed by the Cleveland Indians baseball organization and played infield in their minor league organization during 2001 and 2002. During that time, Jeff batted .236 with 127 hits in 160 games with 9 home runs, 60 RBI, and 92 runs scored. He had an excellent fielding percentage of .932 while playing third base. After two years in the minor league organization and a series of nagging injuries, Jeff decided to give up baseball, move home and go to work.

Jeff landed a position with Prudential Financial and, in his first year of employment, he was honored as the Prudential Financial National Rookie of the Year. Jeff has since left Prudential and started his own company, Sportz Ventures. Sportz Ventures is a media company that works with high school athletes and coaches to bring their programs into the 21st century. They create content and programming that supports the success of the athlete during their high school career. Sportz Ventures also provides the athletes and coaches with an honest edge by linking an aspiring athlete to coaching and training tools and resources. They have created an expert panel specifically designed to prepare an athlete for the various stages in their athletic careers. Jeff lives in Thiells with his wife, Amy, and their three children: Eric, 5, and 4-year-old twins Lily and Nicholas.



# KRISTEN CONKLIN-SULLIVAN

Suffern High School  
Class of 1986

Kristen Conklin-Sullivan is the type of athlete most of us spend our lives dreaming we can be. A four-sport varsity competitor at Suffern High School, she dominated on the soccer fields, was the uncontested queen of the softball diamond, strutted her stuff up and down the basketball courts, and lettered in field hockey as a freshman. She did this all with style, grace, and an innate competitive spirit that drove her teams to championships.

For most kids, soccer begins at the age of 5 with everybody swarming around the ball. For Kristen, the first time she played the game was much later on. She was a sophomore at Suffern High School and decided to give it a try. She was quickly moved from the JV squad to varsity, and from there, she never looked back. As the center forward, she was the team high scorer in both her junior and senior years, scoring 17 goals each season, with an additional 16 assists. Her senior year, she led the team to the Conference A crown. As a two-year captain, she was chosen as the MVP, a first team All-County player, and a first team All-Section player both seasons. In 1985, she was selected as a Journal News Scholar Athlete of the Week, and deemed the Rockland County Player of the Year.

Kristen's softball career was storybook right from the get-go. She was a versatile player, tackling not only the pitcher's mound, but playing her way around the infield as well as the outfield. Her impressive pitching career for the Mounties included three 1-hitters and a no-hitter. As a four-year varsity player, she was twice named to the All-County team as well as the All-Section team. Her sophomore season, she was named the Most Improved Player, and then during her junior and senior years, she was not only the team captain but was also the undisputed MVP.

Kristen graduated Suffern in 1986, and took her talents to St. Thomas Aquinas College on an athletic scholarship. She played four years on their Division II softball team, and stood out as an All-Star on their Conference championship team. She had an impressive career 2.29 ERA as a starting pitcher, striking out an incredible 164 batters. She pitched an inconceivable six no-hitters in her tenure. She was also a powerhouse at the plate, with a cumulative four-year slugging percentage of .458, a .333 batting average, and 79 RBI. Kristen was not only the first, but still the only player in STAC history to be named for four straight seasons to the Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference first team, the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics first team, and the All-Tournament first team. She was a

two-year captain and two-year MVP, and to this day is the only pitcher in STAC history to throw a perfect game.

After graduating from STAC, Kristen went on to receive a master's degree in Elementary Education at Iona College. She stayed on at STAC as their assistant softball coach for two seasons before sharing duties as a co-head coach, and eventually became the head coach in 1996. She was named the CACC Coach of the Year in 1998. At the same time, she also started the women's soccer program at STAC in 1994. She coached the team for three years, initiating a program that is successfully running today.

Kristen resigned from coaching in 1998 to start a family in Suffern with her husband, Keith. They have three beautiful children, Taylor, 12, Kyle, 10, and Kasey, 9. In 2007, she returned to STAC in the role of pitching coach, determined to continue to share her talents with the next generation. She divides her time between collegiate sports and private pitching instruction for young girls ages 7 to 22. Many of her students have gone on to receive college scholarships of their own. Kristen is also the head coach of her daughter Taylor's 12-and-under Hudson Valley Hurricanes team, who are excitedly heading to nationals this year with hopes of finishing in the Sweet 16. She is an active coach with the Suffern Little League, as well as with Ramapo ASA. She continues to play softball with the Orangetown Women's League, as well as participate in a co-ed league. She is an avid golfer, and has passed her love of athletics, as well as her talent, onto her children. Kristen has devoted her life to sports and the excitement and fulfillment that being a part of a team can give to kids with the heart and passion to succeed.



# SHULTON WHITLEY

Nyack High School

Class of 1977

The mid- to late 1970s were a golden era for hurdling in the New York-New Jersey area. Names like Renaldo Nehemiah, Paul Lankford and Art Monk – all future NFL stars – are well known to track followers as among the top schoolboys ever to skim the high-hurdle barriers. The competition among these fleet-footed, high-stepping stalwarts elevated the level of achievement to unprecedented heights.

Into this explosive mix strode Nyack's own Shulton Whitley. The 1977 Nyack High School graduate was not intimidated by the hurdlers with the fancy reputations. In fact, by the time he exited the scholastic stage, Shulton had forged quite a name for himself, thank you.

Shulton's crowning moment came at the 1977 Loucks Games, one of the premier high school track meets in the country. Competing against a stacked field in the 120-yard high hurdles – including Lankford, the Farmingdale High School ace who later became an NFL wide receiver with the Miami Dolphins – Shulton won in 13.6 seconds, a clocking that currently ranks fourth all-time in the New York State scholastic record book.

Let Shulton describe how the big race unfolded. "I was the underdog. The day before in the quarterfinal Lankford had run a wind-aided 13.1, which was the fastest [schoolboy] time ever run up to then. I had to sleep on that. It was hard to sleep that night. In the final, we were both locked in. The rhythm was there. At the fourth and sixth hurdles, he faltered. I went ahead by a foot, a shoe. Then at the ninth hurdle, he was pressing hard to get even and get by me, and he hit the hurdle. That's when I knew I had it."

Hurdlers are warriors. Meet after meet, they line up against each other, shake hands (or sometimes not) and come out swinging. May the best man win. More often than not, Shulton was the best man. And when he didn't win, he made them work for it.

In addition to his Loucks Games title, he had many other exceptional efforts in 1977:

- Rockland County champion in the 120-yard high hurdles (14.2), 330-yard intermediate hurdles (County meet record, 38.4), and long jump (21 feet, 11 inches). For many years he was the only male athlete to win three individual events in one County meet.
- He broke 14 seconds in the high hurdles an amazing 17 times. Only one other Rocklander has broken the 14-second barrier even once – Nyack's Dwight Olivier at 13.9.

- Second place in the New York State championships, losing in a photo-finish to Lankford that took several minutes to decide.

- Rockland Track Athlete of the Year

- Section 9 champion

- A member of Nyack's 440- and 880-yard relays, which set Rockland and Section 9 records with respective times of 42.7 and 1:28.9. (Ironically, the 880 relay record was broken by a 2008 Ramapo unit led off by Shulton's son, Ryan.)

- His time of 13.6 in the 120-yard high hurdles is a Rockland and Section 9 record.

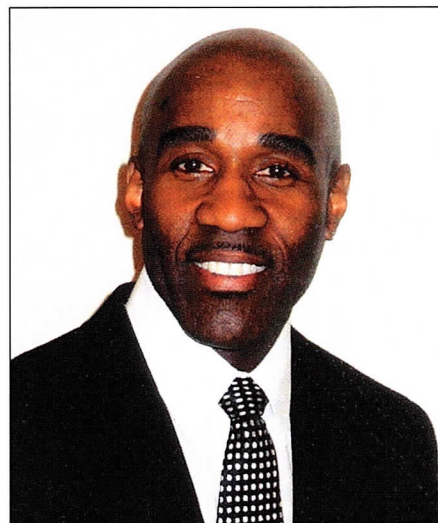
- Fourth place, Eastern States championships, behind Nehemiah's national-record time of 12.9.

- As a junior, he finished third in the 120-yard high hurdles in the 1976 New York State championships, behind Lankford and NFL Hall of Famer Art Monk.

Shulton accomplished all of this without the benefit of winter indoor track, a sport that Nyack did not add to its athletic program until after he had graduated. All of his chief rivals had this crucial advantage, yet he managed to make up for lost time quickly once the spring season commenced.

Shulton earned a full scholarship to Rutgers University and competed for the Scarlet Knights from 1977 to 1982. He was the 1979 New Jersey and Metropolitan Conference champion in the 55-meter hurdles indoors and the 110-meter hurdles outdoors. In the 1980 indoor season, he had the fastest time (6.9 seconds) on Rutgers' 4x55-meter shuttle hurdle relay at the Princeton Invitational. The team's time of 28.5 seconds was ranked fourth in the world. Shulton is the only Rutgers hurdler to break 7 seconds on that relay.

Among his other highlights was a victory over Lankford and teammate Eugene Norman in the 55-meter hurdles at a meet that drew some of the top teams in the Northeast. He clocked 7.41 seconds, his best collegiate time. He was also the 55-meter hurdles champion at the East Coast Championships; ran on 4x110-meter shuttle hurdle relay teams that won silver medals three different years at the Penn Relays; placed third in the IC4A (Eastern) Championships in the 55-meter hurdles in 1978; and held the field house records in that event at both



West Point and Lafayette. Shulton earned a mention in the "Who's Who" section of Joe Namath's scholastic athletes magazine as an Olympic hopeful for the 1980 Olympics (which the U.S. team wound up boycotting).

Shulton continued to compete at an elite level for 10 more years after college. He qualified for the 1984 U.S. Olympic Trials in the 110-meter high hurdles, and that same year he set the still-standing record at the Empire State Games, 13.5 seconds, his personal best. Shulton won 17 medals at the Empire State Games in hurdles and relay events over nine years, including five gold medals. His best 55-meter hurdles time of 7.28 was achieved while he was a member of the Yonkers Striders Track Club in the mid-1980s.

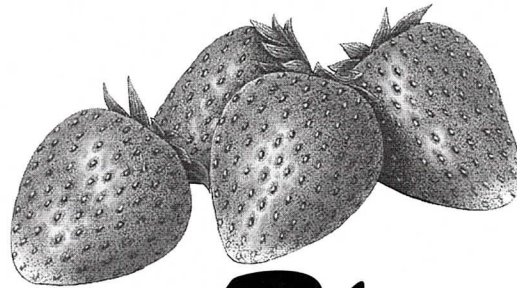
He also earned numerous gold, silver and bronze medals at championship meets such as the Penn Relays, Millrose Games, Vitalis Olympic Invitational, and the U.S. Indoor National championship meet. He later used his hurdling fame and good looks to spur a popular ad campaign – "The Best A Man Can Get" – by appearing on a television commercial for Gillette razor blades.

Shulton, who is 52, lives in Spring Valley and has three children: Jordan, 22; Samantha, 21, and Ryan, 19, who starred as a hurdler and sprinter for Ramapo High School. Shulton has been a teacher's aide and counselor at the Summit School in Nyack for the past 28 years, and in his 28th year as a track coach at Nyack High School. He also is lead vocalist for the Hard Times Band, performing the music of Ray Charles at venues throughout the New York City metro area.

Shulton is a charter member of the Rockland County Track & Field Hall of Fame, having been inducted in the inaugural year in 2004. In 2009 he received the Dick Teetsel Award, presented annually to the person who has made the most significant contribution to the sport of track & field in Rockland County.



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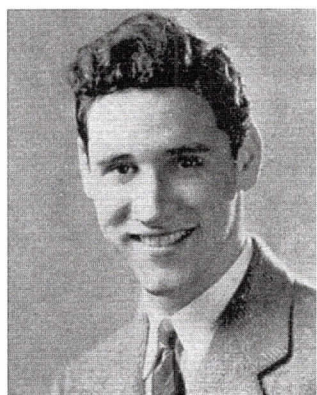
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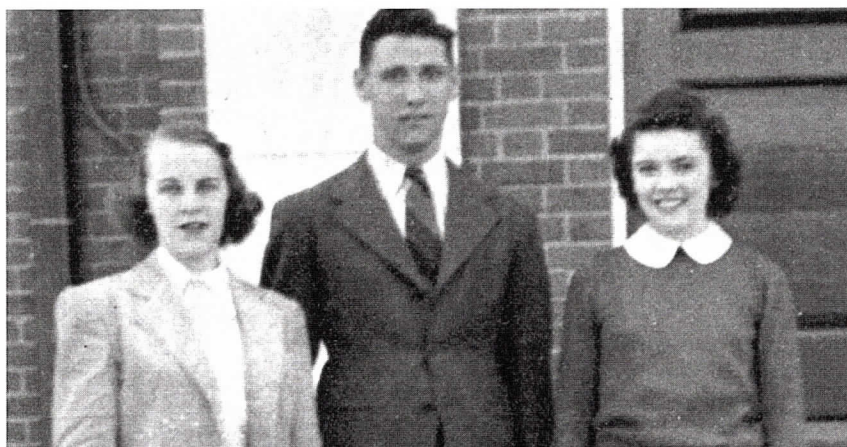


1942 NYACK HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL TEAM

First Row: Barber, Wanamaker, W., Maurer, O'Connor, Schwartz, Paone.  
 Second Row: Renella, Briggs, Oettinger, Franco, VVanamaker, B., Fertile, Quinlan, Sherman.  
 Third Row: O'Brien, Nellis, Maroney, Blauvelt, Johnson, Slaughter, VanZandt, Taylor.



Wilbur "Web" Wanamaker  
 Class Photo, 1942



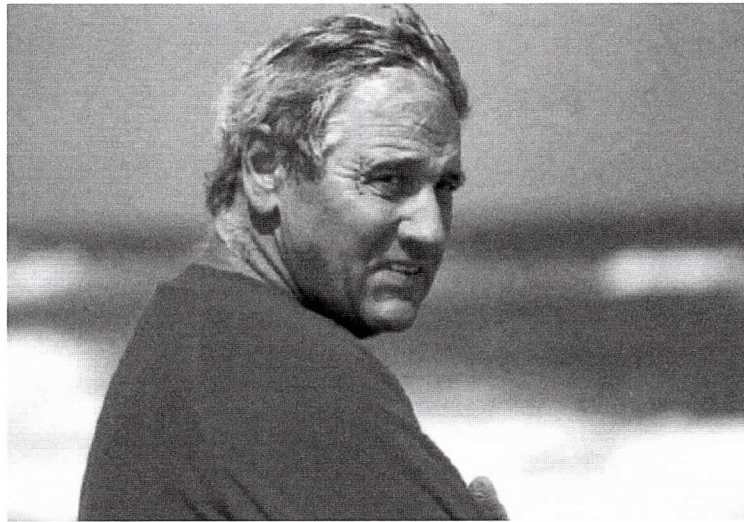
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1941 NYACK HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM

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 Fourth Row: Siedell, Savory, Barber, Haight, Taveniere, Logidice.



## Wilbur "Web" Wanamaker

We, the family of Wilbur "Web" Wanamaker, thank you for inducting  
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We will forever be grateful for the  
life lessons he taught us.

AND for his love, laughter,  
service, and especially...  
his smile.

In Web's words:  
*Thank you all, it was great!*

# WILBUR "WEB" WANAMAKER

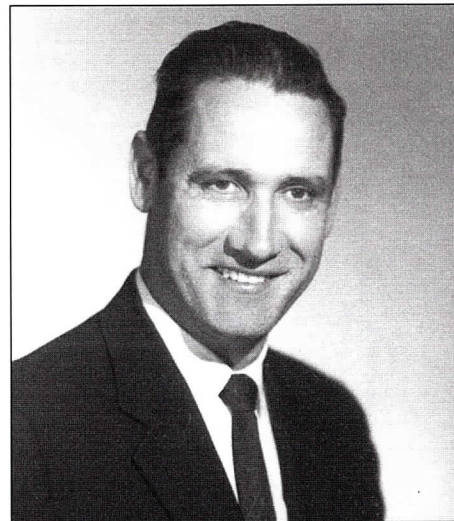
Nyack High School Class of 1942

The acknowledgement of this year's Old-Timers' Special Award is long overdue. Wilbur "Web" Wanamaker has had a huge impact on his school, community, and country. Web entered Nyack High School in the fall of 1938 after making his mark at the Upper Nyack Elementary School both in athletics and academics. As a freshman, Web earned a varsity letter on Nyack's championship swimming team and a certificate of award for baseball. It was in his sophomore year that Web began to shine on the athletic fields; he lettered in football, baseball, and in swimming. Web's junior year brought him countywide recognition, as he was selected honorable mention All-County in baseball, second-team All-County as halfback on the football team, and again lettering in swimming.

In the fall of 1941, while the country was approaching war, Web entered his senior year. His leadership qualities were widely recognized by his classmates as Web was elected senior class president as well as co-captain of the football and swimming teams. As a member of the Hi-Y Club, Web volunteered at the YMCA and helped organize the "Y" dances, water carnivals, and exhibitions of sports and games at the Annual "Y" Jamboree. On the athletic fields Web was selected first-team All-County in football and baseball, while receiving his fourth varsity letter in swimming. Web led the Nyack baseball team in batting with a .316 average while batting in the cleanup position of fourth. On the gridiron, not only was Web a high-scoring halfback, but also the team's punter and kick returner. Web Wanamaker still holds the Rockland County swimming record in the no-longer-contested 40-yard freestyle with a time of 21 seconds. In his spare time, Web managed to letter in track and deliver the commencement speech at graduation. An excerpt from that 1942 commencement speech by Web appeared in The Journal News: "This American generation of high school graduates is the most favored of the world's young people, not having been raised in hatred, bigotry, and restraint."

After a stellar high school career in which Web touched all aspects of the high school community, he turned down a football scholarship to Alfred University to serve his country during World War II. While waiting to turn 18 years old and serve our nation as a member of "The Greatest Generation," Web returned to Nyack in the fall as a post-graduate and lettered in football for the fourth consecutive year, and served as their co-captain for the second year in a row. In January of 1943 Web enlisted in the Army Air Corps and proudly served his country until 1946. He was a Private First Class of the 322nd Bomb Group of the 449th Squadron in the European theater of operations. His dream was to become a pilot, but that was never realized due to an old shoulder injury incurred while playing football.

After the war, Web continued to serve his country as an active life member of the American Legion Post 310, and a member of the Empire Hook and Ladder Fire Company, serving as its treasurer for 45 years. Never content to settle for less, Web earned a bachelor's degree from Rutgers University and two master's degrees for Columbia University, taking classes at night and working full time as a policeman, teacher, lifeguard and counselor by day to support his growing family.



In 1956 Wilbur "Web" Wanamaker was hired to be a teacher and coach at the Haverstraw-Stony Point (later North Rockland) High School and worked there until he retired in 1981. According to Hall of Famer and former North Rockland Athletic Director Ralph Cordisco, "He was a wonderful coach who was very well liked by his players and students. He was very conscientious about his work in teaching and coaching football, wrestling, and tennis. In fact he coached the most successful boys' tennis team in our school's history, which finished second in the RCPSAL League in 1960. Wilbur Wanamaker was as good of a coach as I've ever had because of his athletic and academic background."

Upon returning home from World War II, Web met the love of his life, Beatrice VanOstrand. Together they raised five children: Wilbur Jr., Donald, Edward, Nancy, and Thomas who all became excellent students and athletes. He encouraged his children to participate in a variety of YMCA activities, including swimming, which he and his wife Bea taught. Web was a certified Senior Life Saver, and, as well as his own children, he taught many children in the community to swim. Wilbur wanted children to have the same benefits that he and his own children had growing up in Nyack, so he joined the Board of Directors to help promote the YMCA. Even after retiring from teaching in 1981, Web stayed active serving as the Upper Nyack Village Clerk and continued serving as Deacon for The First Reformed Church of Nyack. Chuck Maze, the President/CEO of the Rockland County YMCA, describes Wilbur "Web" Wanamaker in the following way: "Not only was he an accomplished all-around athlete, but he was the kind of inspiring leader who brought out the best in his teammates and children that he taught to swim at the YMCA. Wilbur Wanamaker led by his example and was dedicated to helping all people develop physically, mentally and spiritually."

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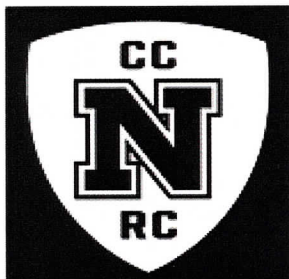
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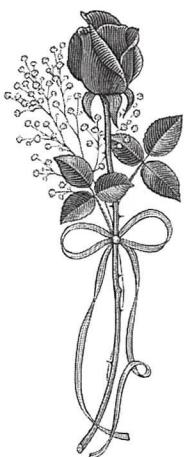
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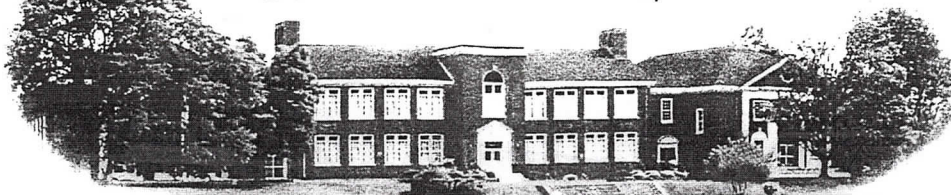
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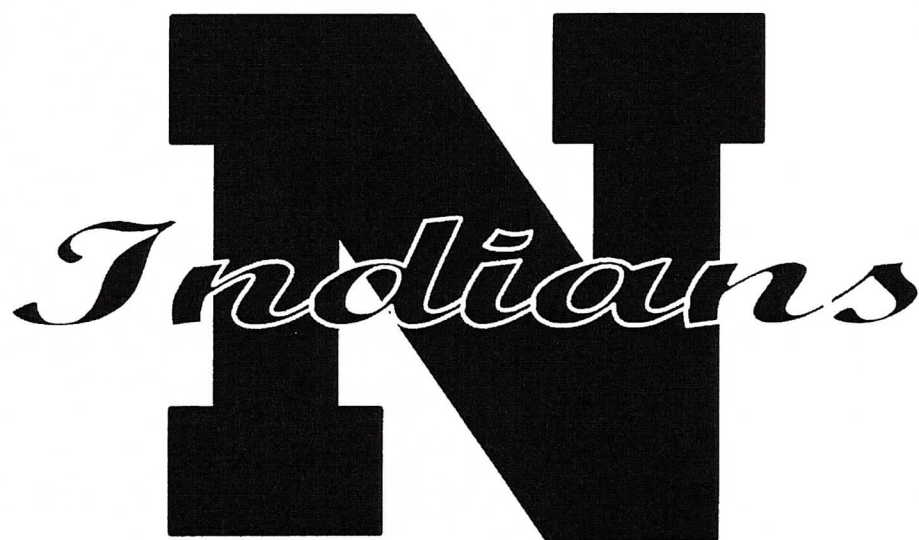
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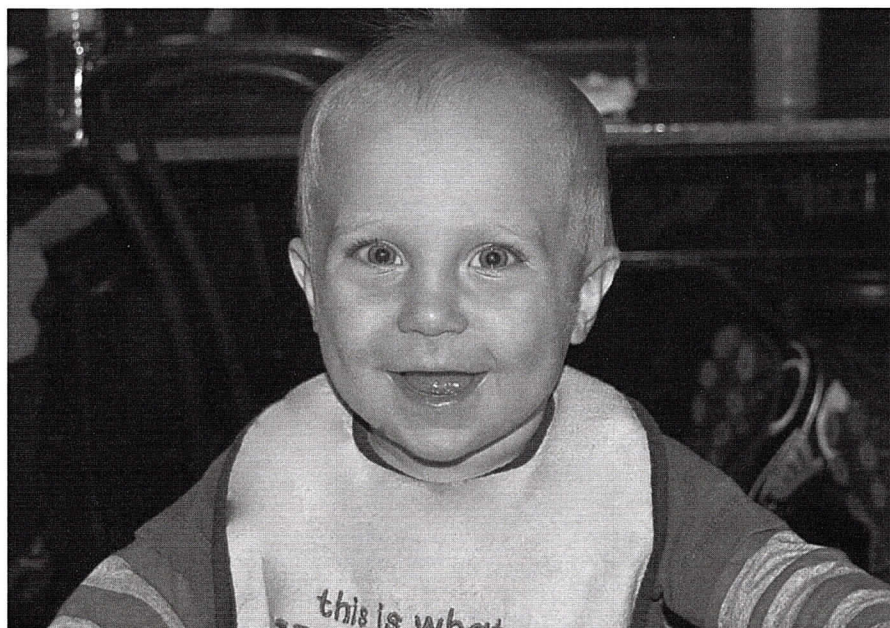
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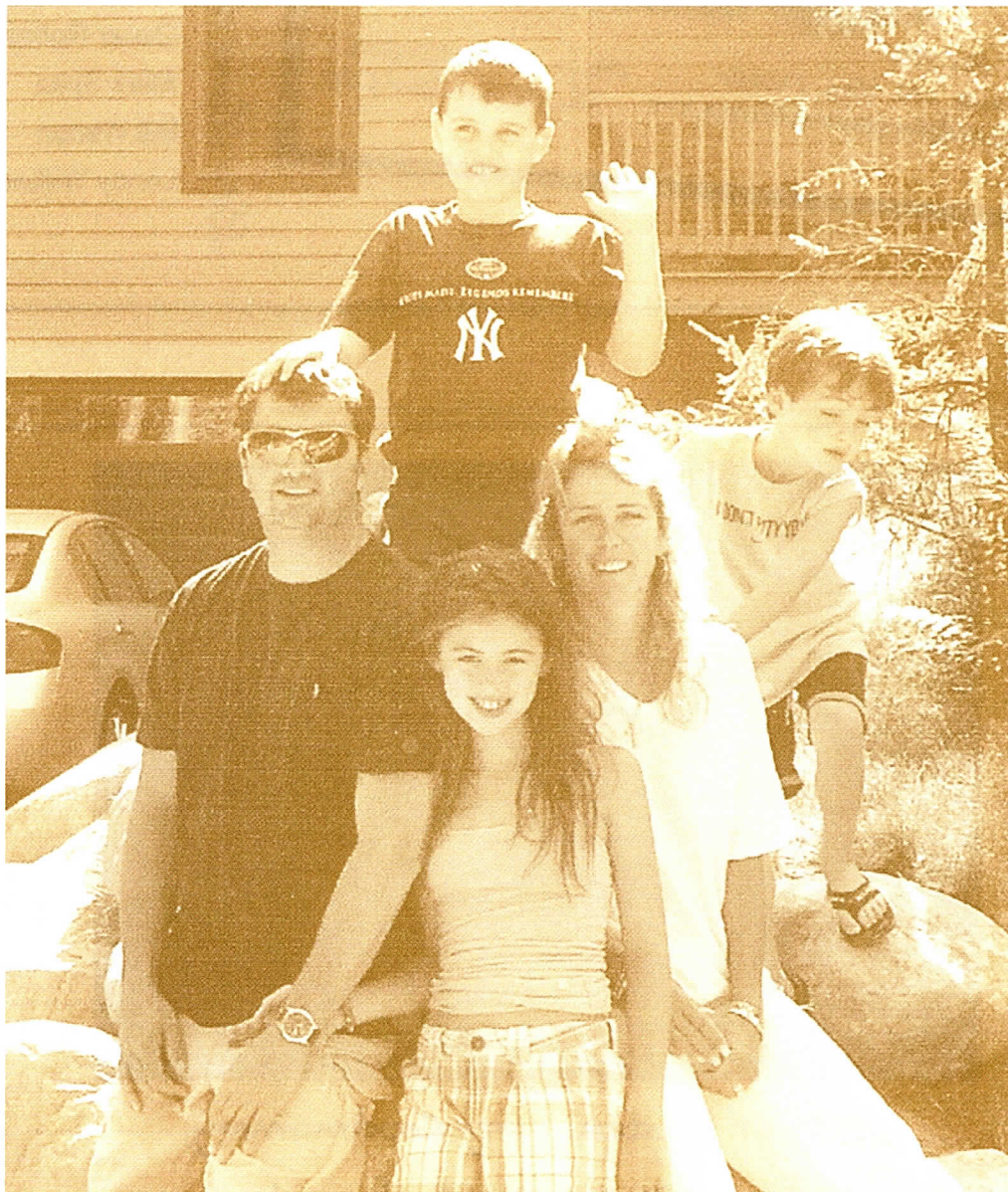
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Dear Kristen... my Godmommy,  
I am so proud of you!  
Smooches!!! Love Ty xo

Dear Mommy,

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Congratulations Danny!



We are very proud of your induction into the  
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You are a wonderful coach and a terrific person.  
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Love,  
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As your siblings we proudly watched from the time that you played little league baseball and pee wee football in Haverstraw, through your playing days at North Rockland High School and Lafayette College, as well as your years coaching football at North Rockland High School and baseball at Rockland Community College. We are now honored to be with you today to celebrate this joyous occasion.



*Again, Danny, Congratulations!*

Love,

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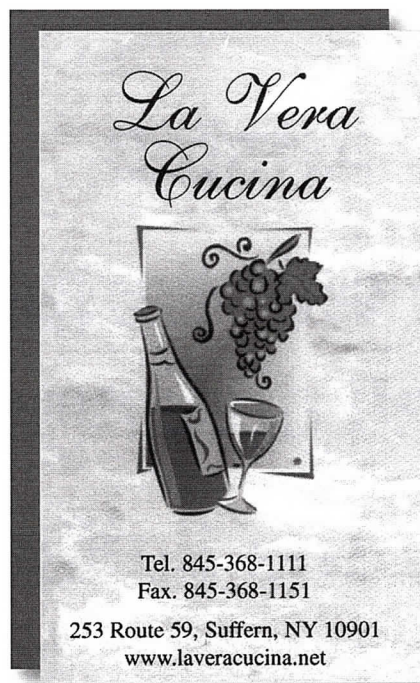
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Dear Dan:

To one of the brightest, funniest and craziest guys I have ever met, I'm sorry I can't be with you tonight. As you read this, I will be sipping wine out of the victory chalice; hopefully for our win over the Angels, definitely in celebration of your induction into the Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame.

All of those good souls from Bill's Tavern to Jack's Kesslerville Inn should be raising a glass as well. I'm sure I wasn't the only regular patron in those fine establishments to have been influenced by your intellect and humor.

I will be forever grateful for the experiences we had together at Lafayette, except perhaps for the night we had to have your car towed out of the woods. We rivaled any roommate combination ever, considering the robust times we had. But it wasn't always about the comedy. It was about the life experiences and comraderie we shared. It was about me learning from a friend with a great mind.

Thank you for enriching my life. Congratulations on tonight's honor.

Best Always,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Joe Maddon", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Joe Maddon

# Kristen Conklin Sullivan

A perfect game, for a perfect "sister"!

We are so proud of you!!!

Love, Dan Bonnie Caid Nevin & Ty

## COLLEGE SOFTBALL

### Aquinas' Conklin spins perfect game

By Pete Caldera  
Staff Writer

Kristen Conklin knew it, she just wasn't going to blurt it out.

So, she kept it to herself, and the result was perfect.

The junior from Suffern faced and retired 21 straight batters for her first perfect game, the first ever pitched in St. Thomas Aquinas softball history, and her third no-hitter of the season, in blanking host Manhattanville, 2-0, yesterday.

Though the notion didn't fully sink in until the sixth inning, Conklin was trying to avoid thinking about it at all.

"I didn't want to jinx myself," she said. "I



KRISTEN CONKLIN

## CONKLIN/From page D1

was nervous in thinking I can't walk anybody. If somebody got a hit, then, fine, they're a good hitter, but I didn't want to give somebody a base."

So Conklin tried a strategy to stay in control entering the bottom of the seventh. "I just pretended it was the first inning," she said.

In fact, here's how in control she was over seven innings: Conklin allowed only two balls hit out of the infield, struck out five, walked no one, and got to three balls in the count only once, running it full.

She also cleanly fielded six comebackers. Conklin said, "The defense behind me was great."

The only scary moment happened in the last of the seventh. After retiring the first hitter on a third-to-first grounder, third baseman Trish Barber made a one-hand grab of a line-shot batted just to her right.

The next batter tapped a grounder to Donna Vagnini at first who took it to the bag for the final out.

"I thought she (Conklin) had an idea about it (the perfect game), but I wasn't sure," said STAC coach Barbara Vano. "Then afterwards,

she gave me that coy little smile telling me she knew what she did."

The Lady Spartans scored the only two runs of the game in the top of the fourth. Kathleen Roney singled, moved to second on a passed ball, and scored on a base hit by Barber. She then stole second, and was singled home by Trish Tocco.

Manhattanville starter Heidi Jerzembeck also went the distance, in giving up nine hits.

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RBI—STAC: Barber, Tocco. WP—Conklin (6-1). LP—Jerzembeck.  
Team records—St. Thomas Aquinas 10-2; Manhattanville unavailable.

**KING'S 14, DOMINICAN 2:** At Dominican, Karen Karaska had four hits, scored four runs, and had four RBI helping King's College to the District 31 rout.

King's Kris Maiuri pitched a complete-game seven-hitter, and also had two doubles at the plate. Denise Palmeri rapped two hits for Dominican.

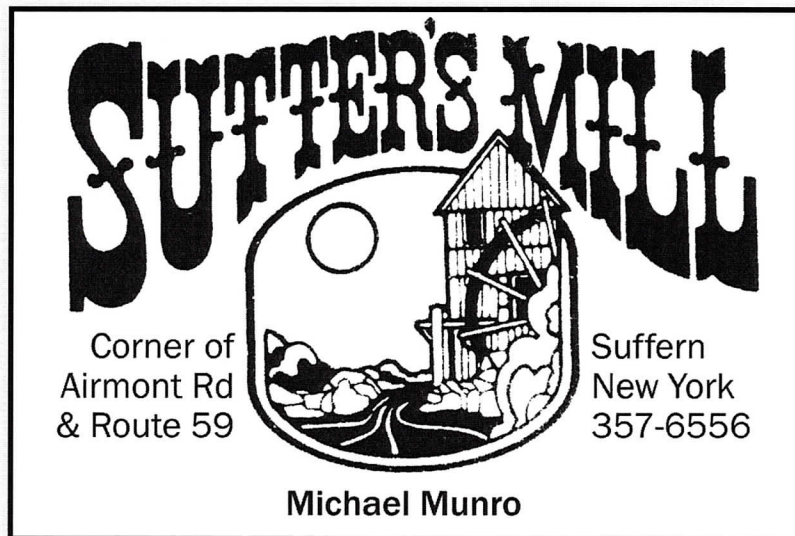
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RBI—KC: Karaska 4, Sarano, Beaver. D: Roche, Weigen. 2B—KC: Maiuri 2, Farano, Karaska. 3B—KC: McCay. WP—Maiuri. LP—Lee (0-2).  
Team records—King's College 3-7 (2-3 District 31); Dominican 0-5 (0-4 District 31).

*Congratulations  
& Best Wishes*

*Dan Keeley*

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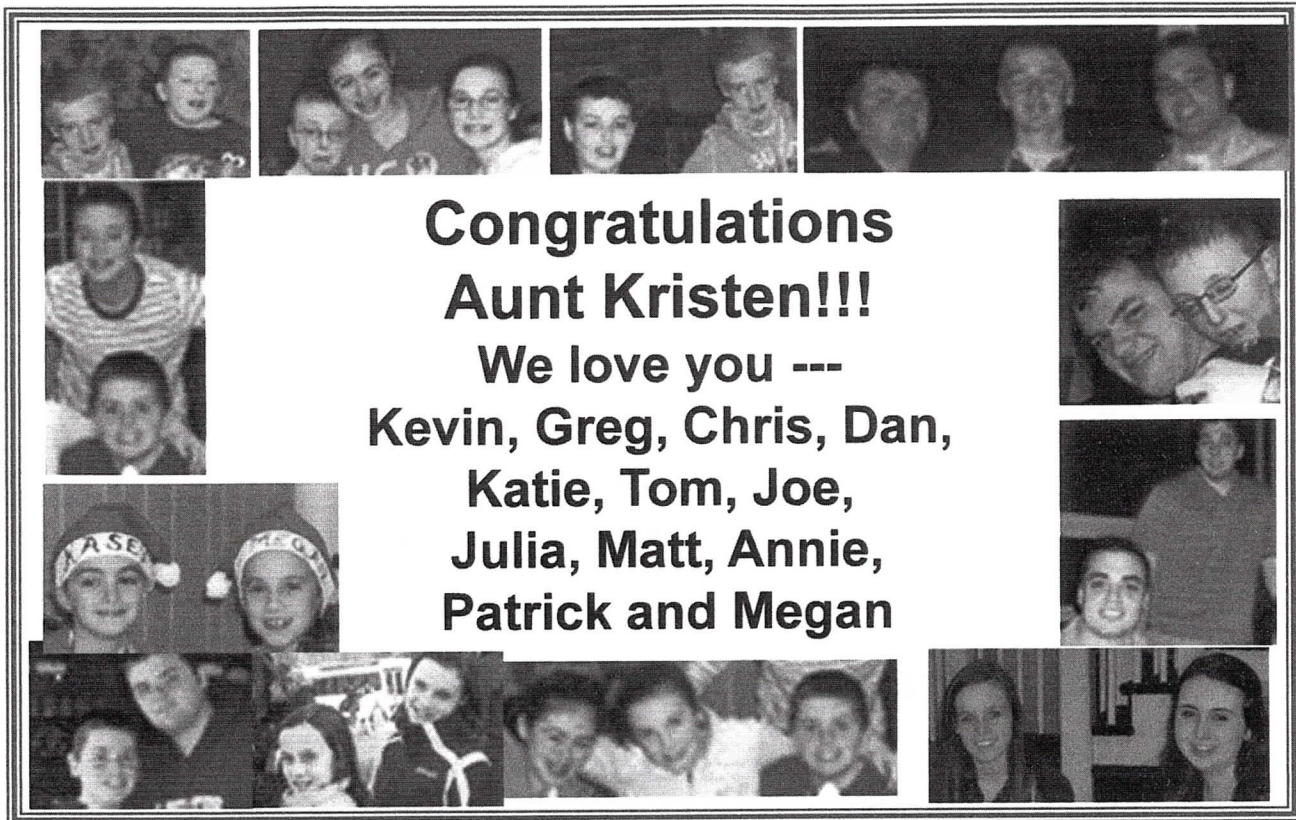


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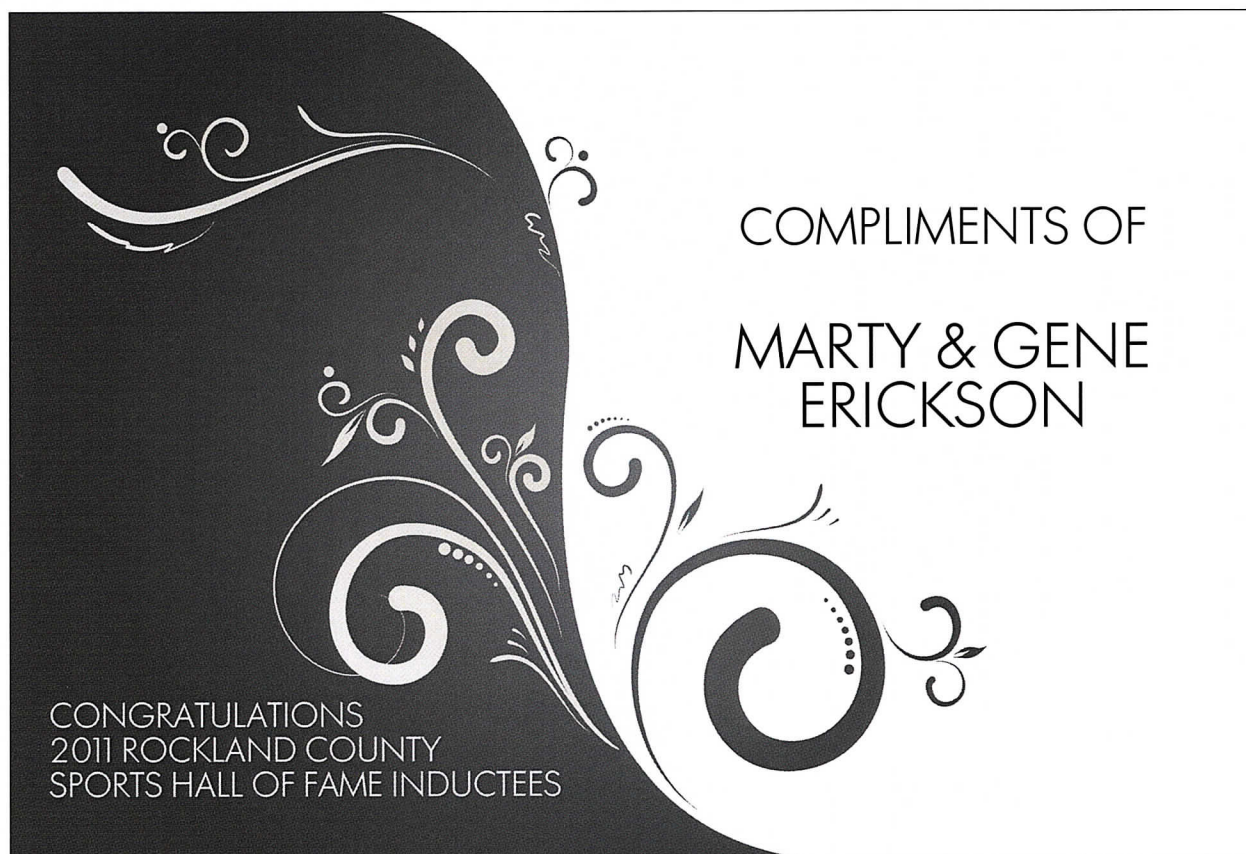
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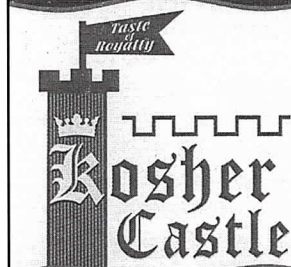
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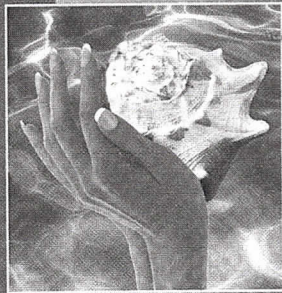
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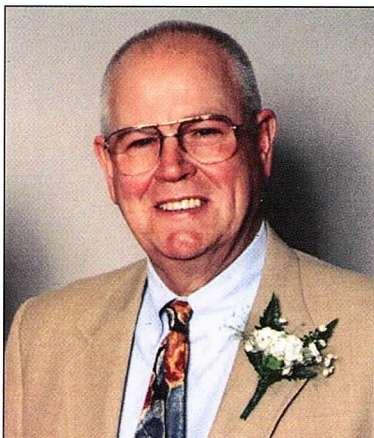
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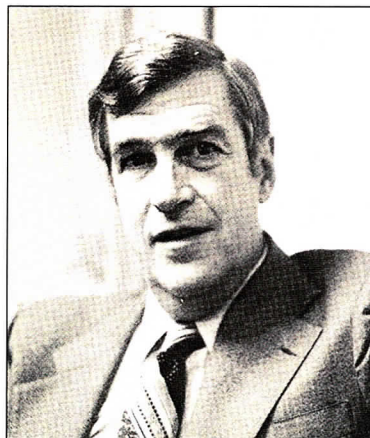


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*Wilbur "Web" Wanamaker, Co-Captain of Nyack High School Swim Team, pictured in front left center with teammates at the Nyack "Y" Swimming Pool. Web set a record for the 40 yard freestyle of 21 seconds at Nyack "Y" Pool. He also taught many children how to swim at the YMCA and became a dedicated YMCA volunteer.*

