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DINNER PROGRAM



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.

Each inductee in the Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame receives a nice trophy and is further honored with an individual plaque, currently housed in the Allison-Paris County Office Building in New City.

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 126 such people have been honored since the Hall inception in 1974.

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

- * ARC
- * Varsity Athletes Against Substance Abuse
- * Haverstraw Little League Save the Fields Fund
- * American Cancer Society

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1975
 Roger Brown
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 Bill Hogan
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1976
 H. Parker Tallman*
 John Koster*
 Jim Ridlon
 Pete D'Auria*
 Gloria Callan Jones

1977
 August Bradley Chapman*
 Nick Gamboli*
 Ed Greene
 Harry Jackson
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1978
 James "Jim" Brown
 Harold "Hale" DeCheliffin*
 James "Jim" Faulk*
 Ira Shuttieworth*
 James A. Schnaars
 Nicholas "Nick" Mottola*

1979
 Bob Bacheller*
 Frank Cosentino
 Harry Dee Dembnicki
 Henry Hollahan*
 Bob Grossman
 E.J. Maurer*
 Bruno Ablondi*

1980
 Dr. Jeffery Munson
 Arthur Orlando*
 Britain Patterson*
 Nicolas 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
 Bryan Hassett
 Bob Tierney*

1985
 Wilbur J. "Will" Arletta*
 Joseph "Josh" Bolack
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 Anthony John Gemma
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1991	Steven Drummond Lewis Brundage Johnny Burns* Peter Haubner Ethel Doler 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	1995	Ronnie Edwards Walter "Red" Levy Max Talaska Joe Klopchin Joe McDowell* Pat Urban	1996	Harry L. Babcock* Gerald T. Kapunsky John Orlando Al Simonds George Garrecht Martin J. Springstead	
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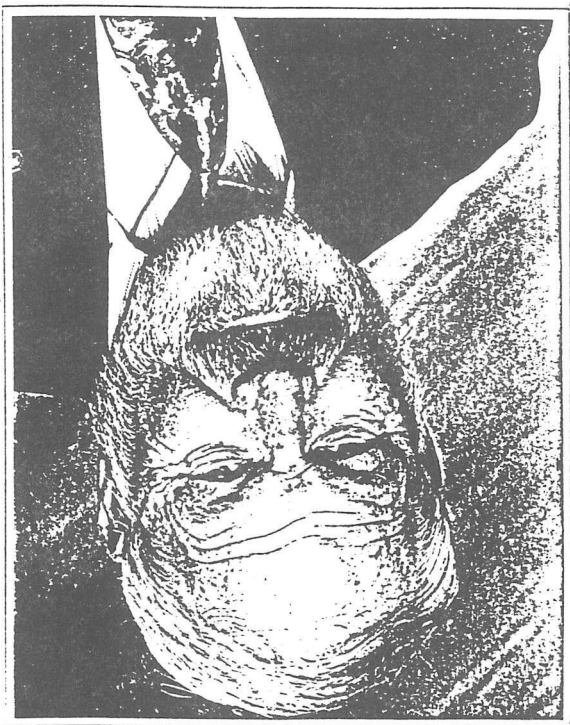
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IN MEMORY OF AL DYKSTRA



His coach called him "a smooth,hard-striding machine." One glimpse of his broad-shouldered, muscular frame and all-business countenance reduced many an opponent to quivering putty before starting gun even sounded.

And once the race started, all competitors had the same depressing view: Mike Hagon's back, receding into the distance .

Rockland County has been home to a succession of stellar track distance

runners, but Mike Hagon stands tallest in that pantheon of stars. A five-sport athlete at Suffern High School from 1971 to 1974, Hagon's first love was baseball. He was an All-County first-baseman his junior year and received try-outs from the Yankees, Mets Dodgers, and Twins. He also dabbled in wrestling, but he made his name in track

(winter and spring) and cross-country.

A trackman is measured by his performances-clockings and finishing places-and no Rockland distance runner's numbers are as sterling as Hagon's.

The Mountie ace

* Holds county records in the mile, 4:07.8;two mile,9:02.2; 1,500 meters, 3:51.6; and as a member of the distance medley relay, 10:14.2. The mile, two mile and 1,500 meter

times rank sixth , 12th, and 12th respectively, on the all-time New York list.

* Is second all-time in Rockland in the 880-yard/880 meter run, 1:52.0 for yards, and as a leg on the two mile relay, 7:50.8.

* Is the Rockland indoor record-holder in the mile, 4:16.6.

* Was the 1974 state spring track champion in the mile and as anchor leg on

Suffern's winning two-mile relay (1:52.2).

* Placed third at the 1,500 meters (3:51.6) in the nationally recognized Golden West Invitational in Sacramento, Calif, despite tripping and nearly falling on the last lap.

* Became the first Rockland athlete to win an individual event at the prestigious

Penn Relays when he won the 2-mile in 9:02.2.

MIKE HAGON



* Missed the then-national flat floor record by two-tenths of a second while defeating a cast of state champions in winning the Eastern States indoor two mile in 9:09.4, which still ranks as the sixth fastest ever in the state.

* Won every cross country race he ran his senior year, except two: He was third in the state Class A meet and fifth in the Eastern States Meet. That year he also led Suffern to its third straight Section 9 title and clocked 12:43 for Van Cortlandt Park's 2.5 mile course, the fifth-fastest ever by a Rocklander.

Hagon's performances are all the more remarkable because he ran spring track in only his senior year, having played baseball his first three years.

Hagon went on to attend William and Mary on a full track scholarship. Although his college career was riddled with injuries, when healthy he produced clockings of 3.44 for 1,500 meters, 1:49 for the 800 and 4:00 for the mile.

After college, he moved to Florida and worked as a zone sales manager for Motorola in Palm Beach County. In 1987, he was honored as Motorola's Sales Professional of the Year for the southeastern U.S.

HANK KAPUSINSKY

From 1957 to 1962, Haverstraw High School won or shared the Rockland County Public Athletic League football title four times in six seasons. The catalyst for the first of those championships was Hank Kapusinsky, a swift and powerful running back who was a threat to score everytime he touched the ball.

How much of a threat? In his senior gridiron campaign, 1958, he set the Rockland County record (since broken) for points in a season with 76. More impressive, he achieved that mark in only five games.

In the same year, the 1959 Haverstraw High School graduate galloped for 12 touchdowns, tying the existing County mark set seven years earlier by Haverstraw's Bob Strack, also a Rockland Hall of Fame inductee. Kapusinsky was a two-time All-County honoree and three-year varsity performer who finished his high school career with a then-County record 26 career touchdowns from 1956 through 1958. He also served as the placekicker.

Kapusinsky, who also played varsity baseball and ran track at Haverstraw, was recruited by the University of Georgia, the nation's top-ranked football team in 1958. However, he transferred to the University of Rhode Island, where he earned All-East and All-Yankee Conference laurels. He set a U R I record with a 80 yard punt. After graduating from Rhode Island, Kapusinsky went on to earn a master's degree from the University of Bridgeport in connecticut and a doctorate from the University of Sarasota in Florida. He then pursued a career in education, rising through the ranks to become superintendent of schools in Beacon, N.Y. School District.

He currently resides in Clearwater, Florida, where he works with his wife in a family business.

TOM MOUNKHALL



If it were up to him, Tom Mounkhall would just as soon tilt the spotlight to somebody else and quietly continue to educate young adults as a social studies teacher at Spring Valley High School.

Thankfully, however, those in the Rockland sports community have other ideas.

They recognize the impact Mounkhall has had on the local athletic landscape, first as a three-sport star and two-year All-County basketball player at Albertus Magnus High School, and later as a 23-year tennis coach at Spring Valley High School.

When Mounkhall's family moved from the South Bronx to Rockland, settling in Nanuet, before his freshman year at Albertus in 1958, he had to be content with

playing junior varsity basketball his first two years because Albertus which opened in 1957 offered no other sports at that time.

By his junior year, 1960-1961, Albertus had moved into its current building in Bardonia and more sports could be offered. Mounkhall ran varsity cross country, ran

some relay legs in invitationals for the track team, and was a two-year starter in center field for the Falcons baseball team his junior and senior years.

In a game at Tappan Zee in 1962, he hit what is considered one of the longest home runs in county scholastic history, a 400 foot plus shot over the left field fence.

The majority of Mounkhall's schoolboy fame derived from his wizardry on basketball's hardwood. He led the county in scoring his junior and senior years at 22.1

and 23.5 points per game respectively; scored 802 points on two seasons; led the county in rebounding both years, with a career average of 15 rebounds per game; and led Albertus to a .750 winning percentage his senior year.

Mounkhall's roundball prowess landed him a full scholarship to NCAA Division I Holy Cross College, where he was a three-year varsity letterman, an occasional starter

and valuable sixth man. He continued to ply his basketball skills for several years in many local leagues and tournaments.

As a coach, Mounkhall invested the same quiet intensity he brought to his own athletic pursuits, and the results were similarly exceptional. For 10 years he was an

assistant to Lou Kliewe (his high school coach at Albertus) for Spring Valley High varsity basketball team, which won many divisional County and Section 9 titles in the decade.

But his primary coaching legacy was forged in tennis. Starting with absolutely no knowledge of the game, Mounkhall took a floundering Spring Valley program and molded it into a consistent winner, and contouring his singles instructional methods to the

strengths of a particular player.

During his 23-year coaching tenure from 1973 to 1996, the Tigers won more than a dozen league titles, including seven in a row from 1979 to 1985. He developed more

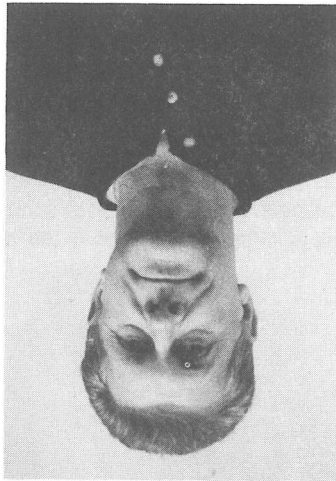
than 50 All-League singles players, including Steve Feinberg, arguably Rockland's finest scholastic tennis player ever. Mounkhall also groomed more than 100 All-League doubles

players and more than 30 students who went on to play in college.

Mounkhall's abiding commitment to the sport carried over to its administration. He was Section 9 and Rockland County Public School Athletic League tennis chairman for many years and played a large role in Section 1 tennis after Rockland realigned with that

athletic region, which includes Westchester, Putnam, and Dutchess counties.

DENNIS POZSAR



Dennis Pozsar's name is synonymous with Clarkstown/Clarkstown

North High School. He's been a fixture at the New City school since 1955, with a four-year hiatus--and a very successful one, at that--to attend college.

From 1963 to the present, Pozsar has guided the Clarkstown /

Clarkstown North varsity boys' soccer team to 275 wins--the most in Rocklands County Coaches Association Century Club, which honors coaches who have earned at least 100

victories in their sport.

Pozsar's soccer teams won the Section 9 championship in 1964,66,74,75,82 and

1983. He also owns the distinction of coaching his clubs to league titles 30 years apart; the Rams won Rockland County Public School Athletic League flag in 1966, and

Pozsar's 1996 squad captured the League I-B (Rockland large schools) crown.

He coached junior varsity boys' basketball for 15 years, skippered

freshmen baseball, and is the current Clarkstown North varsity girls' basketball coach.

As a three-year starter in soccer, he was the team captain and leading scorer in his junior and senior years, 1957 and 1958, and he led the team to the County

championship in 1957. He also was a three-year All-County honoree who was described in one newspaper account as a "good leader, aggressive player, made a habit of scoring

in the clutch."

In basketball, Pozsar was a three-year varsity performer and co-captain his senior

year, 1958-59. That year Clarkstown earned the first County basketball title in school history, a co-championship with Tappan Zee. Pozsar was selected second team All-County

feeder, "and" a strong defensive player."

Just as in his other two sports, Pozsar was a three-year starter in baseball who

helped lead the Rams to a County championship, this one also in his senior year, 1959. He charted a 7-1 pitching record for the 11-1 Rams and no-hitter in a 3-0 victory over

Haverstraw.

Pozsar continued to set a winning beat in college. At Hartwick College in upstate

New York, he was a four-year starter in soccer, team-scoring leader his junior

year(1961), and team co-captain in 1962, his senior year. That year Hartwick was the New York state champions and advanced to the eight-team NCAA Tournament.

STEVE WANAMAKER



At 6-foot-3 and 225 pounds, Steven Wanamaker had the size to intimidate football opponents as he loomed over the down linemen from his middle linebacker position.

But Steve Wanamaker had more than just size. The Nyack High School standout was, in the words of his coach, Paul Lankau, "a combination of intelligence, size, speed, strength and leadership." Lankau also described Wanamaker as "the best to ever play linebacker in Rockland County."

Those who saw Wanamaker wreak havoc with rival offenses would be loath to argue.

In the fall of 1972, his senior year, Wanamaker was selected to two high school All-America teams as a linebacker. As a scholarship player for Joe Paterno's nationally ranked Penn State team, Wanamaker overcame three knee operations to earn two var-

sity letters and play in all 12 games as a junior, his only full season. He played against Alabama in the 1976 Sugar Bowl, when the Nittany Lions were rated fifth in the country. In 1988, The Rockland Journal-News asked its readers to name their choices for the top male and female athletes ever at each Rockland high school. Wanamaker was

voted the top male athlete at Nyack. Considering the wealth of sports stars to pass through Nyack's venerable portals, that honor is a significant one.

Wanamaker enjoyed outstanding scholboy careers in football and baseball, and also started on the varsity basketball team in his junior year.

A four-year varsity baseball player, Wanamaker made headlines as a sophomore in 1971 when he pitched a no-hitter against Albertus Magnus, batted .396 and was chosen as an All-County outfielder. That same year, he helped lead the Indians to their first outright county championship since the 1949 Nyack team, for which Steve's father, Homer, played.

As a junior, Wanamaker led the Rockland Public School Athletic League in hits with 25 and in batting average with 446, and made first team All-County. He also posted an 8-3 pitching record and struck out 17 batters in one game.

In his senior year, opposing teams opted to pitch around him frequently, walking him 35 times (he had only 27 official at bats) and using four outfielders to try and stop him. He batted .314 that season and made second team All-County.

In football, Wanamaker's progression to the head of the linebacking class was swift and sure. He was an honorable mention All-County linebacker his sophomore year, first and All-County and second team All State as a junior, and first team both All County and All-State as a senior, when he also earned the All-American recognition.

During his junior and senior years he averaged 16 unassisted tackles a game. For three years he also was the starting tight end on offense, was a second

team All-County offensive end as a senior, and punted for a 40.8 average as a junior and senior.



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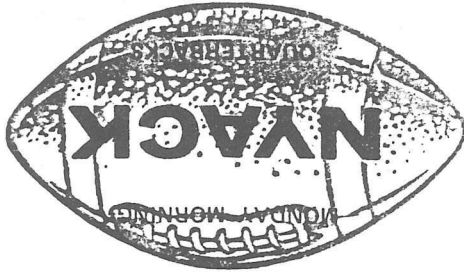


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