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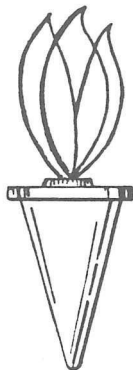
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Trophy Joe Grasso
Tickets Ethel Doller

NEW INDUCTEES

RONNIE EDWARDS
WALTER "RED" LEVY
MAX TALASKA

JOE KLOPCHIN
JOE McDOWELL
PAUL URBAN

Concluding Remarks and Thanks Leon Pesner

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ENSHRINEMENT REQUIREMENT

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

- A. Attain prominence in either Professional or amateur sports as a player, coach, manager, official, owner, writer or broadcaster.
- B. Have been either a resident of Rockland County or competed here at the time of his or her prominence.
- C. Be a person of integrity and good character.

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

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PAST RECIPIENTS**

*Deceased

1974

Charles (Chuck) Aleno
Henry (Peck) Artopee*
Dr. Daniel (Danny) Fortman
Joseph (Jo-Jo) Mackey
Howard (Howie) Pierson

1975

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

1976

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John Koster*
Jim Ridlon
Pete D'Auria*
Gloria Callan Jones

1977

August Bradley Chapman*
Nick Gamboli
Ed Greene
Harry Jackson
Richard (Gus) Shankey
Paul Toscano

1978

James (Jim) Brown
Harold (Hale) DeChelfin*
James (Jim) Faulk*
James A. Schnaars
Nicholas (Nick) Mottola*
Ira Shuttleworth*

1979

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

1980

Dr. Jeffrey Munson
Arthur Orlando*
Britain Patterson*
Nickolas Ryder
Horace Tyrus
Emil Wilis*
Mickey Wittman

1981

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Frank Horan
Howard Johnson
Lester Lepori
Walter Ostrom
Victor Shankey*
William Yuda*

1982

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

1983

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

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*Deceased

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Marvin Branche
Ralph Cordisco
Brian Hassett
Bob Tierney*

1985

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

1986

Joe Alleva
John Jemison
Harold Lederman
Bob Mathias
Sylvester McGee

1987

Fred Hahn*
Charles Halbrook
Chuck Scarpulla
James Stamos
Robert Strack

1988

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

1989

Ralph Consiglio
Patty Dillon
Vincent Kovalsky
Frank Nelson*
Bob Wolff

1990

Denise McGuire
Guy W. Guccione
Abraham Schuster
Robert Schassler
Don Clancy*

1991

Steve Drummond
Lewis Brundage
Johnny Burns*
Peter Haubner
Ether Doller
Dominic Gamboli

1992

Murray Olderman
Jerome Bonomolo
Joseph (Biscuit) Picarello
Dale Lydecker
John Mercurio

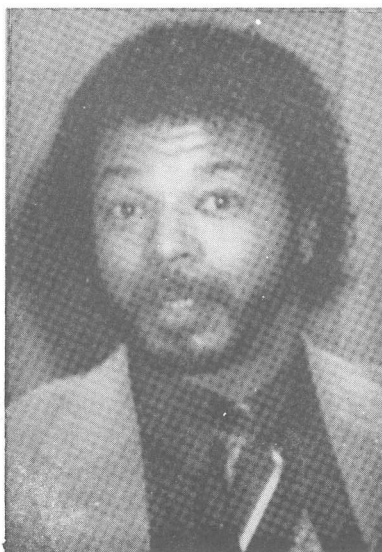
1993

Jim Kane
Kathy Miller Dapolito
Jay A. Bohnel
Mike Deane
Don Driscoll

1994

Hubert Nealy
Martin "Hawk" Jacobs
Joe Goldsmith
Thomas F. Collins
Ronald Tellefsen

RONALD EDWARDS



Nyack High School - Class of 1963. Freshman Year: Played Varsity Football. Basketball - Jr. Varsity (made Varsity late in season). Track & Field - as 8th grader, cleared 5'8" in high jump. As freshman, won the County high jump crown at 5'10". Placed 3rd in broad in county meet and ran as alternate in 880 yd. relay.

Sophomore year: Played Varsity Football, and Varsity Basketball. Won County scoring crown as a sophomore. 1st Team All-County. Track & Field - Won County high jump, and Section 9 high jump. 2nd in high jump - New Paltz relays. 2nd in broad jump. member of winning County 880 yd. relay team.

Junior year: Played Varsity Football. Member - County Co-Champs, T.Z. & Haverstraw. All County. Wigwam All American - as Halfback. Varsity basketball - All County. 3rd in scoring. Track & Field - member 880 yd. relay team, set County record. Won County high jump. Won Section 9 high jump. Won Hudson Valley high jump. Won State high jump - had fewest misses. 2nd in County - broad jump.

Senior year: Football - All-County receiver. Nyack - Haverstraw Co-Champs. Member great Nyack - Haverstraw (28-25) game. Basketball - Varsity, All-County. First player to break 1000 point barrier. 2nd in County scoring.

Summary: All County Football - 3 years. All-County Basketball - 3 years. Track & Field, All-County high jump - 3 years. Gifted and multi-talented athlete. Came up with big plays, especially in Football & Basketball. One of the finest all around athletes in history of Rockland County sports.

JOE KLOPCHIN



Congers High School, Class of 1948. Sports include: Soccer - Four years Varsity. Scored 19 goals in 1945 season, and established County scoring record. Also had 7 assists for total point count of 26. Goals scored and points record held up for 22 years. Team won PSAL Championship 1944-1948. Baseball - Four years Varsity. Third base, second base, pitcher. batting average was .300+. Pitched first night game (high school) in Rockland County. Game was played against Nyack High School - April 18, 1945. Was invited to baseball tryouts with the St. Louis Cardinals during his senior year. Basketball - 4 years. Varsity in senior year. Guard and forward. Track - 4 years. 880 yard run, threw discus and javelin. Was selected as best athlete in 1948 graduating class.

Played organized baseball in various amateur and semi-pro leagues, 1947-1979. Did not play in 1952 season, due to being drafted into U.S. Army - sent to Korea. Played third base, and infield for most years. Invited to tryout with N.Y. Yankees in Stadium, August - 1949.

"During the fall of 1953, I enrolled at Manhattan College. Baseball tryouts were conducted at that time. I was selected to the team and played during the 1954 season. After the regular season ended, I played a couple of games in an industrial league in New York City. Because of my performance at Manhattan, and these games, I was invited to tryout with the Cincinnati Reds at the Polo Grounds. The tryout took place prior to a regular game with the New York Giants. They gave me a Reds uniform, and allowed me to take batting and infield practice with the others. This was an exciting experience that I shall never forget. Although I felt I did well, no offer was made to sign. Needless to say, I was disappointed. I Played with many outstanding players. Here are just a few: Howie Pearson, Joe D'Auria, Frank Horan, Bob Schassler, John Mercurio, Marty Springstead."



WALTER "RED" LEVY

Spring Valley High School, Class of 1950. Sports include: Football - Three years Varsity. Two years All-County. One year All-County First Team - Halfback. One year Captain. Track - Three years Varsity. One year Captain. 1st in 220 yard dash - 1949 County meet. Basketball - Two years Varsity. 1950 - 2nd team All-County. One year Captain. Baseball - Two years Varsity. 1950 - All-County Center field. One year Captain. Wrestling - One year Varsity. **ELEVEN VARSITY LETTERS - FOUR TEAM CAPTAINS.**

Bowling Green Street University - 1950-1952. Attended on Football scholarship. Freshman football - 1st year. Varsity Football in 2nd year. Adelphi University, 1952-1955. Graduated - Class of 1955. B.S. degree in Physical Education. 1955-1957 - U.S. Navy. Community service - Little League Baseball, Ramapo Midget Football, and organized the Ramapo Basketball Association.

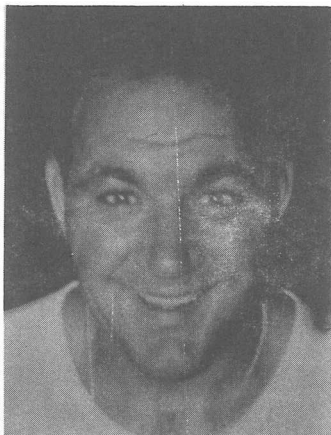


JOE McDOWELL

A chance student teaching assignment brought Joe McDowell to Nyack in the Spring of 1952. Following a two-year stint in the U.S. Army, he returned to Nyack in September of 1954, to begin a 31-year career as an Art Teacher and a Cross-Country / Track & Field coach. By the time he retired in June of 1985, he, and his teams had compiled the following coaching resume: 29 years - Outdoor Track Coach (25 years as Head Coach). 28 years - Head Cross-Country coach. 6 years - Indoor Track Coach. 6 R.C.P.S.A.L. Team Championships. 8 Section 9 Team Championships. 4 Individual New York State Champions. 1 Individual "Eastern States" Champion. 2 Individual "Golden West" representatives. 5 Coach of the Year Awards.

Outdoor dual meet won / lost, League / Conference record during 25 years as head coach: 119-73, and 1. A .613 winning percentage which included a streak of 24 consecutive league victories.

Upon retirement, McDowell served for 7 years as an Assistant Indoor / Outdoor Track Coach at Hartwick College, extending his overall commitment to the running sports to **36 YEARS / 77 SEASONS.**



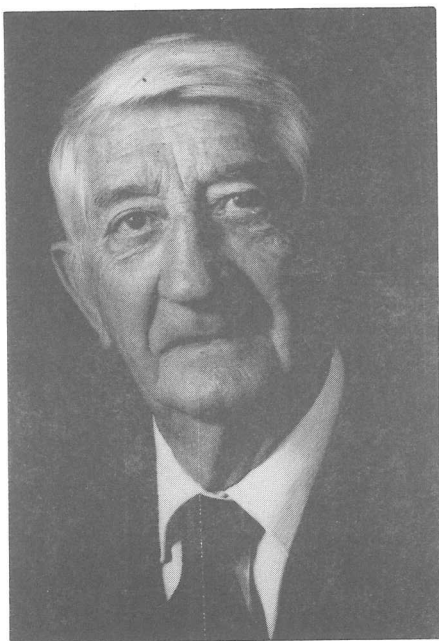
PAUL URBAN

Haverstraw High School, Class of 1948. Sports include: Football - 3 years, Captain. All-County 2nd Team & Honorable Mention. Basketball - 3 years, Co-Captain. All-County 2nd Team. Baseball - 3 years, Captain. All-County 2nd Team. Track - 3 years. All-County. Golf - 2 years.

Earned 4 Varsity letters in 3 years. Pitched 6 one-hitters in baseball. County Punting champ - 2 years. Syracuse University - Frosh - punter. Manager of Little League - 3 years and Babe Ruth League - 8 years. Coach CYO Basketball - 13 year olds, for 8 years. Pro Golf - Teaching Pro - private & public golf courses.

NOTE: Signed a contract with the Chicago White Sox while still in high school. "Happy" Chandler, then Commissioner, found out about the signing and stopped the transaction. "Mule" Haas, Jimmy Dykes, and the White Sox were fined. Could not play his senior year because he was considered a PROFESSIONAL!

MAX TALASKA



Pearl River School District - Thirty four years. (1947-1982). Teacher, coach, and athletic administrator. Varsity coach of the following sports: Football, Basketball, Tennis, Baseball. Athletic director for 22 years. During that time, Max led Pearl River to the following: ROCKLAND COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS- Boys (29 County Championships). Fall Tennis - 1960, 61, 69. Cross-Country - 1966, 78, 79, 82. Soccer - 1973. Spring Tennis - 1960, 61, 67, 69, 70. Golf - 1962, 63, 64, 67, 68, 69. Wrestling - 1966, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 75. Spring Track - 1976, 77. Girls (14 County Championships). Soccer - 1973, 75, 79. Cross-Country - 1979, 80, 81, 82. Basketball - 1971, 72, 73, 75, 76, 79. Softball - 1980. Max's leadership sparked the Pirates to 43 County Championships while A.D. at Pearl River, a remarkable feat, since most championships were not held until the mid-1970's. Section Nine Championships- Rockland, Orange, Ulster, and Sullivan Counties. Max's Leadership sparked the Pirates to 22 Section Nine Championships. A remarkable feat since most championships were not held until the mid-1970's. 5 New York State Championships. At that time, the most any Rockland County Schools.

Competition by School Size - Once again, Max was a leader in establishing "fair competition" of schools playing in leagues by school size. he realized the safety issue of tiny schools, like Pearl River playing North Rockland in Football. Max led the way in 1981 for Pearl River to play in the Orange County Football League with similar Class "B" schools. This move was a prime factor in the total realignment with Section One that followed in the 1983-84 school year.

Max Talaska had a most significant impact on Rockland County sports. His professional approach to athletics raised the stature of the RCPSAL around the state. His leadership in promoting girls' sport, and "competition by school size" were ahead of his time, and laid the foundation for the success of Rockland County sports today. In Pearl River, his great personal example of "optimal physical fitness" laid the groundwork for the physical education program that became the standard in Rockland County.





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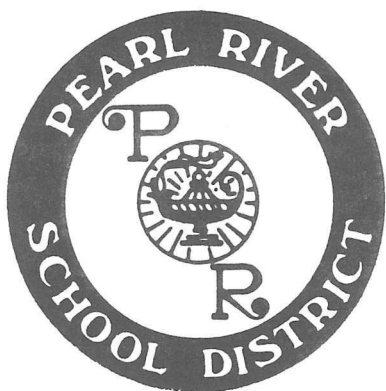


JOE McDOWELL



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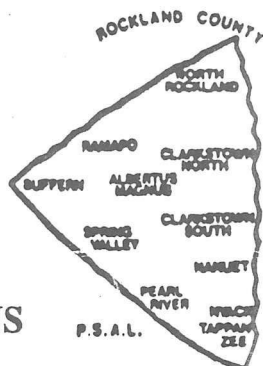
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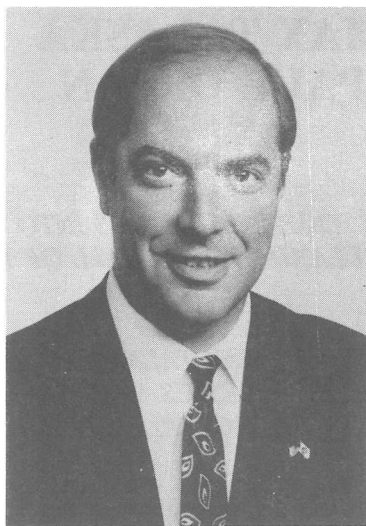
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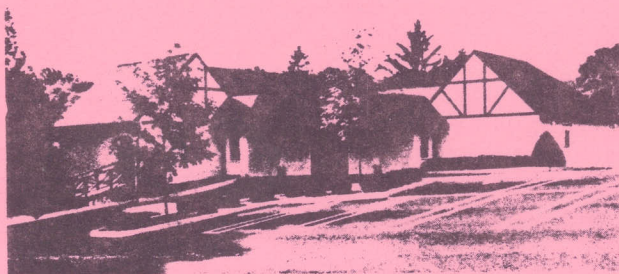
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