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We celebrate our 46th Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame induction with a star-studded group of athletes who excelled in multiple sports: a former pro football player, a minor-league baseball player, two all-around athletes, a pair of track & field stars, and a longtime contributor to the Rockland sports community. Rockland County continues to produce outstanding athletes year after year, so there is no shortage of qualified candidates for future years.

I would personally like to congratulate Bob Veltidi as a member of this year's induction class for his outstanding contributions to our Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame committee as both screening committee chair and past master of ceremonies. Bob exemplifies what true service to sports and community are; we are pleased to honor him with the Joseph Holland Lifetime Achievement Award.

Over the past year, sadly four of our past inductees died. Ed Matott Jr. was a 2016 inductee, an outstanding Nyack High School basketball coach who roamed the "pit" in the 1960s and '70s, and also a well-respected soccer official. Gene Erickson, a 1985 inductee and 1949 graduate of Spring Valley High School, was an outstanding hockey goaltender who was an alternate netminder for the 1956 Olympics. Gene served on our board for well over 10 years and was a good friend and colleague. Lew Brundage, a 1991 inductee, was a standout football and track athlete for the Pearl River Pirates in the late 40's and early 50's. Ed McGrath was a 1982 inductee who excelled as a basketball coach for Clarkstown/Clarkstown North, winning 56 consecutive games in Rockland PSAL competition. Ed was quite the gentleman and was loved by all his players.

The Hall of Fame has a website that serves as a rich repository of Hall of Fame information, including bios and photos on all 276 inductees. Visit our website at www.rcshf.org

I wish to thank the people who keep our organization a vital force in the community: Gibby Sweet, dinner arrangements; Jamie Kempton, secretary and program editor; Pete Castellano, treasurer and ticket chairman; Bob Veltidi, screening committee chair; Vince Sciortino, vice chairman and fund-raising; Chuck Maze, for community relations; Tom Doherty, master of ceremonies and for his tireless behind-the-scenes support; Bruce and Phyllis Schweizer of Quality Graphics; and the entire Board of Directors for contributing to the support of the organization throughout the year.



Pete Scheibner
Chairman



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Nominated By: Tappan Zee Athletic Hall of Fame
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TODD SINCLAIR – NORTH ROCKLAND

Nominated By: Jamie Kempton
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Introduced By: Alan Veltidi
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George Coates – Tappan Zee

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Tommy Rowe – Spring Valley

Todd Sinclair – North Rockland

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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, 35 Van Orden Avenue, Suffern, NY 10901. 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.

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 276 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: _____
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Current Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Date Submitted: _____

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

H.S. and Year of Graduation: _____

College and Year of Graduation: _____

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
35 Van Orden Avenue
Suffern, NY 10901

Rockland County Hall of Fame Inductees

1974

Chuck Aleno*
Henry "Peck" Artopce*
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 Cordisco*
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 Mounkhal
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" Israel*
Barbara Mellen-Speerin
Margie Sahlstrom-Jaxel
Mike Sparago
Robbie Woods

2011

Jeff Becker
Dan Keeley
Gene Martin
Kristen Conklin-Sullivan
Shulton Whitley
† Wilbur "Web" Wanamaker*

2012

Marcel Cooper
John Diffley
Tom McTaggart
Dennis O'Sullivan
Dawn Sugrue
Victor Veltidi
Dan Sullivan*

2013

Keith Bulluck
Khyl Farrison
Gary Gray
Bud Kast*
Mike Rotundo*
Jodi Schlesinger Salsberg
Ed Wanamaker
†† Vic Alfieri Sr.*
Ernie Capobianco*
Vic Alfieri Jr.
Deer Head Inn & Softball
Tournament

2014

Rick Carey
Don Fischer
Ed Kolakowski
Lorraine Moylan
Richard Schumacher*
Thaddeus Wilson
†† Al Witt*

2015

Joe Clinton
Bob Corvino
Jennifer Feeney Lovell
Ed Matott*
Bob Nadal*
Lintz Rivera Adams
Homer Wanamaker
†† Nick Picarello*

2016

Virgilio Hernandez
Buster Keyes, Jr
Joe McGuinness*
Ronnie Morgan*
Katherine Nowell
Steve Silverberg
Linda Soto
John Stephens
†† Michael Coffey*

2017

Coach John Castellano
Tom Mulroy
Al Taylor*
Jerome Whidbee
Phil Donnelly
†† Fred Adler

2018

Thomas Dickson*
Bobby Lawson
Chuck Maze
Jackie McCracken Houck
Thomas Sanders
Willie Worsley
†† Tom O'Brien

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† Old-Timers' Special Award

†† Joe Holland Lifetime Achievement Award

PHIL BOGLE

**Spring Valley High School
Class of 1998**

Phil Bogle was a force to be reckoned with from the first day he stepped on the football field at Spring Valley High School as a freshman. Phil was a four-year starter on the Spring Valley varsity team, first under Coach Percy Boykin and then Coach Joe Ruback. In 1997, Phil's senior year, the Tigers were the champions of the Rockland County A schools, defeating everyone convincingly, winning the Section 1 Class A title over a powerful Roosevelt of Yonkers team in overtime and only having their season come to an end in the semifinals of the New York State tournament against perennial state powerhouse Troy High School. Spring Valley was 10-1 that season and Phil, the captain of the team, had a great deal to do with their success. For his efforts on the field Phil was selected All-County at offensive tackle, as well as All-Section 1 and All-State. He was elected to the New York State Top 100 team and was a participant in the New York-New Jersey Governors Bowl played in the springtime.

Phil rates that 1997 season as the highlight of his career at Spring Valley. He remembers the Tigers pounding out satisfying victories over rival large schools North Rockland, Clarkstown North and Clarkstown South. "We even played two tough opponents from Roosevelt and Gorton in the playoffs that we beat to move into the state semifinals," he says. Spring Valley coaches who made a strong impression on Phil include Joe Ruback, Percy Boykin, Kevin Bullock, Chris Locurto and Vic Turselli. "I played with a special group of players on that '97 team," Phil recalls, including his brother, Jason Montanez, and teammates Ronaldo Attimy, Maikel Mehu and Roody Volcy, "who still to this day are my very best friends." Out of all his highlight reel moments, the play that stands out most to Phil came in a big win against cross-town rival Ramapo. "We lined up in our Jumbo package where I played fullback," Phil remembers. "After dragging a few defenders I scored the first touchdown of my high school career."

After graduating from Spring Valley, Phil enrolled at the University of New Haven, a Division II football power, on scholarship and at 6-foot-4, 300 pounds, he went on to have a tremendous career. Phil was a four-year letterman at New Haven and started every game. His last two seasons, 2001 and 2002, he was



voted as one of the captains of the team. In 2002 Phil was selected as a Division II first team All-American and winner of the Jim Langer Award, which is given to the best offensive lineman in Division II football each year. As a graduating senior at the University of New Haven, Phil was selected as the Male Athlete of the Year in 2003. He earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice at New Haven.

Phil was not selected in the 2003 NFL draft but was signed by the San Diego Chargers as an undrafted free agent immediately afterward and made the team. During his rookie season Phil played at both offensive guard and offensive tackle. He started 13 of the 16 games that he appeared in and played a major part in running back LaDainian Tomlinson rushing for more than 1,600 yards. After sustaining a knee injury in the offseason Phil failed to make the active roster the following season, but was signed to the practice squad. He was re-signed to the active roster early in the season after an injury to one of the other players but released by the Chargers in October of that season.

For the next nine years Phil actively pursued a professional football career on many levels. After the Chargers, Phil was signed by the Cleveland Browns, then the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. He spent time with the Hamburg Sea Devils of NFL Europe and then his first stint with the Philadelphia Soul of the Arena Football League in 2006. During that season, Phil started all 16 games and two postseason games

for the Soul on his way to becoming the franchise's first player to be named to the All-Rookie team and first team All-Arena in the same season. In 2008 Phil then went on to try making the NFL again with Tampa Bay but after being waived in August of that year he went back to the Soul for next season.

In 2009 Phil tried his luck in the Canadian Football League and spent one season with the Montreal Alouettes and then moved on to the Dallas Vigilantes of the Arena Football League.

In 2013 as his playing career was winding down, Phil joined the coaching staff of the Philadelphia Soul. He



was appointed as the team assistant head coach and line coach. He helped coach the team to the 2013 Arena Bowl and had the best offensive line in the league (fewest number of sacks) in 2013, 2014 and 2015. In 2016, the Soul elevated Phil to General Manager, and the team then captured back-to-back Arena Bowl championships in 2016 and 2017. In June 2018, Phil was hired as the Director of Game Operations for the National Football League in New York City.

Phil, who is 39, resides in New Jersey with his girlfriend, Samira Allen, and newborn son, Phillip Jr.

Congratulations, Phil!

Congratulations to

Phil Bogle!

Spring Valley Football Class of 1998



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Spring Valley Football Program

GEORGE COATES

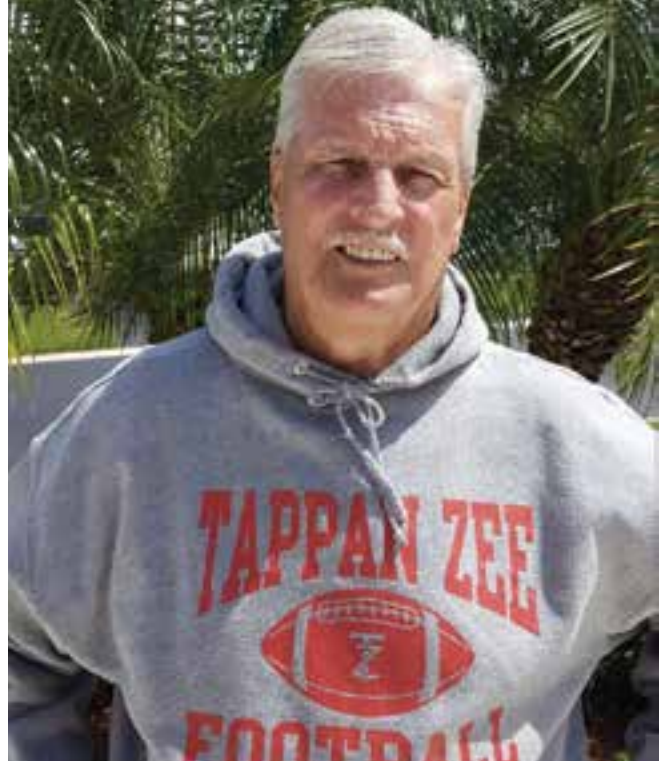
**Tappan Zee High School
Class of 1963**

Tappan Zee High School was a powerful force to be reckoned with in athletics during the early 1960s and George Coates was their leader. George was the quarterback, point guard, and one of the leading batters on the baseball team, plus he still found time to letter in cross country and track. All in all, George earned 12 varsity letters in five sports, was All-County in three sports and in his senior year was elected captain of the football, basketball and baseball teams.

In the fall George spent his freshman and sophomore years on the Tappan Zee cross country team. He was the fifth runner on the varsity team both years and in 1959 Tappan Zee was the RCPSAL and Section 9 champion. In the fall of 1961 Joe Hince was named head football coach for the Dutchmen. George went out for the team and earned the starting quarterback job. Tappan Zee went on to share the Rockland County championship with Nyack and Haverstraw with a 7-1 record. In that season George threw for a league-leading 18 touchdown passes. For his efforts George was selected All-County quarterback. In his senior year the Tappan Zee football team, with George as their captain and quarterback, finished with a respectable 5-3-1 record. George again was selected to the All-County team. The All-County quarterbacks in 1962 were: first team, Hall of Famer Jo Jo Mackey; second team, George Coates; honorable mention, Hall of Famer Paul Toscano. A group of three finer athletes you will never see in Rockland County athletic history.

In the winter George spent his time playing basketball where he was a three-year varsity starter. In 1962 the Dutchmen were the RCPSAL co-champions along with rival Haverstraw. Their league record was 12-2 and they had an overall season record of 15-2. Tappan Zee was the first team in Rockland County to win 12 league games in one season, in 1962. That year, George set the school assist record with 118 and was selected MVP of the Spring Valley Tournament. In George's senior year, 1963, the basketball team won the Section 9 championship and George was again selected as the MVP of the Spring Valley Tournament. In 1962 and 1963 George was selected to the Rockland County All-County basketball teams, and in 1963 he was a unanimous first-team choice along with Hall of Famer Ronnie Edwards.

When springtime rolled around you would find George on the baseball diamond. He earned four varsity



letters as a baseball player and still found time to letter in track. Back then you could participate in two sports during one season. George was a feared hitter who reached a season-high batting average of .495 in 1962, with him and teammate Jim Spearman both breaking Hall of Famer Howie Pierson's school record of .486 set in 1954. George's career batting average at Tappan Zee High School was an amazing .385. In 1962 and 1963 he was selected to the Rockland County All-County teams. In the spring of 1963 George had a tryout with the Baltimore Orioles but decided to enter college instead.

George Coates was inducted into the Tappan Zee Athletic Hall of Fame in its inaugural year, 2009.

In 1963 George accepted a four-year basketball scholarship to Tusculum College in Greenville, Tennessee, where he won four varsity letters. George was named to the All Volunteer State Athletic Conference Basketball Team all four years. In 1967, Tusculum College won the Volunteer State Athletic Conference (VSAC) Tournament, which was played in Nashville. In 1966 George was the team leader in assists with an average of 9 per game. He was named the MVP of the VSAC Tournament in 1967 and selected to the All-Tournament team two years in a row, 1966 and 1967. George is the holder of the Tusculum College Pioneers scoring record with 1,526 career points. For his accomplishments on the basketball court George was inducted into the Tusculum College Athletic Hall of Fame in 1982.

After college George was hired by the Valley Central School District in Orange County, as a physical education teacher. He taught and coached at Valley Central for 32 years. George coached basketball, baseball and swimming at various levels but is best remembered as a football coach. George coached football for 26 years at Valley Central, 17 at head coach. From 1986 to the present, George has been a Section 9 basketball referee, officiating both boys and girls as well as junior college games. He served as President of the Orange County Basketball Officials Association from 2000-2013 and was honored as the Basketball Official of the Year in the 2012-2013 school year by the NYS High School Coaches Association.

George was inducted into the Valley Central Athletic Hall of Fame in 2012 as a teacher-coach.

Ever the competitor, in the late 1960s through the early 1980s George played on many Rockland and Orange County softball teams. He played on Grasso's Tavern, Mooney's Bar and Grill, Holt Landscaping and the Orange Lantern, which won multiple championships in the Deer Head Inn League and tournament in the late 1970s. In the early 1980s George played in Orange County for Cossa Fuel and Baty's, which won many tournament championships. He even found time in 1976 to try out as a placekicker for the New York Giants football team.

George and his wife, Adele, have been married almost 52 years and live in Middletown, N.Y. They have five children: George Edward Coates; 50, David Vincent Coates; 48, Kristen Louise Kresge, 47; Jeanmarie Angela Sommer, 46, and Laurie Jane Kahmar, 44; and 13 grandchildren.

Congratulations, George!

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and
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to all
2019 Inductees**



Bob Marino

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to all 2019 Rockland County
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KRISTEN MCGARVEY MIEDREICH

**Pearl River High School, Class of 1991
St. Thomas Aquinas College, Class of 1995**

Kristen McGarvey Miedreich is second-generation Pearl River athletic royalty. Her dad, Frank, is a former athlete and coach at Pearl River and a member of the Pearl River Sports Hall of Fame. It was a hard act to follow but Kristen's athletic accomplishments are second to none. Former Pearl River athletic director and sports historian Tom Doherty describes Kristen as "the best all-around female athlete that I have seen in my almost 50 years observing Pearl River sports."

In the fall Kristen spent her time on the soccer field, playing JV as a freshman but jumping up and starting on the varsity from her sophomore year on. In that sophomore year Kristen was the leading scorer on the girls' soccer team, a feat she accomplished again in her junior and senior years. She was first-team All-League as a junior and first-team All-League and All-Section and honorable mention All-County as a senior. Kristen was also selected to the Pearl River All-Tournament team as a senior.

During the winter Kristen excelled on the basketball team by being a varsity starter all four seasons for the Lady Pirates. In her sophomore year she was selected first-team All-League and made the All-Tournament team at the Pearl River Tournament, plus she received the Sportsmanship Award at the Sacred Heart Tournament. But that was just a start. As a junior Kristen scored 63 points in a single game, which is a Rockland County record and ranked, at the time (1990), as the third-highest ever in New York State girls' basketball. She was selected first-team All-League, All-County and All-Section, and honorable mention All-State. She was named as the MVP of the team as well as to the Pearl River All-Tournament team. As a senior Kristen repeated as first-team All-League, All-County and All-Section and was selected as fourth-team All-State. She was named to the All-Tournament teams at both the Pearl River and Tappan Zee tournaments, and finished the season with 111 assists, 17 three-point baskets, 199 rebounds and 432 points for a 20.5 points-per-game average. Career-wise, Kristen scored 1,159 points, which at the time ranked her as No. 8 all-time in Rockland County girls' basketball. She topped it all off by being voted the PRHS Athlete of the Season Award Winner for WRKL.



In the spring of her freshman year Kristen spent her time and energy playing recreational softball for the Town of Orangetown softball team, but sometime during her sophomore year she discovered track and field. During the next three years Kristen ran faster, jumped higher and farther than anyone in Rockland County and was one of the main reasons the Pearl River girls' track and field team was the League, County and Section 1 champion all three years. As a sophomore she was named County and League champion in the high jump and League champion in the 100-meter hurdles. In her junior year Kristen added All-League honors as the triple jump champion to go along with her high jump and hurdles League championships. Being a great teammate, Kristen was a member of the Rockland County record-setting 300- and 400-meter shuttle hurdles relay championship team plus she set school records in the 100-meter hurdles and the pentathlon. In Kristen's senior year she won the League and Section championships in the 100-meter hurdles, was the Rockland County champion in the high jump and first-team All-County in the pentathlon. Along with being voted as the team MVP, Kristen was again selected as the PRHS Athlete of the Season award winner for WRKL.

Kristen graduated from Pearl River High School in 1991 and enrolled at Mitchell Junior College in New London, Conn., to continue her education and

athletic career. She was a two-year starter on the women's soccer team as well as on the women's basketball team. During Kristen's two years on the basketball team the Pequots (now called the Mariners) were at one time ranked first in the country by the National Junior College Weekly Poll and had an outstanding record of 61-3. In her sophomore year the basketball team finished sixth in the National Junior College championships. After two years at Mitchell, Kristen transferred to St. Thomas Aquinas College right here in Rockland County to finish her education and athletic career. In her junior year she started on the women's soccer team and was the Spartans' leading scorer. In the winter Kristen tried out and won a starting position on St Thomas's women's basketball team. She started 22 games and averaged 9 points and 5 rebounds a game. Kristen scored 24 points in one game and was an outstanding defensive player who led the team with 57 steals. She was selected MVP of the St. Thomas Aquinas basketball tournament and helped her team to the finals of the Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference championships. In the 1994-95 school year, Kristen's senior season, she decided to concentrate on just one sport, basketball. That season St. Thomas had an undefeated league record of 12-0 and a regular season record of 26-3, the best in school history, and Kristen was an integral part of the Lady Spartans advancing to the National



Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Division II National Championship Tournament. She was the sixth-leading scorer on the team with an average of 8.6 points per game, fourth-leading rebounder with a 6.3 average per game, and the top shot blocker on the team with 44. Kristen was the top defensive player on the team and always guarded the opponent's leading scorer. St. Thomas finished the season as the No. 11 team according to the national ranking in the final NAIA Division II regular-season poll.

Kristen resides in Pearl River with her husband of 20 years, Kevin, a former basketball and baseball standout at STAC who was a 12th-round draft pick for the St. Louis Cardinals. The Miedreichs have three children: Kayleigh, 18, a member of Pearl River's 2017 state championship soccer team and currently a freshman at the University of Delaware; Corinne, 17, a junior at Pearl River; and Kelsey, 11, a sixth-grader at Pearl River Middle School. All three children are multi-sport athletes like their mom.

Kristen works as a certified personal trainer at Vision Sports Club in Pearl River. She was inducted into the Pearl River High School Sports Hall of Fame in 2000 individually and also in 2017 as part of the 1989 girls' spring track championship team.

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SHERRY MURPHY McGILL

**Spring Valley High School
Class of 1988**

At first, Sherry Murphy-McGill just wanted to do the pure sprints. The 100 and 200 meters outdoors, 55 indoors. It's that sprinter's mentality, you know. The shorter the better. Why schlep all the way around the track if you don't have to?

By her junior year, however, Sherry's coaches at Spring Valley finally convinced her that the 300 – which she disliked even though she set a school record as an eighth grader – would make her a more marketable athlete to college coaches. She wasted little time in extending her sprint dominion; midway through her junior winter season she set a Rockland County record in the 300-yard dash, running 36.8 seconds to eclipse the former mark of 37.0 set by Hall of Famer Lintz Rivera of Suffern in 1981.

But Sherry was far from finished setting records. Later that season, at the Eastern States meet, she sizzled 300 yards in 35.30, the third-fastest time ever in New York State and at the time the eighth-fastest on the all-time U.S. list. She finished second in that race to nationally ranked Tasha Downing of Boston Tech. Her senior year, she again finished second to Downing in the Eastern States 300, clocking 35.58.

Sherry was Rockland's preeminent female sprinter for three years. At the spring County championships, she won the 100 four straight years, captured the 200 three times in a row, won the 400 once and ran on the winning 4x100 relays twice. As a senior she finished second in the 300 meters at both the Pathmark National Scholastic Indoor Classic and the New York State meet; placed second in the 200 and third in the 100 at the State outdoor meet senior year; took second in the 300 and fourth in the 55 at States her junior year; holds the County record in the 300 yards (35.30) and is No. 5 at 300 meters (39.86). Additionally, she ranks tied for eighth all-time in Rockland in the 100 (11.9 wind-aided) and ninth in the 200 (24.92). She still holds four school records, including the 400 (57.4).

Sherry got her start in running as a 7-year-old at Fleetwood Elementary School in Spring Valley. She ran



in local age-group meets under the auspices of the Police Athletic League in Spring Valley and also her church, St. John's Deliverance Tabernacle Church in Nyack. A friend and fellow church member, Clara Outlaw of Nyack, encouraged Sherry to run and treated her "like a big sister," she says. Later, while at Spring Valley, Sherry credited Coach Jim Ashcroft with helping her develop into a first-rate sprinter. "Without him I wouldn't have gotten that far."

That's not to say her path to sprinting greatness didn't take a few detours. Hard to believe but she did dabble in cross country early on, once winning a 1.5-mile race for Spring Valley Junior High, and she even got preoccupied briefly with cheerleading, opting to take a break from running the winter of her freshman year.

But sprinting is her calling card, and Sherry knew she would be back doing what she does best. Her running career received a boost sophomore year when she was one of 60 track and field athletes chosen to represent the United States in a meet against athletes from China, age 19 and younger. Sherry swept the 100 and 200 and ran on the winning 4x100 relay to boot.

In high school, Sherry received several awards, including the Eye of the Tiger Award and Outstanding Achievement Athlete, and participated in various

activities outside of track, including the Mr. and Miss Personality Contest and Student Athletes Against Drunk Driving, speaking with students about making the right choices.

Sherry's stellar career at Spring Valley earned her a full scholarship to Florida State, a traditional Division I power. Among other highlights, she got to run on a relay with teammate Kim Batten, who went on to set a world record in the 400-meter hurdles. Feeling homesick, however, Sherry left Florida State after one year and accepted a full-scholarship offer from Temple's coach, Chuck Alexander.

At Temple, Sherry enjoyed three productive years. She was a finalist in the ECAC (Eastern) championships three straight years in the 100 and 200, and clocked a personal best of 23.9 for the 200. One of her brightest moments with the Owls, she recalls, was coming from behind to anchor the team's 4x400 to victory at the Penn Relays in Philadelphia.

Sherry's track career ended when she graduated from Temple in 1993, with a degree in secondary math education. She remained in Philadelphia for a short period, employed by a publishing company before returning to Spring Valley and working variously as a teacher's assistant at St. Dominic's in Blauvelt, a counselor at the Martin Luther King Multi-Purpose Center in her native Spring Valley, and a children's advocate at Rockland Family Shelter in New City.

She then embarked on a new chapter in her life, one for which she was well prepared. Sherry took a position teaching math to seventh through ninth graders at North Junior High School in Newburgh for two years (she also was cheerleading coach at Newburgh Free Academy during this time). Then, in 1999, she got a job closer to home, teaching math to eighth graders at Willow Grove Middle School in the North Rockland School District. In 2003, she obtained a master's degree in special education from Dominican



College. Sherry remained in her position at Willow Grove until switching within the district in the 2004-2005 school year to Fieldstone Secondary School, now known as Fieldstone Middle School. Sherry continues to teach eighth-grade math at Fieldstone.

Sherry has made a difference in the lives of her students, as evidenced by her selection for inclusion in the Who's Who Among America's Teachers 2005. She was nominated by a former student who herself had been cited for academic excellence. Sherry was also inducted into the Rockland County Track and Field Hall of Fame in 2005.

Although she no longer competes, Sherry maintains a passion for track, as demonstrated by her interest in coaching. She was an assistant girls' spring track coach at Spring Valley for three years, and in 2005 moved across the East Ramapo School District to become head girls' coach at Ramapo in the spring until 2013. Sherry also remains actively involved in her community in many capacities: through her role as a trustee for the Village of Spring Valley, as vice president of the Ramapo-Spring Valley Midget Football League, co-director of the Ramapo-Spring Valley basketball league, organizer of various youth activities such as Christmas Toy Drives and the Halloween Spooktacular, as a member of Eastern Star Poinsettia Chapter 56, Keep Rockland Beautiful, Nyack NAACP, Rockland County Minister Alliance Choir and IAABO 45 Referee Association, and as a volunteer for Meals on Wheels during the holidays. Sherry has also helped with instructing the Spring Valley Inspirational Dancers, and is a past secretary of the Rockland County Concerned Citizens organization.

Sherry, who turns 49 on May 20, is the daughter of Sherry Scott and the late Bobby Murphy. She and her husband, Rickey McGill, celebrate their 26th wedding anniversary next month [May 2019]. They have two children: Rickey, 21, a basketball standout formerly at Spring Valley HS and currently at Iona College; and Sheree, 16, a junior in high school.

Congratulations, Sherry!

TOMMY ROWE

Spring Valley High School
Class of 1975

Tommy "Skid" Rowe was a baseball player, more specifically, a pitcher – first at Spring Valley High School, then at Rockland Community College. After one year at RCC, he was drafted by the Baltimore Orioles and went on to have an 11-year career in professional baseball. Tommy played two years of varsity baseball at Spring Valley and in his senior year was 5-1 with a 2.57 ERA. For his efforts on the mound, Tommy was selected honorable mention All-County in 1975. After graduation from Spring Valley, Tommy enrolled at Rockland Community College and pitched one year for the Rockets, after which he was drafted by the Orioles. An interesting note: While at Rockland, Tommy once pitched and won both ends of a doubleheader.

In the spring of 1977 Tommy was drafted in the second round by the Baltimore Orioles organization and embarked on a professional baseball career that enabled him to travel all over the country and compete against many future major leaguers. Tommy made the All-Star teams at every minor league level: Classes A, AA, and AAA. In 1977 Tommy's Class A team, the Miami Orioles, won the Florida State League championship. Tommy pitched and won the final championship game beating Jim Leland's Lakeland Tigers. During that season, Tommy (only 20 years old) pitched 200 innings on a four-man rotation, posting a career low 2.31 ERA. He also had the honor of being asked by famed Orioles manager Earl Weaver to pitch in the annual Big League-Triple A preseason game in Rochester, N.Y.

In 1980 through 1982 Tommy was on the Baltimore Orioles major league 40-man roster where he competed with and against many future major leaguers. In 1980 while a member of the Charlotte Orioles he and the team won the Southern League championship against the Memphis Chicks. Cal Ripken Jr. was his teammate that season, having made his shortstop debut with Tommy on the mound in a game at Syracuse. "Ironically, Cal made two errors that night, costing me the game on two unearned runs," Tommy says. "I always tell people – he got better!" In 1981 Tommy pitched an exhibition game in the New Orleans Superdome against the New York Yankees and faced Reggie Jackson, Willie Randolph and Bobby Murcer. The opposing pitcher that day was Ron Guidry.



As exciting as those experiences were, they cannot top the time Tommy picked off the Yankees' Chris Chambliss at first base in a spring training game, only to have the umpire call a balk on him. That prompted a vintage outburst from Orioles manager Earl Weaver. "Earl came out and did his thing," Tommy says. "It was a beautiful sight. He got kicked out of the game – for me! That was the moment I knew I was one of the guys."

Interestingly, Tommy is a part of baseball history and honored by the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown with the fact that he pitched in the longest game in professional baseball history. It was 1981 with the Rochester Red Wings versus the Pawtucket Red Sox, both Triple A teams, and it lasted 33 innings. Also participating in that historic game were future major leaguers Cal Ripken Jr., Mike Boddicker, Wade Boggs, Marty Barrett, Rich Gedman and Bobby Ojeda. In 1982 Tommy tied a Southern League (AA) record at that time with the Charlotte Orioles with 15 complete games in 29 starts and tied another league record for most pickoffs for a right-handed pitcher.

Tommy played for four different major league organizations: the Baltimore Orioles, Seattle Mariners, Cleveland Indians and New York Mets. He was fortunate enough to play with and against such stars as Don Mattingly, Wade Boggs, Darryl Strawberry, Ken Singleton, Mookie Wilson and Chris

Chambliss during his career. After his professional playing career was over, Tommy spent one year, 1987, as a pitching coach for the Baltimore Orioles organization in Miami, and had the privilege of working with such great baseball coaches as Earl Weaver, Frank Robinson, Johnny Sain and Cal Ripken Sr.

Although no longer at the professional level, Tommy still enjoys mixing it up with players many years younger. He pitches for the Pelham Mets of the Westchester Baseball Association, a team he helped capture the Stan Musial Baseball national championship in 1995 when he pitched a two-hit shutout against the top-seeded team. His career pitching record for the Mets, since starting with them in 1989, is an impressive 111-32 with a 2.35 ERA.

His fond memories of baseball hark all the way back to the Spring Valley Little League. "Of all the years I played baseball, I always felt one of my most cherished baseball and 'Rockland' moments was at the age of 12 with the Spring Valley Twins," Tommy says proudly. "We won the Jawonio Tournament of Champions under the lights in West Haverstraw in 1970." Tommy fanned an incredible 18 batters in six innings and hit two home runs in a 13-1 quarterfinal victory over the Nanuet Cubs, and struck out 13 in a 7-1 championship game triumph over the New City Braves.



"To this day I will never forget what the reporter [Sam Basson] wrote in the paper about me: 'There's a budding pitching star in Spring Valley who should be grabbing headlines in high school circles in a few years...tab this one and color him with a rainbow.' Sam never knew how much

those words meant to me. It inspired me and gave me confidence."

Tommy added: "It's funny how a moment at 12 years old can be one of my most cherished ones after playing literally thousands of games from high school through 11 years of professional baseball. It made such an impression on me that I always think about it when I've worked with all my kids (teaching) over the past 30-plus years. How one moment at 10, 11 12 years old can stay with them for a lifetime." Tommy provides group and private baseball lessons to children ages 8-12.

Tommy, who is 61, lives with his wife, Nicole, daughter Jordan, 16, and son Alex, 12, in Monroe, N.Y. Another son, Nicky, died five years ago at age 22. Tommy works as an outside sales rep for Graybar Electric, a commercial and industrial lighting supplier, serving the Hudson Valley region.

Tommy was inducted into the Spring Valley High School Sports Hall of Fame in 2017.

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TODD SINCLAIR

North Rockland High School
Class of 1980

Although he excelled from 800 meters to the 10K, Todd Sinclair reaped his greatest fame as a miler and steeplechaser. Todd had a habit of letting the pace lag a bit in the third quarter of races before turning on the jets in the homestretch. That blistering kick carried him to many a victory at North Rockland, the University of Florida and post-collegiately, but two races stand out among the rest:

- His 1,600-meter triumph in the 1980 New York State outdoor scholastic championships at Cornell in 4:09.74, third all-time among Rockland schoolboys.
- His 1,500-meter victory at the Fast Times indoor meet in Gainesville, Fla., in March 1983. Todd's winning time of 3:41.4 equates to a sub-4-minute mile and is the fastest 1,500 ever run by a Rocklander.

Todd's state-meet win was especially sweet after he lost the indoor state 3,200 on a dive at the finish. The 1980 outdoor meet was his eighth time competing at States, and he wanted to leave on a good note. "That was my last opportunity, that's why it was so satisfying, especially after getting second indoors," says Todd, who shattered his personal best by more than seven seconds. "I never felt in control of the race. I didn't think of winning until 200 to go. I was inspired to pull it out."

Todd calls his 1,500 at the Fast Times meet "my single best race all time." But his finest meet was the 1983 Southeastern Conference (SEC) championships, where he won the 3,000-meter steeplechase in 8:41.7 and came back the next day to win the 1,500 in 3:48.3. In the steeplechase he avenged a loss to Rickey Pittman of Tennessee, who had beaten him at the Penn Relays. (Pittman was a three-time Penn Relays champ and third-place finisher at NCAAs.) Todd placed third at Penn in 8:41.1, his personal best and the fastest steeplechase ever by a Rocklander.

On the high school level, Todd earned All-County and All-State honors in track and cross country 10 times collectively; had the County steeplechase record for 25 years at 9:23.7 (run at the 1980 Junior Nationals), and still ranks third; ran a 3:11 leadoff three-quarter-mile leg on North Rockland's winning distance medley relay at the Nassau Coaches indoor meet – the Raiders' 10:22.2 clocking was a County record for 26 years and still ranks second; and stands sixth among County schoolboys on Van Cortlandt's 2.5-



mile course with a then-County record time of 12:36, en route to winning his division at the '79 Manhattan Invitational. Todd was the top high school finisher in the '80 Junior Nationals steeplechase race.

Todd has been inducted into the North Rockland High School Sports Hall of Fame (1992) and the Rockland County Track & Field Hall of Fame (2006), and is a member of the Rockland County All-Century Cross Country team. He was the first athlete from the 1980s to be inducted into the North Rockland Hall of Fame.

At Florida, Todd set two individual school records (indoor 1,500, outdoor steeplechase) and contributed to three relay marks (indoor 2-mile relay, indoor and outdoor distance medley); was the Gators' indoor and outdoor MVP in 1983; and twice placed in the top 15 in the SEC cross country meet.

After college, Todd continued to thrive on the track, with his best post-collegiate performances coming in the early 1990s. He placed third in the 1990 Penn Relays' Jumbo Elliott mile in 4:04.62, then ran 4:03.8 indoors at Harvard in 1991. He also added quality road-racing to his repertoire, winning or placing high in distances ranging from 5K to the half-marathon. He posted an excellent personal best of 29:59.9 for a road 10K.

One trait Todd never lacked was confidence. He respected opponents but was supremely self-assured and didn't disguise it. When he blazed to victory at the Manhattan cross country meet, he said it "felt like a fun run." When he led the 1985 Penn Relays

open 5,000 meters through the first mile in 4:14, with Olympian and former American record-holder Sydney Maree in his wake, he said the pace “felt like we were walking.”

Yet, he also has a keen appreciation of the sport and its icons. He speaks reverentially about lining up on the starting line with people like Steve Scott, the American mile record holder, and Irish miling great Eamonn Coghlan. “It was like fantasy baseball, but for me it was fantasy track,” Todd says. “I ran against my heroes.” He also cites Roger Bannister – history’s first sub-4-minute miler – firing the starting gun in one of Todd’s Penn Relay mile appearances.

Todd is quick to acknowledge the direction he received from those who coached and advised him throughout his career, from Gene Dall at North Rockland, to John Randolph at Florida, to Dick Teetsel and Ralph Coleman after college. He also cherishes the friendships he’s made along the way, especially with Steve Hostomsky, his North Rockland teammate for three years and a 2005 inductee into the Rockland Track & Field Hall of Fame.

Testimonials were not hard to come by in saluting the personal and athletic attributes of Todd Sinclair. From North Rockland Athletic Director Joe Casarella: “Todd was an inspiraton to his teammates by his leadership and giving attitude. He has a special gift of making those around him better people . . . I have been at North Rockland for 50 years as a teacher, coach and administrator and can say Todd Sinclair is one of the best young men I have been fortunate to know.”



And from Gene Dall, who coached at North Rockland for 47 years before moving to Texas two years ago and now assists his son, Ryan, at Texas A&M-Kingsville: “He was always a team leader. Todd led by both word and deed. He is always helping our younger team members by providing tips and pointers for them to improve their skills. His work ethic and dedicated practice routine showed other team members how hard work leads to success.”

Todd achieved his success despite a difficult upbringing as an orphan. He lived in the St. Agatha’s group home in Haverstraw from seventh grade through high school, and had earlier stopovers in the Bronx, Manhattan and Nanuet, among other places. Coach Gene Dall also opened his home to Todd during his high school years.

Todd graduated from Florida in 1985 with a degree in physical education. He was a health and physical education teacher at Don Bosco Prep in Ramsey, N.J., for 3 ½ years, and held the same position at Teaneck (N.J.) High School for 18 years before serving as athletic director at Teaneck from 2010 to 2018. Todd has also given back extensively to the sports that gave him so much, having served as head coach of cross country, indoor track and spring track at both Don Bosco and Teaneck, and officiating track & field in Rockland County for 10 years.

Todd was recently engaged to his longtime girlfriend, Jennifer Noel, an Art teacher at Teaneck High School, where they met. Todd, who’s 56 and lives in Stony Point, now bikes regularly with a cycling group and prides himself on a lifestyle of fitness and vigorous health.

Congratulations, Todd!

Congratulations Todd
on your induction to the
Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame, Class of 2019.

To us you’re much more than a New York State Champion.

It was an honor to coach you!

Gene and Lonnie Dall

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BOB VELTIDI

Nanuet High School
Class of 1965

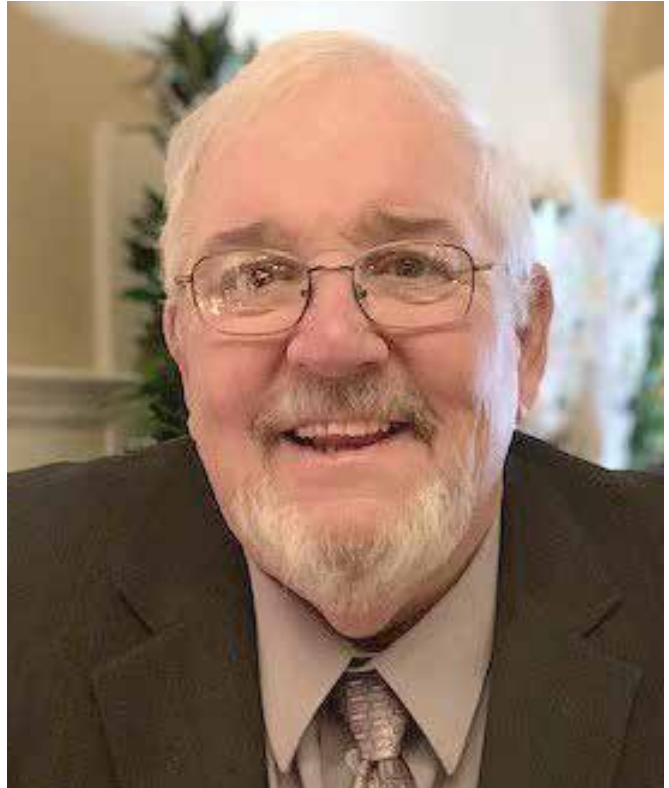
Although most Rockland sports buffs would associate his name and reputation more closely with Suffern High School, make no mistake about it: Bob Veltidi is a Nanuet kid born and bred. Growing up on Englewood Avenue as the oldest of Patsy and Lillian Veltidi's three boys, Bob – or Robbie, as he was known then – launched his athletic career as a catcher in the Nanuet Little League and progressed through the Nanuet system to become a valued pillar of the varsity football, wrestling and baseball teams.

Friendships forged in small communities like Nanuet tend to endure, and Bob, a gregarious sort, made many lasting ones. "There were about 10 guys who I spent 13 years with together, from kindergarten through 12th grade," he says, naming football teammates Phil Carpenter, the late Jerry Leo, Ricky Cole, Gaylord Ingham and John Forni among others. "We were all very close." He also had a pair of wrestling teammates who joined him in 2011 as Nanuet High School Sports Hall of Fame inductees – Dick Berich and the late John Hassler, who were freshmen when Bob was a senior.

Bob was a three-year, two-way starter for the football team under Coach Mike Achille, playing center and linebacker his sophomore and junior years and spearheading the defense at middle linebacker his senior year while playing tackle on offense. As a senior he led the team in tackles, was voted best defensive player and MVP by his teammates, and earned Journal-News "Player of the Week" honors for making 13 solo tackles and blocking two punts in a 14-13 victory over archrival Pearl River. He also claimed All-County honors twice from The Journal-News, at tackle and center.

"Robbie was like having a second coach on the field," Achille said. "He understood the game at an early age and had a deep insight into the sport. He made decisions on the field that were very sound. He made the most of his ability."

In wrestling Bob got his start at Highview School as the intramural champion in fifth and sixth grades. By the time he reached high school he was already an experienced grappler and won a varsity match at 175



pounds as a freshman after being called up from the JV. He went on to a solid three-year varsity career as a heavyweight, notching two third-place finishes and one fourth in the Rockland County PSAL tournament and winning 17 of his 21 matches as a senior. He also was a two-time runner-up in the Orange County Community College tournament.

Baseball was a natural athletic outlet for Bob since his father was heavily involved in the Nanuet Little League. Patsy Veltidi served as one of the league's first managers, coaching the Pirates to league championships three of the first four years, and skipping the league's first All-Star team. Bob was first-string catcher for the Pirates for four straight years and played on two league title teams, including its first championship squad in 1958, and started on the league's first All-Star team in 1960.

He continued his All-Star caliber catching with the Nanuet Babe Ruth League Cardinals, and earned two varsity letters for the Golden Knights' baseball team. He caught on the JV level as a frosh and on the varsity as a junior but a knee injury midway through the season sidelined him and prompted a switch to first base and pitcher his senior year. In his sophomore year he exchanged his baseball cleats for track sneakers, shot-putting for rookie coach (and Englewood Avenue neighbor) Dave Hanson's thinclads. Bob's best mark was an impressive 49 feet 6 inches for third

place at the Nyack Jaycees meet. "I was upset I wasn't allowed to do two sports [in the same season]," says Bob, who usually got the better of assistant coach Achille in practice shot-put competitions. "I envied the fact that the track team was the County champ [in 1965] and I was on a 5-15 baseball team."



Bob learned at an early age the importance of giving back to the Nanuet schools athletic community. His father played integral roles in the development of the Nanuet Little League, Black & Gold Club, Jerry Leo Memorial Scholarship fund, Nanuet Alumni Association, Little Brown Jug Game and the Nanuet-Pearl River Alumni Football Game, not to mention a pivotal involvement in the chartering of Nanuet Junior-Senior High School itself.

Taking a cue from his dad, Bob devoted many hours to the young people of the Nanuet schools community. Throughout his high school years he served as a coach and instructor for the Saturday Morning wrestling and basketball programs for Highview and George W. Miller elementary schoolchildren. Together with teammate and classmate Tom Fay, he originated, organized and coordinated what has become a Thanksgiving Day tradition: the Nanuet-Pearl River Alumni Football Game, which initially was called the "Beer Mug" game. Bob helped steer it through the early years from 1967 through 1970 with Fay, Tom Fay Sr. and Patsy Veltidi. "I obtained school board approval, coached, played, sold tickets, advertised, and lined the fields," says Bob, noting that the game generated scholarship funds for college-bound Nanuet football alumni for a few years.

Bob played freshman football and wrestled at SUNY Cortland before an injury short-circuited his competitive career. After stints at RCC and a second go-round at Cortland, he transferred to Slippery Rock in Pennsylvania and graduated in 1970 with a B.S. in health and physical education. Bob then embarked on a 33-year career (1970-2003) as a phys ed teacher, coach and administrator at Suffern High School, the last five as assistant athletic director. He was Suffern's varsity football head coach from 1985 to 1996, leading the Mounties to six bowl appearances and securing Coach of the Year honors for Section 1 League 1A in 1986. He served as offensive coordinator from 1978 to 1984, a key cog in Suffern's County championship years of 1979 (undefeated) and 1983, and also as freshman coach from 1970 to 1977.

In wrestling Bob was varsity assistant/upper-weight class coach under head coach Bill White from 1976 to '87, putting a heavyweight finalist in the County and Section 1 tournaments every year. The Mounties won

five County and eight Sectional crowns during Bob's 17-year tenure with the program, including the first five as freshman coach.

Bob has served in a leadership capacity for numerous local athletic organizations. He was Section 1 Football Coaches Association president from 1988 to 1997 and vice president from 1985 to '87. He also was Rockland County Coaches Association president for four years (1999-2003) and vice president for five years (1993-98).

He officiated at the County track & field championships for 17 years (1971-88) and was widely heralded as the voice of the County wrestling tournament, having served as public address announcer and meet coordinator from 1990 to 2003.

Bob is one of a select circle of individuals whose names are practically synonymous with Rockland County athletics, such is his longstanding influence in that sphere. But his sports celebrity status jumped a peg or two when he booked a three-year gig as co-host and producer of "Air It Out Live," a local-sports talk show on TKR Cable TV from 1997 to 1999. "We had different guests each week. We gave results and predictions on the games," he says. "I did so well [in predictions] they started calling me Jimmy the Greek."

Among his other notable accomplishments, Bob was a founder of the Suffern High School Sports Hall of Fame and an originator, coach and coordinator of the Suffern Alumni Football Game; is a member of the Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame board of directors; is a recipient of the inaugural Julie D'Agostino Award for service to the Rockland wrestling community (1999) and the Football Coaches Service Award from Section 1 (1998); and, following the lead of his late father – who was a 2005 Nanuet Hall of Famer himself in the community service category – Bob served on the Jerry Leo Memorial Scholarship committee.

In 2003 Bob retired from the Suffern School District and moved 22 miles north to Greenwood Lake to enjoy his love of fishing. While living in Greenwood Lake Bob remained active on the Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame committee serving as the chairman of the Selection subcommittee and the emcee of the induction banquet. Bob's love for Suffern sports kept bringing him back to Rockland to follow the football and wrestling teams. You could find him at every home football game and all of the wrestling matches.

In retirement Bob, who's 71, has authored two books: "Life at the End of a Rod, a Fisherman's Journey," and his latest book, "The Double Digit Gang," a story

geared to adolescent boys about six friends growing up in a small town and playing sports together. In 2015 Bob and his wife of 49-plus years, Judy, also a retired teacher, moved back to Suffern to be closer to their grandchildren. Now that he is back in Suffern Bob has become a volunteer coach of the heavy-weights on the wrestling team and is the Information Director for the Suffern wrestling program. He has an e-mail list of more than 400 former and current members of the Suffern wrestling family and reports all the team's results.

Bob and Judy have two children: Sally, 40, the director of Parks and Recreation for the Town of Eastchester in Westchester County, and Douglas, 38, an account

executive for Sterling National Bank. Douglas is married to Kristen, a special education teacher in New York City, and they have two children: Katherine Jeanne, 4, and Patrick Joseph, 1. Bob still enjoys fishing and Suffern sports but the two best days of the week are Monday and Wednesday when he and Judy get to care for Katherine and Patrick all day.

With this induction Bob has hit the "trifecta" – the Nanuet Sports Hall of Fame, the Suffern Sports Hall of Fame, and now the Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame. He joins his uncle, Vic Veltidi, who was enshrined in the Rockland Hall of Fame in 2012.

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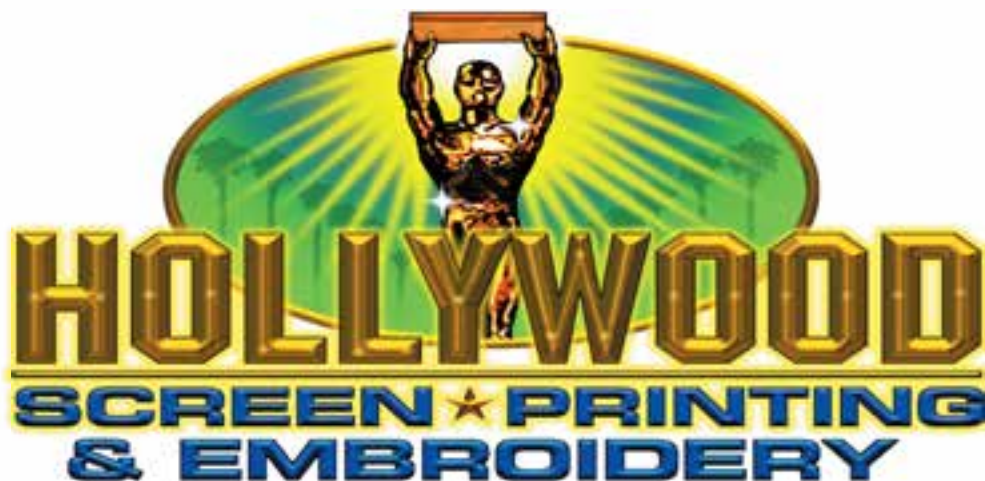
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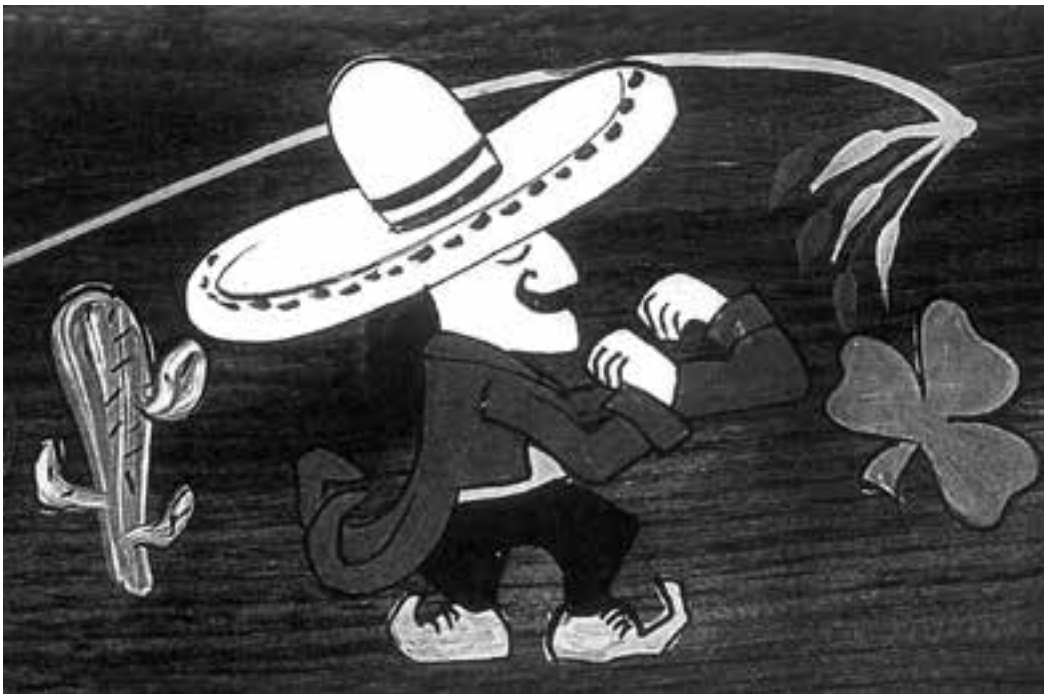
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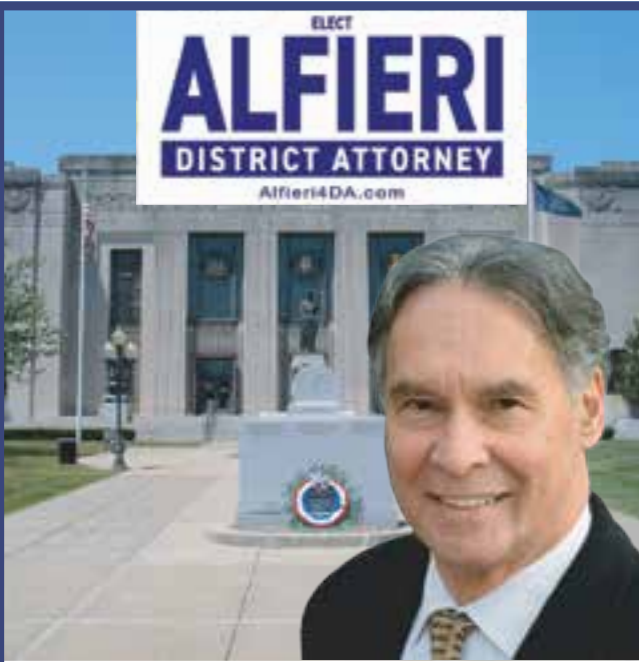
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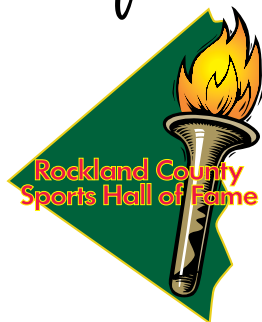
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