

DINNER PROGRAM

- Call to order and Welcome
- Chairman Peter Scheibner
- Invocation
- Joe Cassarella
- Senator Joe Holland
- Jim Kane
- Master of Ceremonies

COMMITTEES

- Dinner
- Program Book
- Harry Jackson
- Joe Grasso
- F. McGarvey
- Dan White
- Tickets
- Shrine
- Screening

NEW INDUCTEES FOR 1998

- LOU KLIWE**
- BLAISE WINTER**
- ROCCO MARANO**
- HOWIE MCNIFF**
- KEVIN KANE**

Concluding remarks and Thanks and Thanks Peter Scheibner

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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.

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 Alison-Pariss 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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SPORTS HALL OF FAME

PAST RECIPIENTS

* Deceased

- 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 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 Brancio
- Ralph Cordisco
- Bryan Hassett
- Bob Tierney*
- 1985 Wilbur J. "Will" Arietta*
- Joseph "Josh" Bolack
- Eugene "Gene" Erickson
- Anthony John Gemma
- Joe "The Saint" St. Lawrence*
- 1974 Charles "Chuck" Alieno
- Henry "Peck" Artoppee*
- 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
- Paul Toscano
- Richard "Gus" Shankey
- 1978 James "Jim" Brown
- Harold "Hale" DeCheffin*
- James "Jim" Faulk*
- Ira Shuttleworth*
- James A. Schnaars
- Nicholas "Nick" Mottola*
- 1979 Bob Bacheller*
- Frank Cosenentino
- Harry Dee Dembnicki
- Jerry Hollahan*
- Bob Grossman
- E.J. Maurer*
- Bruno Ablondi*

1992 Murray Olderman
 Jerome Bonomolo
 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
 Ronald Tellefsen

1995 Ronnie Edwards
 Walter "Red" Levy
 Max Talaska
 Joe Klopchin
 Joe McDowell*
 Pat Urban

1996 Harry L. Babcock*
 Gerald T. Kapuninsky
 John Orlando
 Al Simonds
 George Garrecht
 Martin J. Springstead

1997 Mike Hagon
 Hank Kapuninsky
 Tom Mounkhal
 Dennis Pozsar
 Steve Wanamaker

1986 Joe Allava
 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 (Sham) 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 Steven Drummond
 Lewis Brundage
 Johnny Burns*
 Peter Haudner
 Ethel Dolier
 Dominic Gamboli

SPORTS HALL OF FAME

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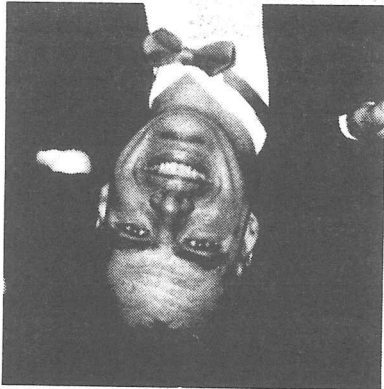
SENATOR JOE HOLLAND
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1974
First Rockland County
Sports Hall of Fame
Installation Dinner
Joe Holland - Chairman
Sally Holland



KEVIN KANE Nyack



Kevin Kanes home address is Nyack, NY. In 1976 he was a four sport star in high school: Basketball (All County), lacrosse (All-State), tennis (ranked in the state of New York), soccer (All-County). Turned down lacross scholarship at Rutgers to play soccer for North Carolina. Outstanding tennis player, could play at varsity level at North Carolina (the team is ranked nationally in tennis) but gave everything up to concentrate on soccer.

In his 32 starts for North Carolina, Kevin never allowed more than two goals. He has allowed two goals on only two occasions. He has allowed one goal on 16 occasions. Kane has shut out the opposition 14 times.

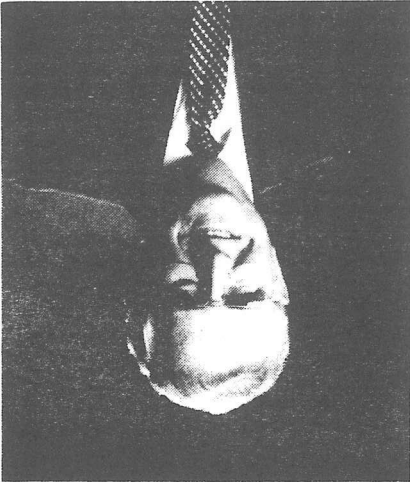
In his eight Atlantic Coast Conference starts he has allowed only two goals. The Atlantic Coast Conference is now considered by many to be the premier soccer conference in the country with Clemson, Virginia, N.C. State, Duke, Maryland and Wake Forest as soccer members (Georgia Tech has yet to develop a team).

In 1978 Kane shut out Clemson and Appalachian State. He shut Clemson out in Clemson, South Carolina and it was the first time they had been shut out in three years. He has never been scored on by Appalachian State as he shut them out again in 1979. In 1978, North Carolina was considered one of the top defensive teams in the country. This can be attributed in part to Kane's ability. Kane was injured before the Clemson game in 1979 and the score demonstrated the magnitude of his value as we were beaten 6-2 without him in goal.

During the three years to date that Kane has lettered on the UNC varsity soccer team we have accumulated a 42-9-10 record against a very imposing schedule. In 1979 for example, we played eight matches against teams that at some time in 1979 were ranked in the nation's top 20. Fifteen of our opponents were ranked regionally. We also played more matches than any team in the South (24) in

1979. We have been ranked 6th in the South each of the past three seasons and finished 2nd in the rugged Atlantic Coast Conference country top to bottom. For example, Maryland, who was 0-5 in ACC competition in 1979 beat Penn State who finished 3rd nationally. There are no weak teams in the ACC. In 1980, we feel he will be a National All-American.

ROCCO MARANO North Rockland



Graduated from Haverstraw High in 1945, He played Basketball and Football. He was born in West Haverstraw N.Y. He varsitized in 10th, 11th, and 12th grade in Basketball. He was Jr. Champs RCP/SAL 0-champs in 43-44. Sr. Sectional champs in 44-45, Sr. All County, and Sr. Team Captain.

Football his position was DE/OE. In 11th and 12th grade he was Sr Co-Champions.

Ten years semi-pro basketball with Haverstraw Knights of Columbus; St Peters Holy Name, Letchworth "Big 5" in Rockland County and Metropolitan New York/New Jersey. Teammates of Bill Babcock, Jim "Sham" Feeney, Paul and George Urban, Richie Mc Nicoll, "Owl" Riccen, Bob Zartnsky, Played with Haverstraw Veterans Basketball.

Currently retired, and living in Chatham Township, N.J. with his wife Mary. His children are Peter, Susan, Thomas and John.

BLAISE WINTER
Tappan Zee



- 1979 Captain/M.V.P./All Area Honors for Tappan Zee High School.
- 1980 Graduate of Tappan Zee High School, Tappan, New York.

An eleven year veteran of "war in the trenches" of The National Football League, he started as a defensive lineman for the Indianapolis Colts, San Diego Chargers, and the Green Bay Packers. Blaise began his football career under the tutelage of Joe Hince at Tappan Zee High School, where he graduated in 1980, after being an All-County selection his senior year. He entered Syracuse University unheralded, and as captain of the 1983 team, he was also selected as its MVP and garnered All-East honors.

In 1984, Winter was drafted in the second round by The Indianapolis Colts. Not only was he the best Colts' rookie, but he made First Team NFL All Rookie.

After 2 plus seasons with the Colts, he moved on to the San Diego Chargers for the balance of 1986 and the entire season of 1987. From San Diego, he joined the re-building Green Bay Packers in 1988 and was with them for three years. With nagging injuries due to his position of nose guard and defensive lineman, it looked like his successful seven year NFL career was finished.

But not to the "Over-achieving" Blaise Winter, for he fought his way back. After sitting out the 1991 season, he convinced the San Diego Chargers, who had their sights set on getting to the Super Bowl soon, that he could still play well.

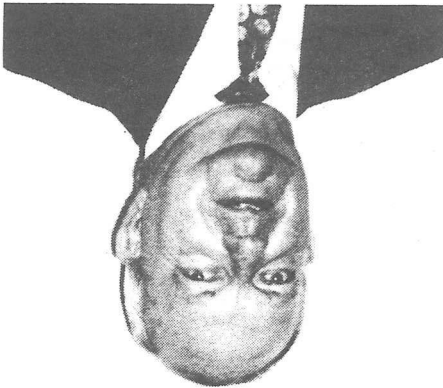
In 1992, his return and superlative play for the Chargers was the NFL Comeback Story of the Year. His inspiring led to numerous awards.

In 1994 San Diego, with Winter as one of its motivational leaders, did indeed make it to the Super Bowl, only to lose to the invincible Forty-Niners.

Blaise finished his NFL career in 1995 with Buffalo, unfortunately on injured reserve.

Over the years of his professional football career, he has been extremely active in community service work, donating many of his hours to help those in need. Today he works as a professional motivational/inspirational speaker, as well as doing some radio/television broadcasting involving the Green Bay Packers.

LOU KLIEWE Spring Valley



Biography- born in Tappan, N.Y.-1935.
resident of Pearl River for entire life grandfather bought land
in Pearl River.

Athletic Achievements- Pearl River High School.

9th grade-J.V. Basketball and Baseball.

10th grade-Varsity Basketball and Varsity Baseball.

Last Pearl River PSAL Basketball Champions-Coach Ira

Shuttleworth.

11th grade-Varsity Basketball-2nd team All-County-

averaged 14 points per game, Varsity Baseball-Honorable

Mention All County.

12th grade-Varsity Basketball-All County.

Varsity Baseball-All County-centerfield.

College Years-attended Cortland State and Manhattan College.
Began Officialing in Rockland football, basketball, baseball.

Varsity Basketball Coach at Albertus Magnus-

7 years Varsity Coach.

Started program at Albertus

1963-1964 Rockland County Coach of Year.

Started Baseball and Cross Country programs at the school.

Varsity Basketball Coach at Spring Valley High School-
1967-1995-28 years.

1 League championships: 1972-73, 1973-74, 1979-80
1980-81, 1981-82, 1982-83, 1984-85, 1985-86, 1990-91
1991-92, 1993-94 4 Sectional Championships-1974-75,
1978-79, 1981-82, 1982-83, 1 State Championship-1981-
82-Class A.

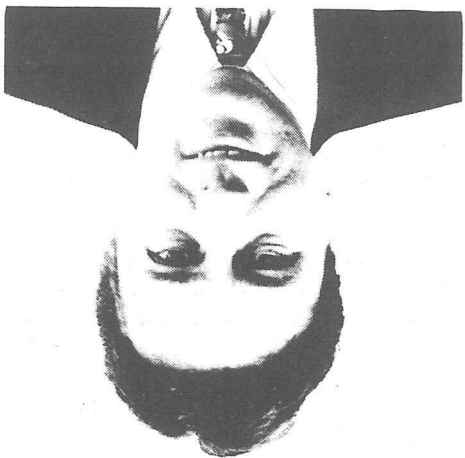
Rockland County Coach of Year Awards-
9-1973-74, 1079-80, 1980-81, 1981-82, 1982-83, 1985-86,
1990-91, 1991-92, 1993-94

Daily News-All Star High School Basketball Coach-
1974-Top 25 Coaches-Boys' Basketball in N.Y. State-1995
Most Wins in Rockland County Basketball History-447.

Additional Honors and Contributions-

Served on Sectional Basketball Committee for 20 years as
Athletic Director at Spring Valley High School. Introduced
girls' athletics in the early 1970's. Produced at least 30
college players. Developed at least 5 high school and
college coaches. Selected to speak as high school coach
at the "Final Four" in the early 1990's. Coached high school
basketball in Rockland County during 5 decades:50's,60's,70's,
80's 90's.

HOWIE MCNIFF
Albertus Magnus



Cross County

Rockland County meet champion, 1972, Section 9 Class B
runner-up, 1972 New York State Intersectional Class B
Champion, 1972. Undeated in dual meets, 1972 Eastern
States "C" race champion, 12:50.1 for the 2.5-mile course at
Van Cortlandt Park, Bronx, N.Y., 1972. Won every dual meet
except one in 1971. Led Albertus to the Rockland County
Public School Athletic League title in 1971. First-team
All-County, 1971 and 1972.

Indoor Track

New York State Intersectional 2-Mile Run Champion, 1973
Section 9 mile and 2-Mile Run Champion, 1973
State Qualifier meet 2-mile Run Champion, at West Point.
Time: 9:07.3, the fastest indoor time ever in New York up

to that time. However, it was not counted as a record because West Point's track was 300 yards; anything over 220 yards (or 200 meters) is considered "oversized". The time still stands as a Rockland record. Won Bishop Loughlin Games 2-mile Run at 168th St. Army in New York City in 9:09.8. Missed breaking the existing national flat-floor record by six-tenths of a second. In this race, he nipped Matt Centrowitz of Power Memorial, who later was a two-time Olympian, at 1,500 meters (1976) and 5,000 meters (1980). Won Cardinal Hayes Games 2-mile Run at 168th St. Army.
(During McNiff's scholastic career, All-County teams for winter track had not yet come into existence. The first Rockland County championship Winter track meet took place in 1974, the year after McNiff graduated.)

Spring Track

New York State Intersectional Mile Run Champion, 1973. Time: 4:15.1, sixth-fastest ever in Rockland County. Section 9 Class B Two-Mile Run Champion, 1973. Section 9 State Qualifier Mile Run Champion, 1973. Rockland County meet Mile Run Champion, 1973. Penn Relays 2-mile Run runner-up, 1973, 9:15.8. This race included premier distance runners from the East Coast. McNiff was beaten by a top runner from Virginia. Undeclared in dual meets, 1973. Rockland county meet Mile Run Champion, 1972. Undeclared in the mile run in dual meets, 1972. First-team All-County, mile run, 1973. First-team All-County, mile run and two-mile relay, 1972.

Fordham University (1973-1977)

Total number of varsity letters: 12. Best mile run time of 4:07. This time has been bettered by only 3 other Rocklanders. Best two-mile run time of 8:50. This time has been bettered by only 1 other Rocklander ever. Qualified for the NCAA Division I Cross Country Championships, 1974. Ran leadoff leg on Forham's 4x1500-meter relay at the 1976 Penn Relays. The team placed third in 15:12, faster than the national record at that time. McNiff's 1,500-meter time was 3:49, equivalent to a 4:07 mile.

Post-College

McNiff ran several high-quality marathons in the late 1970s and early 1980s. In the 1981 New York City Marathon, he clocked 2 hours 24 minutes 11 seconds. That is the second-fastest marathon (26.2 miles) ever by a Rocklander.

Personal

McNiff has been a New York State Court Officer for 19 years. He is currently a Senior Court Officer based in White Plains. He is married and lives in Pearl River with his wife, Laura, and two sons. Brad, 9, and Steven, 3.

Thanks for your friendship
and support.

LOU KLIWE

Congratulations to you
on your induction into

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Always,

Tom & Sandy Collins

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