



ROCKLAND COUNTY SPORTS HALL OF FAME

A History of Sports Excellence

2017



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Celebrating our 44th Year

Honoring

John Castellano

Phil Donnelly

Tom Mulroy

Al Taylor

Jerome Whidbee

Fred Adler

Joseph Holland
Lifetime Achievement Award



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*Congratulations to the 2017 Inductees of the
Rockland County Sports Hall Of Fame*

North Rockland's Own
Fred Adler – Joseph Holland Lifetime Achievement Award

John Castellano – Nyack
Phil Donnelly – Pearl River
Tom Mulroy – Ramapo
Al Taylor – Nyack
Jerome Whidbee - Nyack



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- Three Medal Of Honor Recipients
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- The 95th Civil War Regiment Flag Carried At Gettysburg

Chairman's Message



We celebrate our 44th Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame induction with a star-studded group of athletes, coaches and an official. Each year's class takes on a distinctive character and this year's group is defined by achievement at the highest echelons of their respective sports. We have athletes who excelled in multiple sports, single-sport stars, and a coach and official who

reached state and national prominence. Rockland County continues to produce outstanding athletes year after year, so there is no shortage of qualified candidates for future years.

The Pirates of Pearl River present us with Phil Donnelly, a 1993 graduate who excelled as a wrestler with 155 total wins under the guidance and tutelage of legendary coach Julius D'Agostino. Phil received a scholarship to Old Dominion University where he competed successfully until he was sidelined with an injury his senior year. It's always a pleasure to see Phil and his lovely wife Laura and family supporting the Coach Dag Memorial Scholarship Fund each year at Blue Hill Golf Course.

Nyack has a trio of inductees this year. Al Taylor was a superb basketball, football and track athlete often quoted as being among the best all-around athletes in Rockland County between 1956-1960. Jerome Whidbee excelled in football, basketball and baseball and was named All-Daily News starting quarterback in 1965, his senior year. After receiving an athletic scholarship to Tennessee State University, he returned to Rockland and achieved excellence playing shortstop for the Apollo XII softball team. John Castellano, or "Cas" as he is affectionately known, compiled an amazing record of 180-49-1 as head coach for the Indians, achieving two State championships along the way. His excellence as a head coach for 23 seasons and his work with students and the Nyack community are all major accomplishments. Cas has now brought his talents and winning ways to Westlake, where his team won a Section 1 championship in 2015.

Ramapo's Tom Mulroy, a 1974 graduate, is arguably the best soccer player to come out of Rockland County. He led the Gryphons to a Section 9 championship in his senior year and sharpened his soccer skills while playing for Ulster County Community College. From there he went on to play professional soccer for the Miami Toros of the North America Soccer League, competing and defending against players such as Pelé and other major stars. Since his playing days he has coached and trained other coaches. He currently heads up his own company and travels the world doing what he loves – promoting soccer.

Fred Adler is a 1953 Haverstraw High School graduate. According to Jamie Kempton, founder and chairman of the Rockland County Track & Field Hall of Fame, "Adler made his mark as a top-rated track official on the high school, college and elite levels for more than 35 years. A master-level official for USA Track & Field, he has worked as a clerk, chief starter and coordinator of officials at numerous open and collegiate national championship meets, the Olympic Trials, Millrose Games, Penn Relays, and many other elite events; World Masters, Special Olympics and Paralympics, the Warrior Games at West Point, and a multitude of college and scholastic championship meets."

One often sees Fred holding court at Sparky's Diner in Garnerville with his friends in the morning hours and makes the rounds to charity sports gatherings and events. Fred epitomizes what true service and

community is all about, and we are pleased to honor him with the Joseph Holland Lifetime Achievement Award.

The Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame is doing its part to honor Rockland's athletes, coaches and others who have contributed in some meaningful way to sports. We work closely with all the other school's halls of fame and are doing our share to keep sports relevant. We are currently helping to fund scholar-athletes and those less fortunate. As such, we will be holding our Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame night at a Rockland Boulders game on Thursday, June 29 at 7 p.m. when the Boulders take on the Cuban national team. Proceeds will benefit Tommy McGuire, the former Clarkstown South football quarterback who is paralyzed from the waist down after a tragic swimming pool accident in June 2016. We hope that many of you might join us in a worthy cause while having a fun night, seating in the Sunset Deck, at the ballgame at Palisades Credit Union Park in Pomona.

In the past year, we experienced the loss of three of our past inductees. Gloria Callen Jones, a 1976 inductee who was by far the best swimmer to grace Rockland County, was a national champion who had made the 1940 Olympic team for the Helsinki games in Finland, only to have them cancelled due to WW II. I had the occasion to speak to Gloria, who was living in West Virginia, when I was researching the records of Elizabeth Ryan, a 1936 Olympic swimmer from Pomona. Gloria was most helpful and gracious. Mike Rotundo, a 2013 honoree, was a four-sport athlete amassing 16 varsity letters in his four years at Tappan Zee in the early 1950s. He was a superb basketball player who later went on to coach the Albertus Magnus freshman team for 21 years. A good friend and colleague of mine, Mike was always a fierce competitor. Michael Coffey, the 2016 Joseph Holland Lifetime Achievement recipient, sadly died shortly after last year's induction. Michael was an outstanding assistant basketball coach for Pearl River High School and Dominican College, and was a tireless worker and inspiration to everyone that he met. They will all be missed.

The Hall of Fame has a website that serves as a rich repository of Hall of Fame information, including bios and photos on all 262 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, master of ceremonies and screening committee chair; Vince Sciortino, vice chairman and fund-raising director; Chuck Maze, for community relations; Dan White and Tom Doherty, for their 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.

Regards,

Pete Scheibner
Chairman



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Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame 2017 List of Inductees

JOHN CASTELLANO – NYACK

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AL TAYLOR – NYACK

INTRODUCED BY: *Chuck Maze, Hall of Fame Committee*
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JEROME WHIDBEE – NYACK

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PLAQUE SPONSOR: Nyack Indians Athletic Department

FRED ADLER

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Dinner Program

Pledge of Allegiance.....Gene Erickson

Invocation

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Master of Ceremonies

Bob Veltidi

Committees

Dinner.....Gibby Sweet

Program Book.....Peter Scheibner

Screening.....Bob Veltidi

Tickets.....Pete Castellano

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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 262 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
- Haverstraw Little League Save the Fields Fund • American Cancer Society • Special Olympics
- Venture • Big Brothers-Big Sisters • Challenger Little League • YMCA Youth Programs • Homes for Heroes

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Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame Nomination Form

Nominee: _____
(Last) (First) (M)

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" 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 Cordisco*
Bryan Hassett
Bob Tierney*

1985

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

1986

Joe Alleva
John Jimeson
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 Bidy
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*

* Denotes Deceased

† Old-Timers' Special Award

†† Joe Holland Lifetime Achievement Award

JOHN CASTELLANO

Nyack High School Coach

Nyack High School's football history is the stuff legends are made of. From the mid-1950s through the 1970s Nyack football had been an athletic force to be reckoned with in Rockland County. The Indians had quite a few championship teams and many great players. When the 1980s came along, championships for the Nyack football program were in a drought. They needed someone to come in and revitalize the program. In 1988 they found their man: John Castellano. John came to Nyack by way of Westchester County. He worked as an assistant at his alma mater, Mamaroneck, before moving on to Gorton, Roosevelt and Iona College. He mastered his craft as an assistant coach under Section 1 and New York State legend Tony DeMatteo. John, or "Coach Cas" as the kids refer to him, knew his football, but more importantly he knew how to teach, motivate and encourage young men to reach their potential on the football field and in life. For the next 23 years John and the Nyack football program racked up league, sectional, regional and state titles like no other program in the history of Rockland County: 14 League titles, 7 Section 1 championships, 4 Regional championships, 3 times New York State finalists, and winning the New York State championship twice, in 2000 and 2003. In 22 of those 23 seasons Nyack football teams made the Section 1 playoffs or participated in a Section 1 Bowl game under John's leadership. Nyack's overall record during John's tenure as head coach from 1988 through 2010 was 180-49-1. Coach Cas has the distinction of being No. 1 in coaching victories in Nyack football history and No. 3 all-time among Rockland football coaches.

Numerous players have been selected All-League, All-County, All-Section and All-State while playing for Coach Cas, and four young men were named New York State Player of the Year: Jermaine Harris in 1989, Ronnie King in 2000, Nigel Morris in 2002, and Pete Samoylo in 2003. And John's own personal accolades include being selected as league coach of the year 10 times, Section 1 Coach of the Year twice, Rockland County Coach of the Year five times, and twice as the New York State Coach of the Year, in 2000 and 2002. John was also named as the New York Giants "Lou Reitano" Award winner in 2002, given to the outstanding football coach in the tri-state area, and the Gerald Ford All-American Coach of the Year in 2002, a national coach of the year award. In addition, John has been recognized and honored by the NAACP for his efforts in Nyack football and the Nyack community.



Coach Cas served as a physical education teacher at Nyack High School for 25 years. He also served the children of Nyack as the high school's dean of students and its athletic coordinator. John never allowed an opportunity to educate children to pass him by, using countless opportunities both on and off the athletic fields to teach children lessons in school and life. John's teaching also extended to the numerous assistant coaches and teachers with whom he worked. He would never hesitate to help, educate or simply listen to a colleague, coach or friend. John would open his heart, home and family to anyone with whom he was in contact. A former football parent was quoted as saying, "All the honors John and his teams have received are wonderful, but more importantly, he has always had an open-door policy to his team and the students of Nyack High School. He has helped many kids in many different ways and he is truly adored by the Nyack community." When Coach Cas decided to retire and Nyack Athletic Director Joe Sigillo posted the position for head football coach, Sigillo said, "Castellano established a strong tradition at Nyack over the years. He set the bar high, that's for sure. And we'll do everything we can to reach it."

After retiring as the head football coach at Nyack, John continued his coaching career as an assistant coach at Don Bosco Prep for two seasons. While he was coaching there, Don Bosco earned a No. 1 national ranking. He then moved on to Poughkeepsie High School for two seasons. John currently is the head football coach at Westlake High School in

Westchester, where he has won the Section 1 championship in 2015 in his class and has been honored as the Lohud Westchester County Coach of the Year. His continued success as a coach is still a point of pride and distinction for Nyack and Rockland County.

John currently resides in Valley Cottage with his wife, Donna. They have four children: Nickolas, 36, who works in security management in Las Vegas; Erica, 28, a math teacher in Scars-

dale; Kristin, 27, a first-grade teacher in Yonkers; and Mark, 24, a physical education teacher currently working in the Nyack school system. John chose Rockland County more than 25 years ago as the place in which to live and raise his family, and to help improve the lives of his neighbors and fellow community members. Coach Cas and his family contribute and have given countless hours to many local and national charities including the American Cancer Society, St. Ann's Food Cupboard, the Special Olympics and Little League.



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PHIL DONNELLY

Pearl River High School
Class of 1993

Phil Donnelly has always been an athlete, competing in four different sports while at Pearl River High School. In the fall Phil always ran cross country and contributed to two Section 1 championship harrier squads for the Pirates and a New York State third-place team his senior year. For two years he competed in spring track, winning the Section 1 Class B pole vault title as a sophomore. In his junior and senior years, he played on the Pearl River golf team. In wrestling, cross country, track & field and golf, Phil amassed a grand total of 14 varsity letters.

As we all should be aware, though, his best sport was wrestling. As a 9-year-old Phil earned a second-place finish in the Kids Northeastern Regional U.S.A. Wrestling Tournament, which included 13 states. It was that tournament that brought him to prominence and started his outstanding wrestling career. While competing for five years on the mat at Pearl River, Phil set a then-Rockland County record of 155 wins. He was a four-time Section 1 champion and a four-time New York State place winner (top-six finish). He improved his state placement every year, as a freshman finishing sixth, as a sophomore fifth, as a junior fourth, and in his senior year he made it to the finals of the state tournament, finishing second. In his four trips to the state tournament Phil compiled an amazing 13 career wins. In his senior year he won 35 matches competing in the 138-pound weight class, a Pearl River High School record for a single season.

Phil won the Rockland County Tournament championship twice, both times being named as the Sol Gordon Most Outstanding Wrestler, voted on by the county coaches. During his high school career, Phil competed in many other tournaments, winning the Shoreline Tournament in New Rochelle and the O'Connell Memorial Tournament in Pearl River four times each, and the John Jay Tournament in Hopewell Junction three times. But his most impressive victory came early on in his career, as a freshman in the 1990 Section 1 finals, when he beat a senior from Beacon to qualify for the state tournament. That freshman season was quite an eye-opener for the rest of the county and section. No one expected Phil to be the section champion after finishing sixth in the Rockland County Tournament earlier that year. Phil noted that the most enjoyable and hardest practices he ever experienced were during the post-season when all the champions would get together and work out. Just competing with future state and national champions like David Hirsch, Juan Carlos Garcia and Chris Matteotti was one of the thrills of his life.



It was in the eighth grade that Phil made the jump to the Pearl River varsity wrestling team and Hall of Fame Coach Julius D'Agostino took him under his wing. That was the start of one of the closest relationships between a coach and an athlete that Rockland County has ever experienced. Together they helped and encouraged each other through countless wrestling matches and medical visits. During Phil's junior year Coach D'Agostino was diagnosed with terminal cancer, but he persevered and was at Phil's side for every one of his matches the rest of that season, and all through Phil's senior year. The wrestling community marveled at the compassion and trust exhibited between the two men. "Coach Dag" even flew up to the State tournament in Syracuse on a stretcher, and coached Phil during his final matches in 1993. They received a standing ovation after that last match as Phil, the wrestler, helped push his coach out of the Onondaga County Convention Center for the last time.

After graduating from Pearl River, Phil was determined to continue his wrestling career. He enrolled at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia, an NCAA Division I wrestling school, on a partial wrestling scholarship and went out for the team. Phil wrestled so well that after his freshman year he was awarded a full scholarship. He wrestled very successfully at Old Dominion during his first two years, finishing second at the very tough Lockhaven Invitational and winning the Old Dominion University Tournament three times. He decided to redshirt his junior year to possibly come back stronger and

make it to the Nationals in his senior year, but early in his senior season, Phil sustained a very serious neck injury that ended his competitive wrestling.

For his accomplishments in wrestling, Phil has been inducted into the Pearl River Sports Hall of Fame and the Section One Wrestling Hall of Fame.

After college, Phil worked at Chelsea Piers in the sports management business for eight years and then decided to relocate his work closer to home. Currently Phil is the general manager of the Kinetics Sports Club in Pelham Manor, N.Y. Under his direction, the Kinetic Sports Club will soon be opening the first indoor water park in the metropolitan area. He is married to the former Laura Woolgar, and they have two sons – Thomas, 5, and Kevin, 3. They currently reside in Tappan.



Congratulations

**to all inductees
especially to
Pearl River's
Only
Four-Time
All-State Wrestler
PHIL
DONNELLY**

**From
Gibby Sweet**

CONGRATULATIONS PHIL DONNELLY

And the rest of the

**Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame Inductees
Class of 2017**

On behalf of the

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Proud Sponsors of Clarkstown South Wrestling**

Phil,

*Your career has been an inspiration to countless wrestlers, coaches
and fans! Kudos to you on your well-deserved honor!*

Sincerely,

John Laurenzi

TOM MULROY

(SOCCER TOM)

Ramapo High School
Class of 1974

Tom Mulroy rose from the playing fields of East Ramapo schools to become one of Rockland County's most accomplished soccer players and a major catalyst in the sport both in the U.S. and worldwide. He played professional soccer for 13 years with 13 teams in five indoor and outdoor leagues, and smoothly transitioned to a career as a nationally recognized youth clinician, promoter and ambassador of the sport. He currently owns and operates his own sports marketing company, Soccer Marketing & Promotions, traveling the world to promote "The Beautiful Game" and staging highly visible soccer-oriented events.

One of Tom's career highlights occurred in August 1976, during the final game of his first season of pro soccer, with the Miami Toros of the North American Soccer League (NASL). Signed at age 19, he was the youngest player in the league. Miami was playing at Yankee Stadium against the New York Cosmos, a team that featured a galaxy of world-class players, none more revered than the incomparable Pelé. After the Brazilian superstar scored early in the game, midfielder Mulroy was assigned to cover him. Although Pelé beat Tom for a spectacular bicycle kick goal (an over-the-head backward shot), he was so impressed with Tom's skillful marking that, at game's end, he stripped off his famed No. 10 playing jersey and gave it to the young defender, a sign of ultimate respect. A Journal-News photo that captured Tom's guarding of Pelé attained wide circulation and helped Mulroy gain entrée in his bid to train with European teams.

Expert Mentoring

Tom was introduced to soccer at age 12 by John Sautner of the Spring Valley SC, then continued club soccer under the legendary Frank Rottenbacher of the Clarkstown Soccer Club. At Pomona Junior High, he was guided by Fred Bloom, his eighth-grade coach, and Rick Meszaros, his freshman team mentor. His varsity coach at Ramapo High School was the late Gary Schoonmaker. "All of these coaches, they were my father. Without them, I would have no guidance," says Tom, the product of a single-parent household in a "rough, poorer" section of Hillcrest where drugs were a constant temptation and reality. "If it were not for the sport of soccer and the direction that it took me in my life, I believe I would be dead or in jail."

"I was growing up in Rockland County and being introduced to soccer in the late 1960s and early '70s, when soccer participation was virtually nonexistent. In fact, there was only one



youth soccer team north of the New York City ethnic communities, so we had to travel every weekend to play against communities such as the Greek Americans in Astoria, Queens, the Brooklyn Italians or the German Hungarians in Maspeth, Queens. It was like a World Cup every weekend. The scarcity of people playing created an environment where the true soccer lovers in Rockland had to find each other and stick together. This unique environment is where I flourished as a soccer player and as a human. Teammates like Hervé Guillioud, Ron Dufrene and Rick Derella, to name a few, helped me hone my skills on and off the field. And the coaches I had growing up in Rockland provided me with confidence and guidance to become a leader."

Schoonmaker remembered his former midfielder's growth in a 1983 Journal-News article. "He was not naturally gifted but he developed all the skills," Schoonmaker said then. "He acquired a soccer sense you just can't teach. Of all the players I've had, I would have to rank him No. 1, along with Ronil Dufrene," who was a No. 1 draft pick in the 1983 NASL draft and played with Mulroy on the Fort Lauderdale Sun of the outdoor United Soccer League (USL).

Scholastic, Collegiate, Professional Success

In 1974, Tom led the Ramapo Gryphons to the Rockland PSAL and Section 9 championships and was a first-team All-County selection. After graduating from Ramapo, he spent three semesters at nationally ranked Ulster County Community College, twice earning junior college first-team All-America honors and leading the Senators to the NJCAA final four. He

also played on the U.S. Youth National Team that competed in the inaugural FIFA/Concacaf youth tournament in 1974. After Ulster, Tom embarked on his 13-year pro soccer odyssey, which included an all-star berth in the 1979 Major Indoor Soccer League season, playing for the Pittsburgh Spirit; team championships with the USL's Fort Lauderdale Sun and Louisville Thunder of the indoor American Soccer League; and earning the honor of playing in the 1989 World All-Star Game in Peru, which served as the farewell game of retiring Peruvian World Cup star Teofilo "Nene" Cubillas.

Once Tom caught the soccer bug at age 12, it became his dream – one might say his obsession – to be a professional soccer player. By his reckoning, he trained 40 hours a week, kick-dribbling a ball everywhere he went. Those ball skills were put to good use in 1979, when Tom, ever the showman, ascended the 86th floor observation deck of the Empire State Building and juggled a soccer ball 12,295 times without letting it touch the ground – a world record at the time, as certified by the Guinness Book of Records.

Teaching and Promoting "The Beautiful Game"

Tom's exceptional ball wizardry, combined with his flair for showmanship, has led to a successful career as a coach, clinician and promoter of the sport. Nicknamed "Soccer Tom," he was dubbed "the foremost soccer entertainer in the country" by Shep Messing, the former Cosmos all-star goalkeeper. "His ball control skills, balance and agility are unmatched by anybody in the country," Messing enthused. Tom, a U.S. Soccer Federation A-licensed coach with an NSCAA national advanced diploma, has trained coaches on every development level and performed clinics for thousands of young players. While playing with the MISL's New York Arrows, he estimated that his kids-clinic audience reached an astonishing 450,000 children in a single year. He served as Director of Soccer Educational Programs, an institute devoted to the development of American youth soccer players.

On the international level, Tom served as a spokesperson for the 1994 World Cup, which was hosted in the U.S., and a consultant for World Cup Organizing Committee. He was a member of the 1996 Olympic Soccer Games Executive Committee, when the Games were held in Atlanta, and was also a member of the USSF Professional Planning Committee. Tom founded his Miami-based soccer marketing firm in 1988 and operated it until 2009, when he sold the company to Brazilian-based Traffic Sports, which owned the NASL's Fort Lauderdale Strikers. After three years as vice president of grassroots events and sponsorship activation with Traffic Sports, he was appointed president of the Strikers and remained in that position until the franchise was sold in November 2014. Tom then re-launched Soccer Marketing & Promotions. He has designed and implemented such successful soccer initiatives as Copa Latina, "FanZone" and the 96-Mile Olympic Ball Run, and was recently named soccer director of the World OutGames Miami 2017, a sporting and cultural event hosted by the gay community and open to all participants.

Tom lives in Miami with his wife, Paola, and daughter, Sabrina, 11. In addition to his Rockland Sports Hall of Fame honor, he was inducted into the NJCAA Hall of Fame in 1993 and named to the NJCAA "Team of the Century."

"Today soccer is a mainstream sport in the U.S.A.," Tom explains, "but in my entire early life it was a completely misunderstood sport for foreign kids or kids who could not make other sports teams. I wanted people to know the passion and the love that only soccer has provided for billions of people around the world. It doesn't matter how big you are or how strong you are, if your feet reach the ground you can play and you can play for your entire life. It doesn't take much money – all you need is a ball and off you go. It's the world's game and I wanted people in my country to experience the passion the way I felt it. So even if I had to do it one person at a time, one clinic at a time, it is something that I will be sharing with anyone who crosses my path for the rest of my life."



AL TAYLOR

Nyack High School
Class of 1960

Al Taylor was born in Durham, North Carolina, and came to Rockland to be raised by his aunts Celestine Barney and Eva Bond. By the time he graduated from Nyack High School in 1960, he had won nine varsity letters in three sports and was celebrated as the "Most Athletic" member of his class.

He soon returned to North Carolina, where he attended college and met his future wife, with whom he would share more than a half-century of service to community and the joy of a growing extended family.

From 1956 to 1960 at Nyack High School, Taylor was a man for all seasons. He was a unanimous first team All-County selection in both basketball and football and four-time county champion – twice as an individual in the shot put, and twice as a member of Nyack track relays. He even earned an award as a member of the JV baseball team. Along the way he set several county records in scoring, time and distances.

FOOTBALL

Al Taylor was a part of stellar Nyack teams from the fall of 1956, when he appeared in a Nyack team photo in *The Journal-News* as a freshman, through the fall of 1959, representing the Indians on the first team All-County football teams in his junior and senior seasons. The recognition was much deserved.

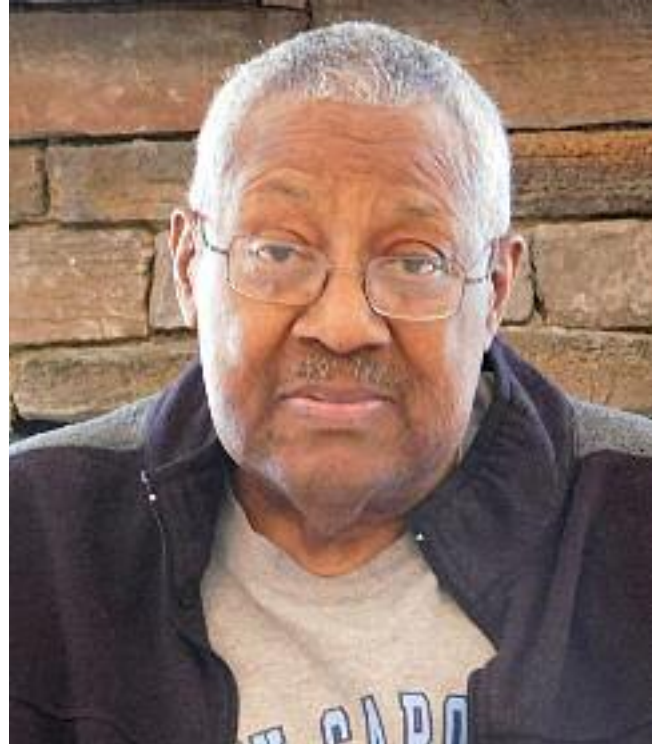
In a game story on Oct. 27, 1959, *Journal-News* Sports Editor Joe Marsico gave a sense of the critical role Taylor played, especially during his junior and senior seasons.

"A Stu Theis to Taylor pass carried to the Clarkstown 35," and a few plays and a penalty later, Nyack was at the 21 yard line. "Theis spotted Taylor slanting to the left, hit him nicely and Big Al went over unmolested. He booted the extra point to make it 27-6, Nyack."

The catch was captured perfectly in a photo in *The Journal-News* showing Taylor with "his hands open, waiting for Stu Theis' forward pass," which can be seen part way through its successful flight. Taylor, who also played defense, also kicked three extra points.

The success against Clarkstown was typical of that 1959 season, as Nyack suffered just a single loss to Haverstraw and added victories against Newburgh, Port Jervis, Tappan Zee, Spring Valley, Pearl River and Suffern.

The victory over Clarkstown, in which Taylor played a pivotal role, combined with a Suffern win over Spring Valley on Veterans Day, brought Nyack a 1959 co-championship shared with the Mounties.



News of the co-championship appeared under a full-page headline proclaiming, "Taylor, Sullivan Unanimous All-County Choices," with the subhead, "Nyack and Suffern Dominate 1959 'Dream' Team Selections."

The story by Marsico, the legendary sports editor, began with mention of "Al Taylor, Nyack High School's acrobatic pass-catching end..." Taylor, it went on to say, "is the only repeater on the first team, having picked up a like nomination last season," when he was a junior in the fall of 1958. "Aside from Taylor, who breezed in," there were battles for all the other line positions, according to Marsico. "In Taylor and (Suffern's Bob) Stoughton at ends, you have height, pass-catching ability and good speed on both flanks." In an era when many stars played both ways, it was said of Taylor's defense that "Big Al's strong suit was knocking down aerials in his sector."

As far as rivalries were concerned, Taylor's son Stephen says, "In all the stories my Dad has told me, Haverstraw was always the battle."

BASKETBALL

On Jan. 15, 1960, *The Journal-News* reported that "A point of interest in Pearl River will be Nyack's Al Taylor going over the 100-point mark. The Nyack ace has compiled 94 already and should have no trouble finding six points to reach the charmed circle for the third straight year."

Although there were players on his basketball team who were taller, Al was the center at 6-foot-1 and 180 pounds, with strong leaping ability that brought rebounding and scoring punch.

That was reflected in a story two weeks later. "Al Taylor has done well over the past two games for the Tribe, hitting 34 in Haverstraw and following it with a 26-point performance against Pearl River. George McGregor had been the hot hand for the Nyackers until Taylor hit his stride... Ron Royster and Taylor give the Indians a formidable backboard duo, while soph Ed Fox teams with Howie Miller and McGregor for the outside shooting."

At one point during his senior season, Taylor drew a comparison with one of the college standouts at the time, NYU's Tom Sanders. A columnist, who had seen Sanders playing at Westchester County Center, spotted the similarities: "Look alike and act alike: Nyack's Al Taylor and NYU's Tom Sanders... Same build, same moves and same facial resemblance..." A comparison with Sanders was high praise indeed.

At the end of the 1959-1960 P.S.A.L. basketball season, the headlines again mentioned Al Taylor as a unanimous selection to the All-County first team along with Clarkstown's Jim Vellane and Spring Valley's Mike Rider. Taylor had been a first-team honoree after the 1958-1959 season as well.

In both his junior and senior seasons, Taylor was the county's leading scorer and in 1959-1960 he broke Ronnie Johnson's long-standing season county scoring record of 283, with 291 points for Nyack. Taylor added another 138 points in six "extra-curricular games" for an overall season total of 429, averaging 23.8 points for 18 games.

TRACK & FIELD

In track, Taylor had a 93.3 winning percentage in the shot put and became the first Rockland schoolboy to break 50 feet while winning four Rockland County championships – two individual in the shot put and two as a member of a superb Nyack 880-yard relay.

The long toss came in a dual meet in May 1960. Although more than a half-century has clouded whether it came against Spring Valley or, as Al recalls it, against Suffern, what is certain is that at 50-2¾ it was the best ever by a Rockland high school athlete.

Al says his throw hit the top of a fence at the end of the sector, past which there was a slope leading down to the Thruway. "I was afraid the shot would roll down the hill and hit a car," but it did not, he said.

Al said he was proud to throw the shot farther than Roger Brown, the Nyack great (who had about 100 pounds on Al) who preceded him by a few years and who threw in the 47-foot range.

Al's 50-2¾ was two feet better than his toss of 48-2¾ that came two days later and won the New Paltz Relays.

The back-to-back tosses came during a stretch of two seasons in which Taylor won 12 dual meet or relay titles and two Rockland County Meet championships – in 1959, with a toss of 45-10¼ and 1960 with 46-6.

Al also competed on one- and two- lap relays and the 220-yard run, but helped set county records in the 440-yard relay on the way to winning the Hudson Valley Relays championships with a 45.1 in 1959 and a 44.9 in 1960.

As a member of Nyack's 880-yard relay, along with Eddie Walker, Truman White and Norman Daniels, Al shared in Rockland County Meet championships in 1959 and 1960 and in many dual meet victories.

LATER YEARS

After high school, Taylor attended North Carolina Central in Durham, N.C. While a student there, he met his future wife Loretta, who was attending North Carolina A&T and was a roommate of his first cousin.

He and Loretta have been married 53 years and have three children -- Stephen, Jennifer and Lenora. They also have eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Al's first career was as a "tree-man" pruning back trees from power lines, for Orange & Rockland. He said many ex-football players from Rockland high schools worked for O&R performing the same role.

All three Taylor children were born in Nyack, but in 1972, the family moved back to North Carolina, where they all live today.

Taylor embarked on a new career there, joining the High Point, N.C. Police Department and winning Rookie of the Year and later Police Officer of the Year honors. He rose through the ranks and retired as the first African-American to attain the rank of captain in the High Point department.

Al wanted to make special note of his friendship with Jim Kane. Jim coached Al in Little League baseball, on the Indians team, and followed his career "all the way through. He is like family."

Because of his unpredictable police schedule, Al Taylor wasn't able to coach his children – who all took part in track and other sports – at least not in an official capacity.

"I got plenty of coaching at home and in the car," Steven Taylor says with a laugh, "and when we were competing, there was always that big guy in the police uniform up on the hill. He was always there being very vocal."



JEROME WHIDBEE

Nyack High School
Class of 1966

Back in the 1960s true athletes played sports every season all year long. Jerome Whidbee was no exception. For him in the fall the sport was football, when the winter season came about Jerome was at home on the basketball court, and in the spring he spent his days playing shortstop for Nyack High School. And no matter what team he played on, Jerome was the captain and leader of the group.

On the football field, Jerome was a two-way varsity starter in 1964 and 1965. In both of those years Nyack and Spring Valley tied for the Rockland County PSAL championship. Coincidentally, Spring Valley and Nyack tied in their matchups both years. The 1964 game between Nyack and Spring Valley, a 7-7 tie, reportedly drew the largest attendance up to that time in the history of Rockland County sports. Jerome was the starting quarterback for the Indians those two years, and in 1965 he was also the captain of the team. For his efforts on the football field, Jerome was selected as the first-team All-County quarterback both years. He was a unanimous choice in his senior year, and was also selected as the All-Daily News starting quarterback.

During the winter, Jerome was a three-year starter on the Nyack varsity basketball team. He was the point guard and directed a powerful offense as they ran up and down that small Nyack gym. In 1966, Jerome's senior year, he was elected captain of the team and voted first-team All-County by The Journal-News.

Jerome's efforts in the spring were similar to that of his basketball career. He was a three-year starter on the Nyack baseball team at shortstop. In 1966, his senior year, Jerome was the captain of the team and was voted to first-team All-County at shortstop by The Journal-News. That's quite a senior year, three sports, being captain for three teams, and three first-team All-County selections!

Upon graduating from Nyack High School, Jerome accepted an athletic scholarship at Tennessee State University. Tennessee State is the largest historically black state-funded university in Tennessee. Jerome chose to concentrate on football and made the varsity team as a freshman. After his first year Jerome returned to Nyack and decided to get married and start a family. He went to work at the Rockland Psychiatric Center in Orangeburg in the maintenance department and stayed there for 15 years. He then moved on to Helen Hayes Hospital in West Haverstraw and continued to work until his retirement. Jerome has four children: Ronald, Todd, Selena and Bonita, and currently lives in Spring Valley



Never one to remain idle, Jerome continued to compete in athletics in Rockland County on the semipro and recreational level. He quarterbacked the then newly formed Rockland Warriors, a semipro football team in Rockland County, for a couple of years while he was still young. Jerome was also a standout in the Rockland County Recreational Flag Football League, playing both ways at quarterback and defensive back. Being the multi-sport athlete that he was, Jerome also played shortstop for the famed Apollo XII softball team that participated in and won many softball tournaments around the county, most notably the Deer Head Inn Tournament. When one speaks of the great athletes in Nyack history, Jerome Whidbee's name is always in the conversation.



Joseph Holland Lifetime Achievement Award

FRED ADLER

Haverstraw High School
Class of 1953

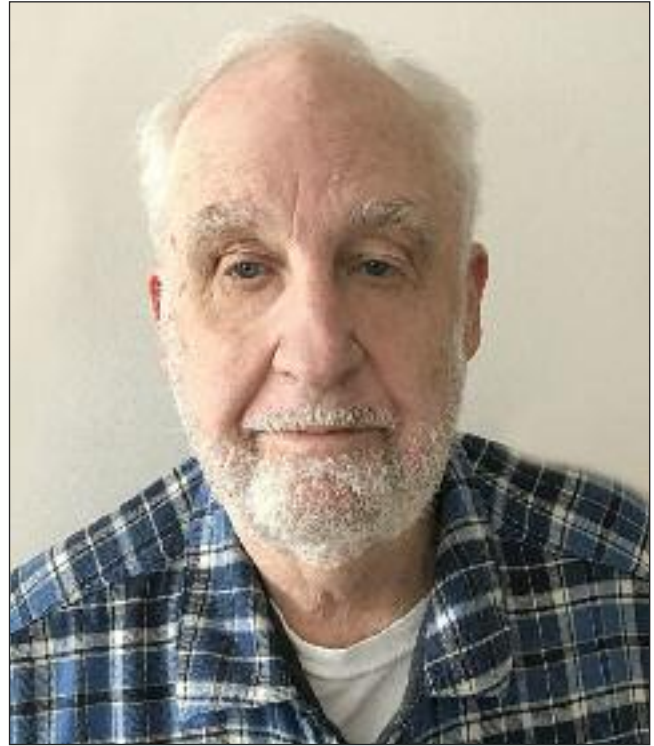
Track officials in Rockland County and the Southern Catskill region have developed a sterling reputation as among the best in New York State. Thorough knowledge and fair application of the rules, respectful dealings with athletes, and a professional approach to their duties are hallmarks of our local officials. For more than 35 years, Fred Adler has personified these qualities and dedicated himself to the furtherance of track & field in Rockland County and well beyond our borders.

Yes, he has ruffled a few feathers with his gruff exterior, but the caustic barbs and incisive wit cannot mask the noble intentions and spirit of service that permeates Fred Adler's work. He has consistently applied that ethic of service throughout a Hall of Fame officiating career at all levels of the sport – youth, high school, college, national and international. A product of Haverstraw High School, class of 1953, Fred plied his athletic skills and earned letters in tennis, basketball and track & field, gaining proficiency in sprinting, throwing the discus and taking flight in what was then known as the broad jump, a.k.a. long jump.

At Oswego State Teachers College, where he earned a degree in Industrial Arts Education in 1957, Fred continued his track & field career and also played volleyball and basketball. More than two decades after competing in his last collegiate track meet, his affinity for the sport re-emerged through the exploits of his children, Giulia and Tim. "I had participated in track in high school and in college, and it was one of my favorite sports," Fred explains. "When my children got involved in the sport, I decided I was going to get involved also. I decided to become an official to try to make things better."

In 1979, 10 years into a career teaching Industrial Arts, or "shop class," for the Clarkstown School District, Fred joined the officiating ranks. He learned the ropes from such pros as Lila and Ned McEwan, the Stony Point couple who coordinated officials in Rockland and Section 9, and whom Fred calls his "heroes." Fred started on the high school level, added college officiating to his repertoire in 1982, and became a master-level official on the open level in 1988. Like a multi-layered dance performance, track meets have lots of moving parts that need to be choreographed and in sync if the whole enterprise is to proceed smoothly. The officials set the tempo for this production, shepherding their individual roles by event and integrating them into a running-jumping-throwing mosaic.

For scholastic competitions, Fred has been the choreographer and lead role player as a clerk, starter, photo evaluator, timer,



chief field judge, chief finish line judge and overall coordinator of officials. He has rendered distinguished service at 16 national indoor championships, 14 New York State indoor and 12 outdoor championships, 32 Loucks Games, been a starter for numerous New York State and Federation cross country meets, and worked countless Rockland County, Section 9 and Section 1 championship and invitational affairs.

College meets have been another favored venue for Fred, having officiated more than 125 outings at Army West Point, Patriot League indoor and outdoor championships, Ivy League Heptagonals, Northeast Conference championships, major invitationals at the NYC Armory, the NCAA Northeast Region qualifying meet and two NCAA Championship meets. Just last June, he was coordinator of officials for the track & field portion of the Warrior Games at West Point, which brought together "wounded warrior" soldier-athletes with disabilities from the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy, U.S. Special Forces and the United Kingdom.

The rapport that Fred has developed with high school and college athletes extends to his interactions with open and elite-level performers. As a starter, Fred's calm, confident manner has reassured legions of jittery competitors about to find out if they've got the right stuff to measure up. He's worked as a clerk, chief starter and coordinator of officials at numerous marquee competitions, including 14 national indoor championships, four outdoor USA Track & Field meets, the Olympic Trials, Grand Prix meets, Millrose Games, Penn Relays and Goodwill Games. He's also played instrumental officiating roles in world

championships for the Special Olympics, juniors, masters, senior and Paralympics, as well as national cross country, race-walking and club championships, and not least, the Empire State Games, New York State's Olympics-style competition.

Administratively, Fred was president of the Rockland division of SOCAT, the Southern Catskill track officials association, from 1996 to 2014, and vice president of that umbrella organization. Known as the Track Maestro, a soubriquet he readily embraces, Fred recruited, trained, assigned and coordinated officials for a host of scholastic, NCAA and USA Track & Field competitions. For USATF, he served as certification chairman of the Metropolitan New York association, and was vice chairman of the Northeast region from 1990 to 1996.

The Rockland Sports Hall of Fame kudos only adds to the accolades Fred has reaped during his illustrious career. Among his more noteworthy laurels, he was the New York State Official of the Year in 1999 and earned the Loucks Games Outstanding

Service Award in 2007 for 25 years of work at that flagship meet. In Rockland, he was honored in 1994 with the Dick Teetsel Award for outstanding service to Rockland track & field, the Bill Markiewicz Award in 2008 for meritorious contributions to cross country, and as an inductee into the Rockland County Track & Field Hall of Fame in 2011.

Fred retired from Clarkstown's Felix Festa Junior High in 1996 after a 27-year career as a shop teacher. He and his wife, Giovanna, whom he met during a two-year U.S. Army deployment in Italy, have been married 56 years and reside in Stony Point. As noted, both of their children also pursued track in high school, at North Rockland. Tim, class of 1983, was a sprinter and hurdler, and Giulia Adler Duitz, class of 1980, found her niche as a sprinter and jumper and later as a coach of state- and national-champion jumpers at Clarkstown South. Giulia's two children, Trevor and Cassandra, both ran track and cross country at Suffern.



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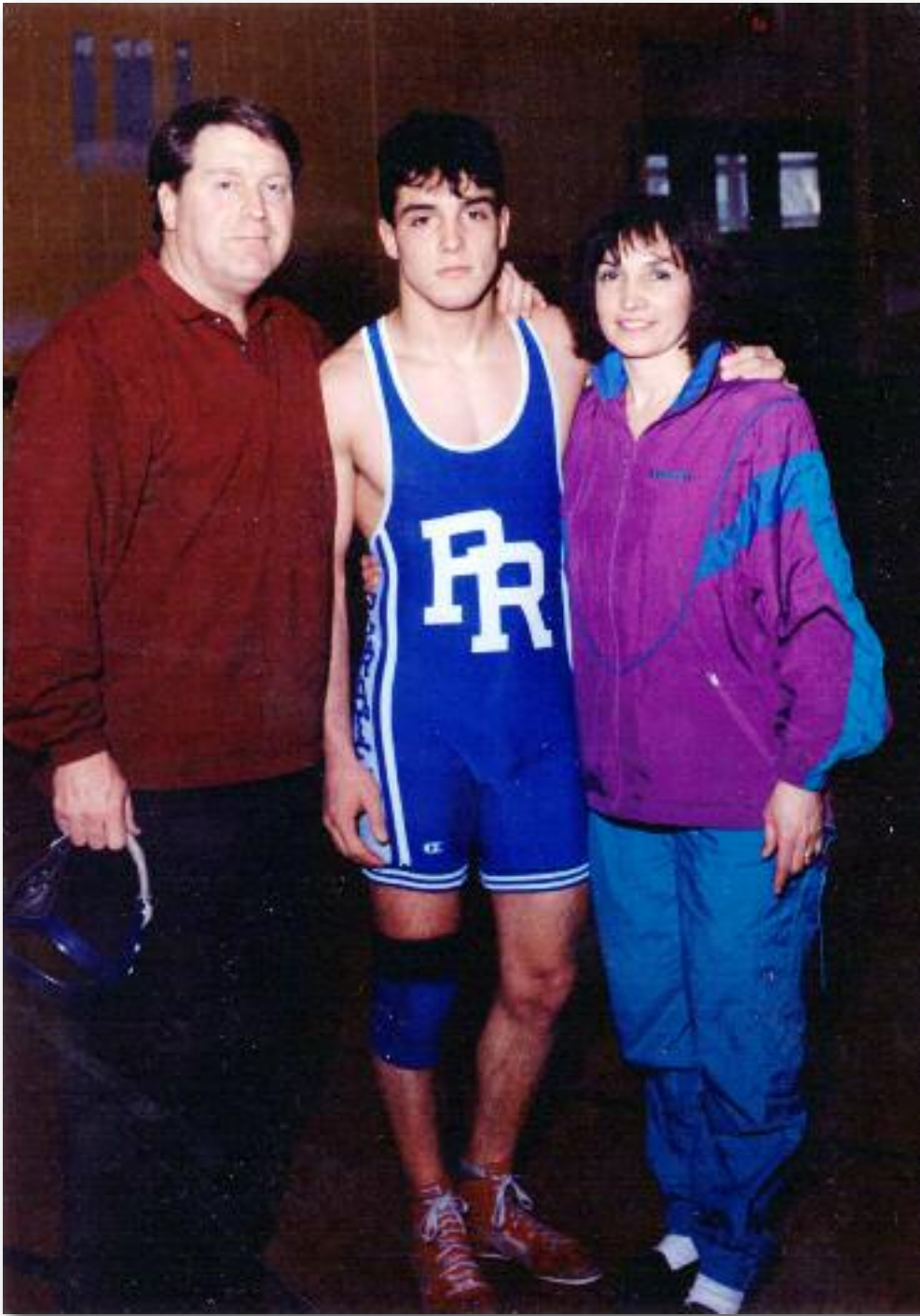


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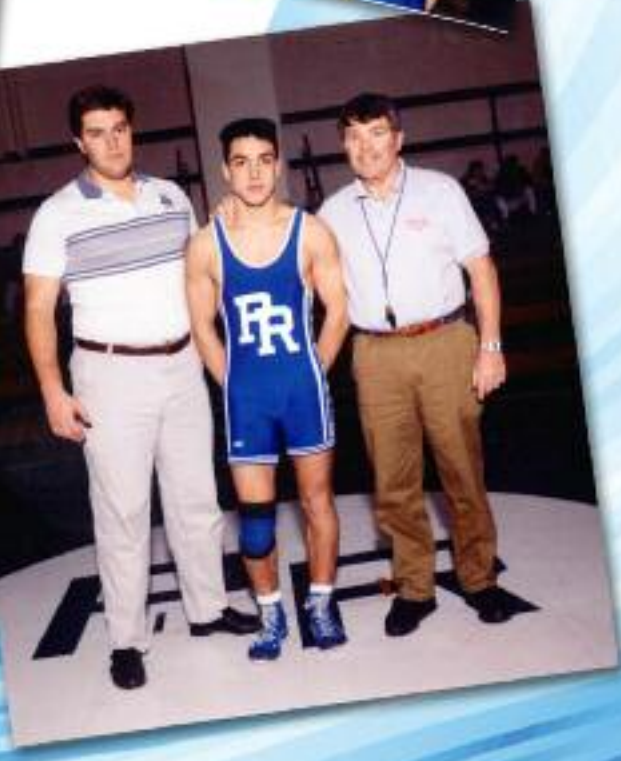
Twenty-eight wrestlers competed for the state title. Young Donnelly beat out one state champion and three former state finalists.

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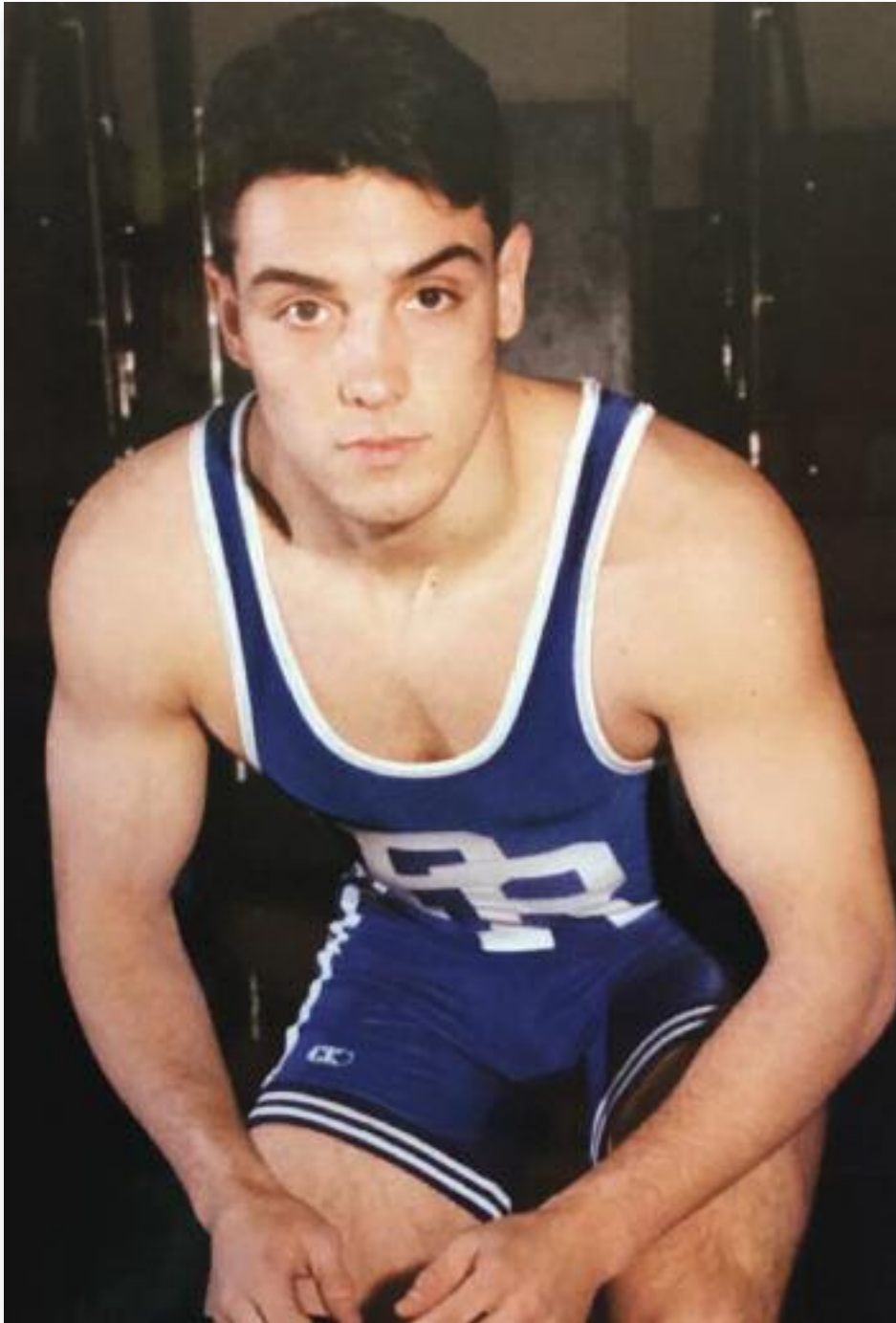
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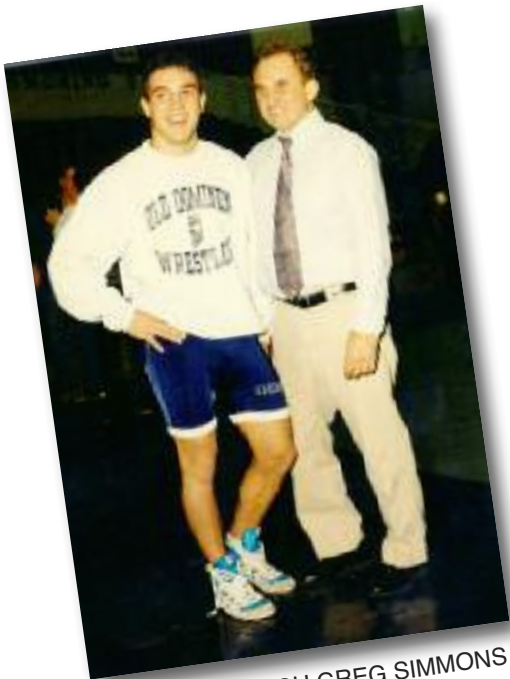
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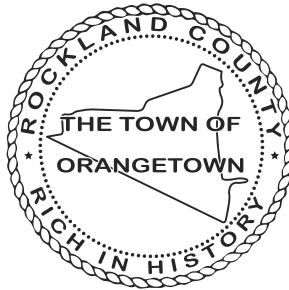
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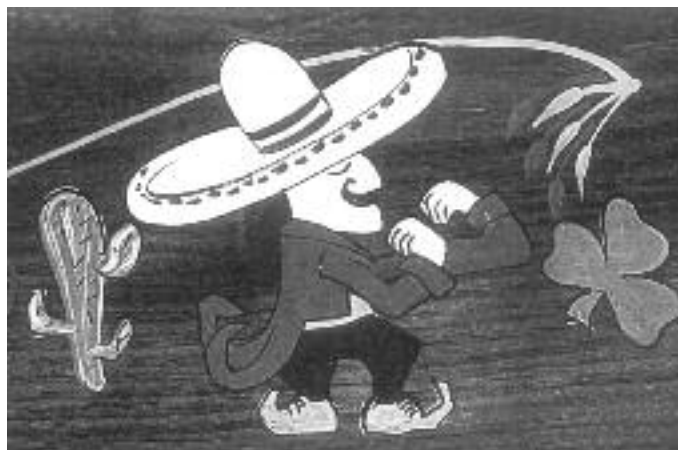
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