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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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**SPORTS HALL OF FAME
PAST RECIPIENTS**

* Deceased

1974

Charles (Chuck) Aleno
Henry (Peck) Artoppe *
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

H. Parker Tallman *

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 Abiondi *

1980

Dr. Jeffrey Munson

Arthur Orlando *

Britain Patterson *

Nickolas Ryder

Horace Tyrus

Emil Willis *

Mickey Wittman

1981

Arthur Hopper *

Frank Horan

Howard Johnson

Lester Lepori

Walter Ostrom

Victor Shankey *

William Yuda *

1982

Frank DeFatto

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

Brian Hassett

Bob Tierney *

1985

Wilbur J. (Will) Arietta *

Joseph (Josh) Bolack

Eugene (Gene) Erickson

Anthony John Gemma

Joe (The Saint) St. Lawrence *

**SPORTS HALL OF FAME
PAST RECIPIENTS**

*Deceased

1986

Joe Alleva

John Jemison

Harold Lederman

Bob Mathias

Sylvester McGee *

1987

Fred Hahn *

Charles Holbrook

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 Schasser

Don Clancy *

1991

Steve Drummond

Lewis Brundage

Johnny Burns *

Peter Haubner

Ether Doller

Dominic Gamboli

1992

Murray Olderman

Jerome Bonomo

Joseph (Biscuit) Picarello

Dale Lydecker

John Mercurio

1993

Jim Kane

Kathy Miller Dapitto

Jay A. Bohnel

Mike Deane

Don Driscoll

1994

Hubert Nealy

Martin "Hawk" Jacobs

Joe Goldsmith

Thomas F. Collins

1995

Ronnie Edwards

Walter "Red" Levy

Max Talaska

Joe Klopchin

Joe Mc Dowell

Paul Urban

SENATOR JOE HOLLAND



**"FOUNDER OF THE ROCKLAND
COUNTY SPORTS HALL OF FAME"**

HARRY LEWIS BABCOCK

Born: Aug 12 , 1930, West Nyack, NY.

High School: Pearl River High School, Pearl River, NY Class of 1949.

All - Rockland County blocking back.

All - county forward in basketball.

All - county catcher in baseball.

College: University of Georgia (1950-54)

Athletic.

Three - year starter for Bulldogs at offensive end.

Led Southeastern Conference in receiving in 1951.

Broke Georgia school records in receiving yards and number of pass

caught.

All - Sec First Team, 1951.

All - Sec baseball centerfielder, 1951.

1953 Hula Bowl - first player from Southeast invited.

1952 East-West Shrine Game - scored touchdown on winning East team.

First player selected in National Football League

Draft in 1953 - picked by the San Francisco 49ers.

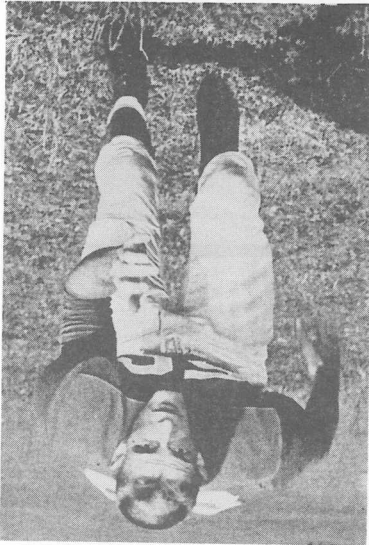
Selected best offensive end in Sec in 1951 by Atlanta Constitution.

Selected to the International News Service All-South Team, 1951.

Winner of Jenkins Award in 1952 as Georgia's best lineman.

Professional: San Francisco 49ers (1953 - 56)

Injures forced retirement midway through '56 season.



GERALD T. KAPUSINSKY

Year Graduated: 1963

Sports Played: Football J.V. 1
Basketball: 1
Basketball (Family illness) 1 yr 2
Track 1

All County Honors:
Unam. Baseball Centerfield 1963
Football End/Def back 1962

Records of Honors Received:

Baseball B.A. 396 Outfield (No Errors).
Football Top five scoring Jr. / Sr. years.
Back of week - 3 T. Downs.

College Attended: St Thomas University, did you graduate?
Yes, Major: Education Master Degree: Univ. Bridgeport, Comments related to college activities: M.A. Education, Professional Diploma Education Administration, Currently Assistant Principal at North Rockland High School.

University of St. Thomas - Houston, Texas

3 Letter Baseball

M.V.P. Baseball - batting average 416 (1965)
Semi-Pro-Bergen Co, League-All League 1964,
No. Jersey League - All League 1964

Texas Professional League (Football)

Cornback and Safety 1965, 1966, 1967
1966-All League Def. back

1967-Injured Knee & Shoulder (2 operations)

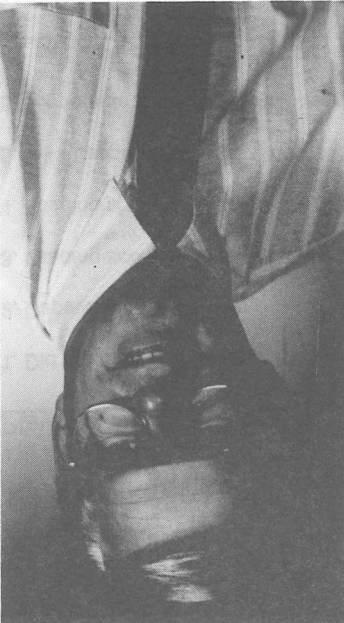
P.S.A.L. Football Official - 1979 - 1995
E.C.A.C. Football Official - 1994 - 1995

P.S.A.L. Lacrosse Official - 1982-95

College (NCAA) Lacrosse Official 1988-93

Head Referee in Numerous Sec. 1 and 9 Bowl games in Football and Lacrosse.

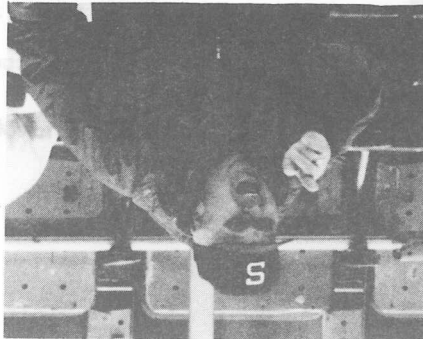
Golf - Assistant Golf professional (teacher) 1990-95



JOHN ORLANDO

Playing Career - College

1. Did not play until College
2. Captain - Jr. & Sr. Year



3. Leading scorer - Soph. - Jr. - Sr. year

4. Leading scorer in nation - 1961 season with 37 goals in 10 games.

5. All - League 1961 and 1962 (1st team)

6. Honorable Mention All-American 1962

CLUB - PLAYING CAREER

1. 6 years with Long Island Lacrosse Club - National Champions 5 of the six years.
2. Holder of scoring record in a National Championship Club game.
1968 - Long Island vs. Maryland Lacrosse Club - 3 goals in 7.5 seconds.
3. Club All - Star North - South Game 1968

4. Player - Coach and MVP - New Jersey Lac Club 1970

5. Finished playing career as Player - Coach Yorktown Lacrosse Club 8 yrs.

COACHING CAREER - COLLEGE & CLUB

1. 1 Year Fresh Coach - Penn State
2. 8 years - Asst. Coach USMA, West Point

- (A) 1969 - National Champs

3. 1 year New Jersey Lacrosse club (Head Coach & Player)
4. 1 year New York Lacrosse club (Head Coach & Player)
5. 8 years - Yorktown Lacrosse Club (Head Coach & Player)

HIGH SCHOOL COACHING CAREER

- 24 YEARS AS SUFFERN VARSITY COACH 1969 - 1993

285 WINS

9 Section titles

3 Regional titles

20 Rockland County titles

8 losses in 24 years in R.C.

Produced 19 H.S. All - Americans

Total record as a head Coach - All - levels - 375 wins - 95 losses

Included into the City College of New York Athletic Hall of Fame in 1972.

AI SIMONDS



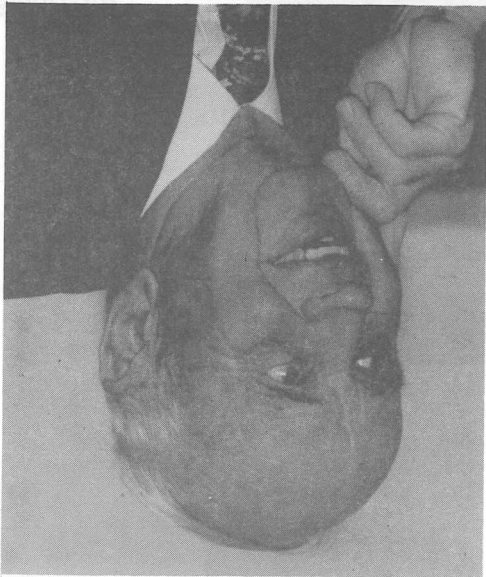
Some statistics on Al Simonds, former 3-sport athlete at Nyack High School and Basketball Captain at Bowdoin College.

- Earned nine varsity letters at Nyack High, 3 year starter in baseball and basketball, 2+ in football.
- All - County PSAL selection in basketball (twice), baseball (twice) and football.

- Quarterback of Nyack's co-champion 1954 football team (first time Nyack won since 1946) and its 1955 runner-up team, a relatively unprecedented era in which the Indians defeated their arch rivals Haverstraw (40-0, 20-0) Tappan Zee (20-13, 20-0) and Pearl River (19-0, 28-0), as well as Spring Valley (13-0) and Suffern (31-6). Had seven TD passes and ran for four. Also played safety (5-8, 135 lbs) and returned punts.
- Averaged more than 21 points per game in basketball and was a unanimous first team All-County selection in 1955-56.
- Fourth player in Rockland County history to score more than 40 points in a basketball game (42 vs Tappan Zee in 1956).
- Varsity shortstop for three years, All-County in 1955 and 1956, batting .309 and .396. Committed only three errors in two years. Also pitched when needed, even hurling one-hitter against Tappan Zee.
- Winner of the James E. Grasso Memorial trophy as the Outstanding All-Around Athlete in Rockland County (1956).

- Earned scholarship to Bowdoin College. Was three-year starter, Co-Captain and top scorer on the basketball team. Led upset victories over Division I teams such as Rutgers and Delaware.
- Three-time Bear Mt Summer Basketball League All-Star playing with teams from Piermont (Tallman Mt. Boys Club), Nyack (Lucky's Men Shop) and Haverstraw (T.J. Freeman Insurance) and was leading scorer on the first Rockland County team to win the title (Freeman).

George Garrecht
May 2, 1925



Tappan Grammar School - Coach William O. Schaeffer - Pitcher and

1937-38

Infielder.

1940-41-42

Haverstraw High School - Coaches - Joe McManus and Ed Danowski

Infield 1940, Pitcher 1941 - 5W - 3L, Pitcher 1942 - 8W-2L.

Haverstraw Caseys Summer League Pitched 16 games 13W - 3 L. Mgr. Pete Schuler.

Haverstraw high School 1942 No Hit No Run game vs Pearl River. Still have signature

baseball. Varsity letters

1942

We all went off to war. Served 3 1/2 years USN Aviation Radioman

Gunner IC. Flew back seat of SBD and SB2C dive bombers. Saw my

first professional softball game in San Diego in 1943. Windmill,

lights, softball stadium, etc. Taught myself to pitch when we had time

to play in the Pacific.

1946

Lederle-County Hardball League Mgr. Pete Mauro pitcher 3W-3L

One of the losses vs Congers Liberties-struck out 21 batters and lost

3-1. Picked to pitch in all star game at the end of season. All star game was played as a

benefit for Fed Murnin who broke his leg during

the regular season.

1947

Tappan Blue Devils - Rockland County League pitcher 7W - 5L

We also played independent teams from Westchester and Long

Island arranged by baseball scouts so they could evaluate talent they

were interested in.

1948

Nanut AC Mgr. Art Hopper - 2nd Place county League. Pitcher 12 W-3L. Started Bowling at Wawayanda Lodge in Sparkkill and Nyack

1949 Nanut AC - Mgr. Art Hopper County Baseball League. League Champions Pitcher 12 W-2L

Pitched for Nanuet AC vs New City Farmers sunday afternoon a 9-1 win and Tappan Mens club vs Dunningans in a softball game the same night at Nyack under the lights a 5-1 victory. Bowled with Pete Hackett and Hubie Nealey Sr. in a county travelling league.

1950 We built a new ball field in tappan and entered the County Baseball League. We called the team the Tappan Colonials. Our first year we finished 2nd. to the Congers Libertes.

1951 Tappan Colonials - Mgr. Nick Mattola county Baseball League. Division II champions. Played with Herb Dietrich, John Stockdale, Joe Maurer, Art Fowler, Al Baker, J. D'Auria, Dom D'Auria, On December 31 I bowled 755 in the Nyack Classic League.

1952-53 Tappan Colonials Mgr. Nick Mattola Rockland County Baseball Champions. For two years we compiled a record of about 27W-3L. Herb Tiejen and myself did the pitching and this was a solid ball team and dominated baseball in the county.

1954 Tappan Lions - J.P. thomsen Mgr. County Softball League. League Champions. Pitched 10W - 2L

1956 Tappan Plumbers C.S.L. League Champions Pitched 12W-3L. Nyack Bowling Center Booster League Champions. 1957 Tappan plumbers - C.S.L. League Champions. Pitched 14W-1L, 2 no hitters. Nyack Bowling Center Booster League Champions.

1961 Tappan Mens Club - Mgr. Joe Grasso C.S.L. Champions Blackie Consiglio 8W-0L Garrecht 6W-0L, 1 no hit

1962-66 Managed numerous Little League Teams.

1963 1966 Nyack Classic League Bowling Champions King Pin Booster League Bowling Champions 1964 1966 King Pin Booster League Bowling Champions 1969 1975 Raced a Lighting Class Sailboat

1964 1984 Inducted into the Rockland County Softball Hall of Fame 1983-85-89-93 Rockland County Club Senior Golf Champion 1985-89-95 Ken Venturi Golf Classic Gross Championship



MARTIN J. SPRINGSTEAD

Native of Garnerville, N.Y.

A National Sports Award recipient, Marty Springstead, is no stranger to either sports or awards. His colorful officiating performances behind the plate and on the field have been displayed in major League Baseball for 20 years.

The 5'11", 180-pound Umpire completed 20 seasons as an Umpire in the American

League in 1985. He played baseball as a youngster in High School.

American Legion, Semi-Pro and in the military service. He combined his sports, talents and competitive abilities in baseball and other sports as well while attending Fairleigh

Dickinson University in Teaneck, New Jersey.

Following college he traveled to Daytona Beach, Florida, where he enrolled in the Al Sommers Umpire School. A year later in 1960, Marty Springstead, as a rookie, began his professional career as an Umpire. He became a member of the American League Umpiring Staff in 1966 and was the League's senior umpire for many years.

Highlights on his career include service in the Class "C" Northern League, 1960;

U.S. Army Baseball, Fort Hood Texas, 1961-62; Class "AA" Southern League, 1963-64-65.

He has worked in three Major League All-Star Games, 1969, 1975, 1982. He has also officiated in five American League Championship playoffs in 1970, 1974, 1977, 1981 and

1964, and in the World Series in 1973 (New York Mets-Oakland Athletics, 1978 (New York Yankees-Los Angeles Dodgers), and 1983 (Philadelphia Phillies-Baltimore Orioles). He

has had the distinction of working two no-hitters behind the plate - a rarity in professional baseball. Marty wore the number "4" and was a Crew Chief in the American League for 11 years.

Marty is very much in demand as a guest speaker, and has taught and lectured throughout the world. He has held clinics in Japan where he instructed the Japanese Professional Umpires of the Pacific League, and has also taught in various Canadian Provinces and for the United States Air Force in the countries of Spain, Holland and Germany.

At the end of the 1985 season Marty was taken off the field as an active Umpire and on January 1, 1986 was promoted to the job of Executive Director of Umpires for the American League - a position that was held by Dick Butler for 17 years until his retirement in late 1985, and which had been held by only three men prior to Marty.

Marty now works in that position full time and resides in the city of Sarasota, Florida.



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