

The logo for the Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame is centered on the page. It features a green pennant with a yellow border, tilted diagonally. Overlaid on the pennant is a torch with a brown handle and a bright yellow and orange flame. The text "Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame" is written in a red, serif font with a white outline, following the curve of the pennant.

Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame

**26th Annual Induction Dinner
Saturday Evening, May 15, 1999**

**Italian-American Club
West Haverstraw, New York**



Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame

Welcome to the 26th annual induction ceremony of the Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame. As we prepare to enter a new millennium, the Hall of Fame has evolved into a vibrant, forward-looking organization that anticipates a bright future even as it honors the best of our sporting past.

It has been a year of bracing change for the Hall. Two new museum-quality trophy cases have been installed to house the 141 plaques of Rockland Hall of Famers at the Allison-Parris County Office Building in New City. The pantheon of stars is attractively displayed and worth a trip for anyone with an interest in the county's athletic heritage.

To ensure that sports heroes from bygone eras are not forgotten, the Hall has instituted an Old-Timers category for athletic figures who achieved their fame before 1950. Ervan Levine, a mercurial track sprinter from Suffern in the mid-1930s, is the first inductee to be honored in this category.

Internally, the screening subcommittee underwent a facelift. Longtime chairman Joe Grasso handed over the reins to Jamie Kempton, who steers a six-person panel charged with winnowing the many nominations received down to a final 10. The entire 19-member board then votes to induct four or five candidates in the regular voting and one of three final candidates in the Old-Timers bracket.

This process annually yields a high-caliber roster of inductees. Witness, for example, this year's bumper crop of honorees, one of the finest classes to be enshrined in the Hall's quarter-century of existence. Read about this quintet's exploits in the following pages and we think you'll agree.

We must pause here, for a moment, to note the passing in 1998 of Max Talaska, a 1995 inductee. Talaska cut a giant swath through Rockland County as a teacher, coach, athletic director and physical education coordinator in the Pearl River School District for 35 years. His absence is keenly felt by all whom he touched.

A final salute is in order to those who have helped keep the Hall on sure footing and have made this occasion a memorable one: board vice president Kathy Dapolito, who worked tirelessly to arrange the new trophy cases and in selling ads for the program; treasurer Harry Jackson; secretary Ethel Doller; Jamie Kempton, screening committee chairman and author of inductees' program writeups; Dan White, ticket chairman; Pat D'Auria, dinner arrangements; Frank McGarvey, Hall of Fame shrine; George Hoisl, plaque procurement; Bruce Schweizer of Quality Graphics and Tom Doherty for their continual support and dedicated efforts; and all other members of the Hall of Fame committee. A special note of appreciation is due Joe Grasso for his many years of devoted service as head of the screening committee.

Regards,

Peter Scheibner

Congratulations to Gibby Sweet
and all Hall of Fame Inductees



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Dinner Program

Call to Order and Welcome.....Chairman Peter Scheibner
Invocation.....Brother Tom Higgs, SDB
Pledge of AllegianceJoe Holland
Master of Ceremonies.....Jim Kane

Committees

DinnerPat D'Auria
Program Book.....Peter Scheibner
Screening.....Jamie Kempton
ShrineFrank McGarvey, Kathy Dapolito
TicketsDan White

1999 Inductees

JIM CANN JOE CASARELLA
DICK YERG ERVAN LEVINE
WILLIAM "GIBBY" SWEET

Concluding Remarks and ThanksPeter Scheibner

ENSHRINEMENT REQUIREMENTS

The Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame was established to honor outstanding professional and amateur sportsmen and sportswomen, living and deceased, who have gained prominence while competing or residing in Rockland County. To be considered for nomination to the 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-Parris 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 141 such people have been honored since the Hall's 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
- Special Olympics • Venture

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Rockland County Hall of Fame Past Recipients

1974

Charles "Chuck" Aleno
Henry "Peck" Artopee*
Dr. Daniel "Danny" Fortmann*
Joseph "JoJo" Mackey
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1975

Roger Brown
Joe D'Auria
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1976

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Jim Ridlon
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Gloria Callan Jones

1977

August Bradley Chapman*
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1978

James "Jim" Brown
Harold "Hale" DeChelfin*
James "Jim" Faulk*
Ira Shuttleworth*
James Schnaars
Nicholas "Nick" Mottola*

1979

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

1980

Dr Jeffrey Munson
Arthur Orlando*
Britain Paterson*
Nicholas 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 Branche
Ralph Cordisco
Bryan Hassett
Bob Tierney*

1985

Wilbur J. "Wil" Arietta*
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 Holbrook
Chuck Scarpulla
James Stamos
Robert Strack

Rockland County Hall of Fame Past Recipients

(Continued)

1988

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

1989

Ralph Consiglio
Patty Dillon Solliday
Vincent Kovalsky
Frank Nelson*
Bob Wolff

1990

Denise McGuire
Guy Guccione
Abraham Schuster
Robert "Red" Schassler
Don Clancy*

1991

Steve Drummond
Lewis Brundage
Johnny Burns*
Peter Haubner
Ethel 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

1995

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

1996

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

1997

Mike Hagon
Hank Kapusinsky
Tom Mounkhal
Dennis Pozsar
Steve Wanamaker

1998

Kevin Kane
Lou Kliewe
Rocco Marano
Howie McNiff
Blaise Winter

Jim Cann

Jim Cann wasn't quick like a Barry Sanders or an Emmitt Smith. But he was quick enough to rocket through the slimmest of openings. He wasn't bruising like a Jim Brown or a Terrell Davis. But he was strong enough to run over tacklers. Couple that with a commanding sense of vision and a nose for the end zone and you have one of the greatest running backs in Rockland scholastic football history.

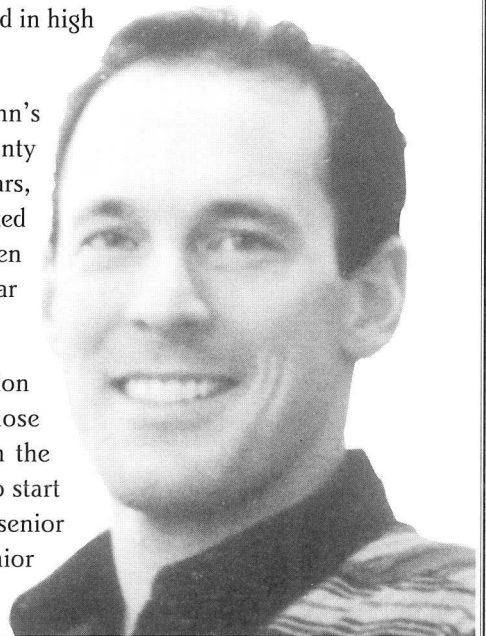
Cann, a 1986 Clarkstown South graduate, was like a runaway locomotive when pay-dirt was in sight. He holds Rockland career scoring records of 52 touchdowns and 321 points, set from 1983 to 1985. Cann rushed for 2,802 yards, earned All-County honors all three seasons, and capped his senior year by being named New York State co-player of the year by the New York State Sports Writers Association, as well as first-team All-State fullback.

Jim Cann's finest hour – to be precise, his finest 18 minutes 49 seconds – came during South's 54-6 victory over archrival Clarkstown North the last regular-season game of his junior year. Rarely on a Rockland gridiron has one player so dominated a game: seven touchdowns, including five in one quarter, tying state marks in both categories. South coach Mo Scro took Cann out of the game to spare North further embarrassment.

"All good backs have great quickness, but with his quickness he had vision," Scro once said of his star protege. "He just knew in his mind where the holes were. He was the greatest back I coached in high school."

Believe it or not, football wasn't even Cann's favorite sport; baseball was. He made All-County in that sport in both his junior and senior years, as an outfielder and pitcher. In a poll conducted in 1988 by The Journal-News, Cann was chosen the best male athlete in the school's then 16-year history.

Cann was heavily recruited by NCAA Division I colleges in the East and South, and chose Rutgers. Injuries consigned him to a spot on the bench his first two years, but he rebounded to start 22 straight games at tailback his junior and senior years. He earned All-East accolades his senior



year after leading Rutgers in scoring, yards rushing and receptions. He wound up 10th on the school's career receptions list, developed into a reliable blocker and was a capable fill-in as primary kick returner.

Baseball also was very, very good to him at Rutgers. Playing center field and batting leadoff, Cann batted .381, was the team Most Valuable Player, and merited All-East honors his senior year, 1990. He helped lead the Scarlet Knights to the NCAA Eastern Regional finals, which they lost to Georgia, that year's College World Series champion.

These days, Cann resides in Franklin, Tenn., where he sells dialysis equipment for a health care company. The 31-year-old is engaged to be married.



Joe Casarella

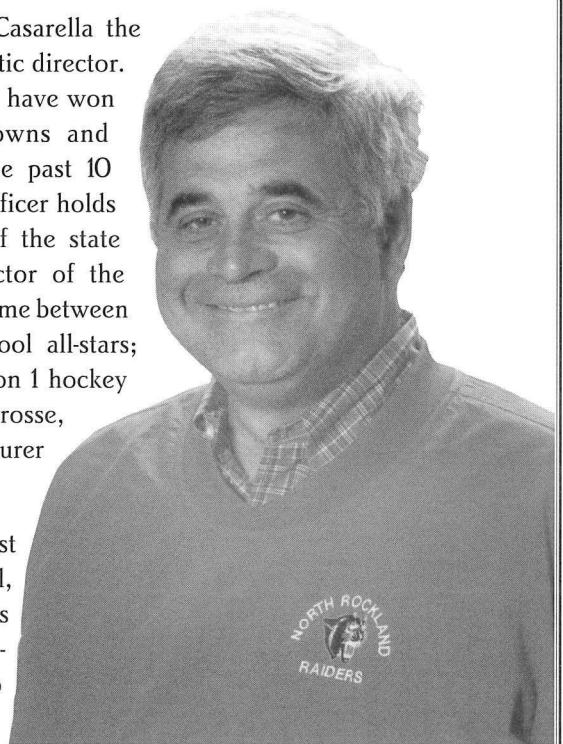
The most successful high school football coach in the annals of Rockland would appear to have many alter egos. Many people know him as the man who has led North Rockland High School's football team to a 19-year record of 160-22-1; 11 league, 11 bowl and 10 Section 1 (Rockland, Westchester, Putnam, Dutchess counties) titles; the large-schools championship in the first New York State football playoffs in 1993; and advancement to the title game again in 1994.

He also owns the highest winning percentage (.879) of New York State football coaches with more than 100 wins, and has been Coach of the Year in Rockland 13 times, in New York State twice, and, in 1997, nationally, as chosen by the National Federation of Interscholastic Coaches Association.

His teams have ranked in the top five in the state 12 times, and the 1993 state title club was rated No.23 nationwide. His proteges have gone on to play for many Division I colleges and in 10 postseason bowl games, including the Orange, Cotton and Sugar bowls.

But those numbers speak only of Casarella the coach. There's also Casarella the athletic director. Under his direction, Red Raider teams have won 119 league titles, 43 sectional crowns and countless top-10 state rankings in the past 10 years alone. Casarella the organizer/officer holds or has held many posts: president of the state football coaches association; a director of the Governor's Bowl, an annual football game between New York and New Jersey high school all-stars; executive committee member of Section 1 hockey and committee member of Section 1 lacrosse, chairman of League B football and treasurer of Conference A schools.

Casarella the clinician has been guest speaker at numerous college football, coaches and athletic directors clinics and conventions, management seminars, Rotary and other civic group



meetings. Casarella the coach also won sectional and league lacrosse titles and earned Coach of the Year honors three times in that sport. His expertise included coaching stints in tennis, track and field, and baseball at North Rockland.

As an athlete, Casarella was an All-Westchester County football player at Harrison High School and a member of the Ithaca College football team that was Lambert Cup (Eastern) champion in 1965. He also was Ithaca's lacrosse team captain in 1967.

The man of many hats is especially proud of his 32-year involvement with the youth of North Rockland and Rockland County. He taught physical education for 17 years and now helps coordinate the program at North Rockland, besides being district chairman of the Substance Awareness Committee. He has lent his time and support to many youth sports groups, including the Catholic Youth Organization, Haverstraw and Stony Point Little Leagues, and the North Rockland youth football and soccer associations.

Casarella's influence extends beyond the athletic sphere. He is on the executive committee for the county substance abuse organization; is a member of the county Aid Advising Board and Policy Committee; has served on a committee of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith of Rockland; and is on the scholarship committee of the Federation of Police. He's also chairman and a charter member of the North Rockland Sports Hall of Fame, and is a prominent member of the Haverstraw Elks and the Italian American Club of West Haverstraw.

The honors bestowed on him by an array of constituencies would require a separate volume itself. Here is a sampling: distinguished service awards from CYO, County Executive John T. Grant, the County Legislature (for Casarella and his football staff), and the county chapter of the anti-drug group D.A.D.D.Y.; certificates of merit from the International Conference of Police, the Gaelic Football League and the Bronx Lions Club; Man of the Year citations from Big Brother-Big Sister, Boys Town of Italy and Rockland Hibernians; and honorary chairman of the Marian Shrine Golf Outing.

Casarella, who's 54, lives in New City with his wife, Jean, an employee of the Archdiocese of New York. They have two children: Greg, a teacher and coach at Suffern High School, and Nancy, who is pursuing a degree in occupational therapy.



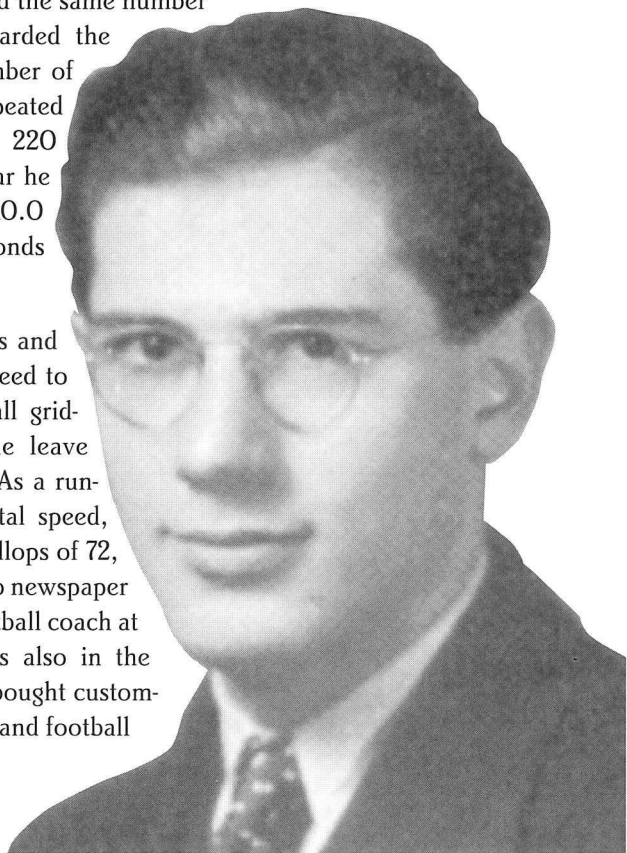
Ervan Levine

This year's inductee in the Old-Timers category (pre-1950) is Ervan Levine, Suffern High School class of 1937. Levine was blessed with an abundance of one athletic attribute: speed. Raw, whippet-like speed. He parlayed that talent into one of the premier sprinting careers in Rockland County in the first half of this century.

For three straight years — 1935, 1936 and 1937 — he was undefeated in the 100- and 220-yard dashes. His 100-yard dash time of 10 seconds flat — recorded three times over two years — remained the Suffern High School record for 36 years. It was tied in 1961 and '64 but not broken until Mark Connors sped 9.9 in 1972.

In 1936, the Suffern Wildcats (the nickname "Mountaineers" or "Mounties" would come later), led by Levine, finished undefeated in dual-meet competition. At the Rockland County Championships at Tallman Mountain State Park, Levine won the 100 and 220 and ran on the winning sprint medley relay to pace Suffern to the team title. Suffern and Congers actually had the same number of points but Suffern was awarded the victory based on a greater number of first-place finishers. Levine repeated as Rockland County 100 and 220 champ his senior year. That year he posted personal best times of 10.0 for 100, 22.9 for 220 and 53 seconds in the 440.

Just as blazers like Bob Hayes and Willie Gault used their track speed to make an impact on the football grid-iron, so too did Ervan Levine leave defenders trailing in his wake. As a running back with pedal-to-the-metal speed, Levine scored on touchdown gallops of 72, 64, 43 and 38 yards, according to newspaper and oral accounts. Suffern's football coach at the time, Ed Greene — who is also in the Rockland Hall of Fame — even bought custom-made lightweight shoulder pads and football cleats for "Swervin" Ervan.



Levine later earned a track scholarship to New York University. He went on to star in amateur competition for the Valkyrie Athletic Club of Spring Valley, bringing his 100-yard dash time down to 9.9 seconds. He excelled in meets held in such places as Newburgh, West Point, Westchester County, New York City and other parts of the metropolitan region. Harry Jackson of Spring Valley, a Rockland Hall of Fame trackman, called Levine the top sprinter of his era in the county.



Gibby Sweet

Where to begin with the athletic exploits of William Gibson “Gibby” Sweet? His state wrestling championship? His blistering quarter-mile speed in track? His All-America status in collegiate wrestling? His three county team titles and 87-10 record as a wrestling coach? His founding of three scholarship programs as well as his high school’s hall of fame?

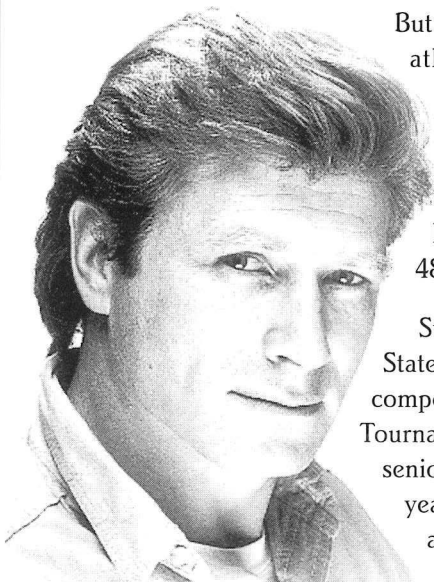
The resume is long and the accomplishments varied for Sweet, a 1968 Pearl River High alumnus. Possessed of a decathlete’s muscular build, a competitive athletic temperament and the rugged good looks of the actor he later became, Sweet was the Pirates’ real-life Frank Merriwell — the All-American boy.

In wrestling, Sweet won two Rockland County crowns and two Section 9 (Rockland, Orange, Ulster, Sullivan counties) titles. After placing fourth in the state tournament at 168 pounds as a junior, Sweet captured the state title at the same weight his senior year. He posted a 20-1 record and was named The Journal-News Wrestler of the Year.

Sweet traded the brawn and agility of wrestling for the unharnessed speed of track in the spring. In his best event, the 440-yard dash — one lap around the cinder oval — he won the Rockland and Section 9 championships and placed seventh in the state meet, with a best time of a then-school record 50.9 seconds. He is one of the select few Rockland athletes to win Section 9 championships in two different sports. He also earned honorable mention All-County status in football.

But high school was just phase one of Gibby Sweet’s athletic career. On he proceeded to Rockland Community College where, as a sophomore, he gained All-America laurels with a third-place finish at 168 lbs. in the junior college national championships. He also made Academic All-America. In track, he posted an excellent 440-yard time of 48.9 seconds for third in the Region 16 meet.

Stepping up to the NCAA Division I level at Indiana State, Sweet was undefeated in two years of dual-meet competition, finished seventh in the NCAA Division I Tournament, and was a Division I All-America in his senior year. He lost only two dual-meet matches in four years of college wrestling. While a graduate assistant at Indiana State, he competed in and won several



matches for the U.S. International Team, was an alternate member of the World Cup team, and placed sixth in the national Amateur Athletic Union open championships.

When Sweet ended his competitive career, he transferred the drive that propelled him on the mats to a brief but luminous stint as wrestling coach. Under his tutelage, Tappan Zee became a scourge of the county, winning three Rockland team championships, gaining three runner-up team finishes in Section 9, and compiling a win-loss record of 87-10 (an .897 winning percentage) from 1974 to 1979, including an unblemished 16-0 mark in 1977. Sweet, the Rockland Coach of the Year in 1975, '76 and '77, had the most individual County champions (24), Sectional champions (14) and New York State place winners (eight) of any Rockland team during his six-year reign.

Sweet continues to make his mark in the Rockland athletic realm in various ways. He is the founder of the Pearl River High School Sports Hall of Fame. He also founded three scholarship programs: the Coach Dag Scholarship Golf Tournament, in memory of long-time Pearl River wrestling and football coach Julie D'Agostino; the Craig Marshiano Scholarship at Tappan Zee High School, in honor of an All-County wrestler from the Tappan Zee class of 1977 who died of a brain tumor in 1992; and the William G. Sweet Memorial Scholarship at North Rockland High School, a \$2,000 scholarship given by his family in memory of his father, who taught at the school for 31 years.

Sweet, who is 49, lives in Orangeburg with his wife, Marcia. They have two daughters from Marcia's previous marriage—Liz, a sophomore at SUNY Binghamton, and Jen, a junior at Pearl River High School.



Dick Yerg

If journalism is the first rough draft of history, it's appropriate that Dick Yerg, a former history major, was in the trenches chronicling local sports for more than three and a half decades.

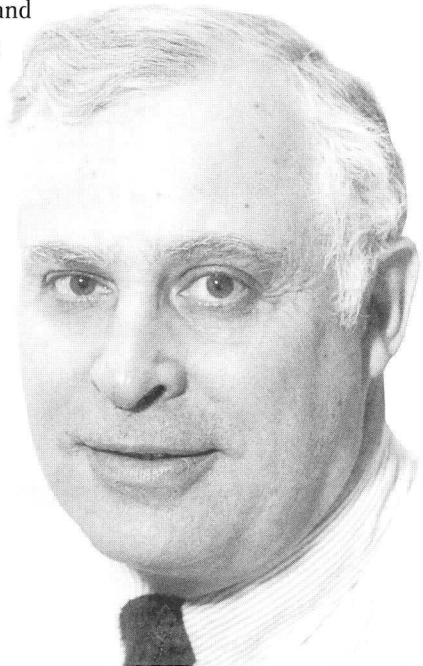
Dick Yerg, a dyed-in-the-wool, native Nyacker, spent four years covering Rockland County sports for the Rockland edition of The Record of Bergen County, N.J., then embarked on a 32-year career with The Journal-News and its parent company. He served as Journal-News sports editor from 1967 to 1975, then spent nine years as sports editor of Westchester Rockland Newspapers, a chain of newspapers in Westchester, Putnam and Rockland counties that includes The Journal-News. Yerg returned to The Journal-News as a sports writer in 1984 and remained there until his retirement last November.

His impact was such that last spring, the Rockland County Coaches Association feted him with a special award for his career's worth of distinguished service to and appreciation for Rockland athletics.

A self-effacing man, Yerg went about his work with poise and equanimity. In the sometimes raucous atmosphere of a sports department, Yerg was a paternal voice of reason. It is the journalist's mission to make it clear, make it interesting, and make it right. Clarity, style, accuracy. Dick Yerg was a winner on all three counts. His game stories and feature articles were always factually correct, well researched and fun to read. And his meticulous record-keeping over the years made The Journal-News' sports archives the envy of other media and a god-send for athletic programs throughout Rockland County.

Yerg witnessed—and duly chronicled—the major sports trends in our county since the early '60s. He was in the vanguard of journalists who recognized the profound impact of the blossoming of girls' sports. He was front and center during what many consider the halcyon days of Rockland scholastic sports, the 1970s.

He had a bird's-eye view of the development of athletic realignment in 1983-84, when Rockland schools moved



from Section 9 (Orange, Sullivan, Ulster counties) to Section 1 (Westchester, Putnam, Dutchess). He was an ardent supporter of The Journal-News-sponsored Little League Tournament of Champions, and he considers himself privileged to have written about some two hundred talented winners of The Journal-News' Scholar-Athlete of the Week program.

Yerg's passion for ice hockey translated into a 19-year stint covering the New York Rangers for Westchester Rockland Newspapers. He was an officer of the New York chapter of the Professional Hockey Writers Association for 12 years, serving as its president for six terms, and voted on National Hockey League award winners and all-stars for 10 years. He also was a founding member of the New York State Sports Writers Association.

Yerg graduated in 1957 from Nyack High School, where he was a member of championship teams in football and baseball his senior year. At Bates College in Lewiston, Me., he captained the soccer team for two years, and played four years of that sport and baseball. On the recreation softball diamond, Yerg played with distinction for various Rockland teams from 1959 to 1975 and helped found the highly competitive league at the Deer Head Inn field in West Nyack, the mecca of county softball for many years.

Outside of his college tenure, Yerg, who's 59, never strayed far from his Nyack roots. He has said, with a certain pride of place, that he was born at Nyack Hospital, grew up down the block from MacCalman Field in Nyack, went to school at Nyack High and will be buried at Oak Hill Cemetery, a stone's throw from the hospital and the old high school. He and his wife, Sandi, reside in Nyack and have two grown children, Roger and Kari.



**Congratulations Gibby
and all other 1999 inductees!**

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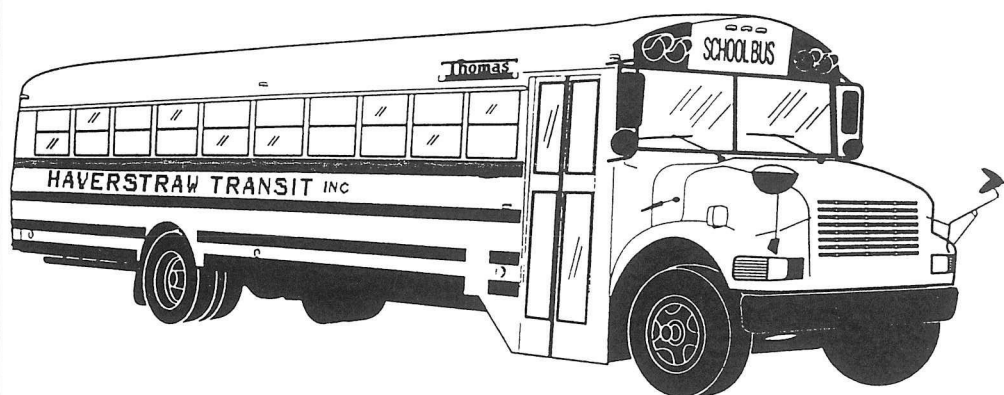


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To be remembered and retold.
For we would read of how you gave
To each and everyone you met
The fullness that your heart could give;
The love that no one could forget.
And each of you would take a special place
Within our minds and our hearts, too;
A place we'd often come to dream
And there, with love, remember each of you.

Congratulations to

Jim Cann
Joe Casarella
Ervan Levine
Gibby Sweet
Dick Yerg

On your induction into the
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Special praise and accolades to:

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Gibby Sweet, a great competitor and gentleman.

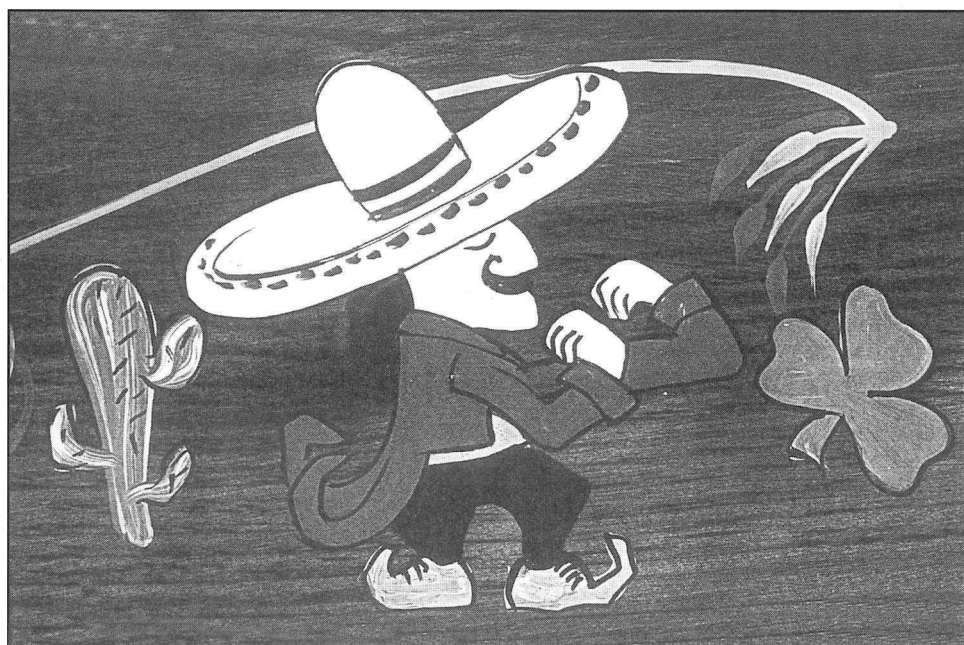
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Bill and Phil

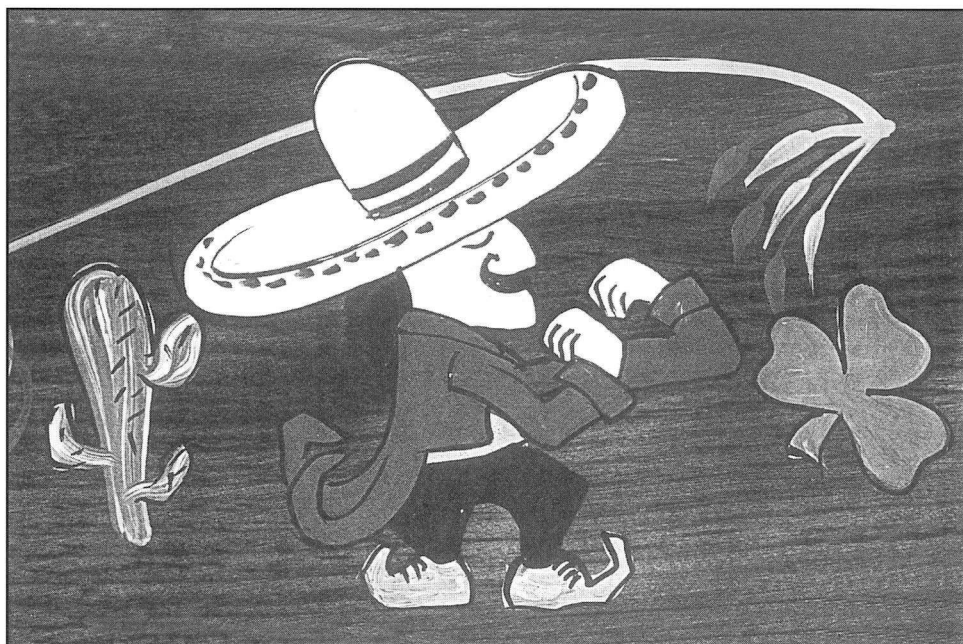
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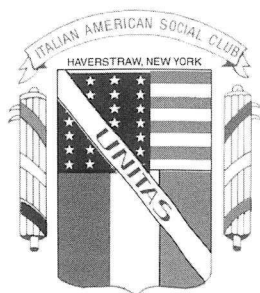
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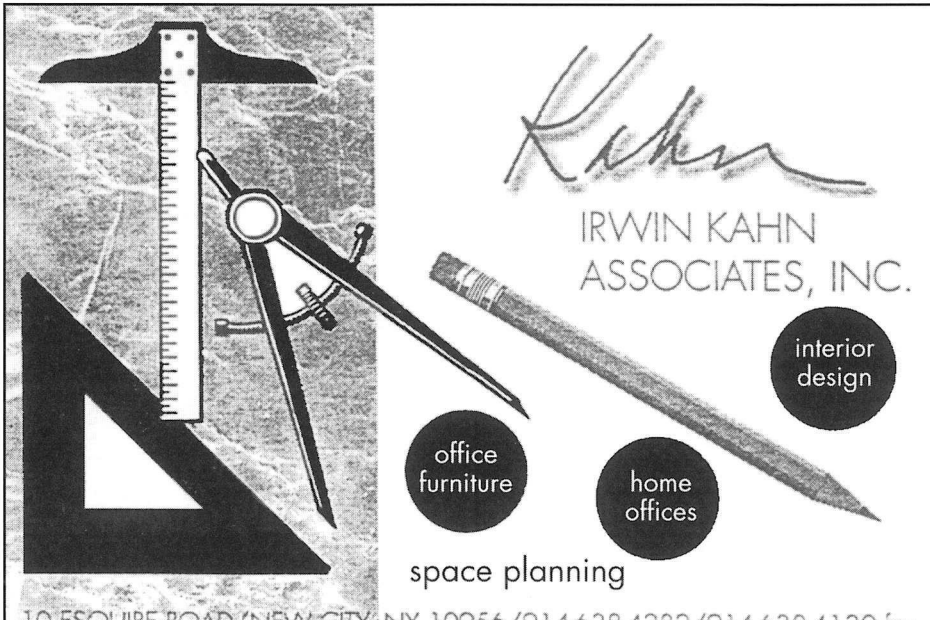
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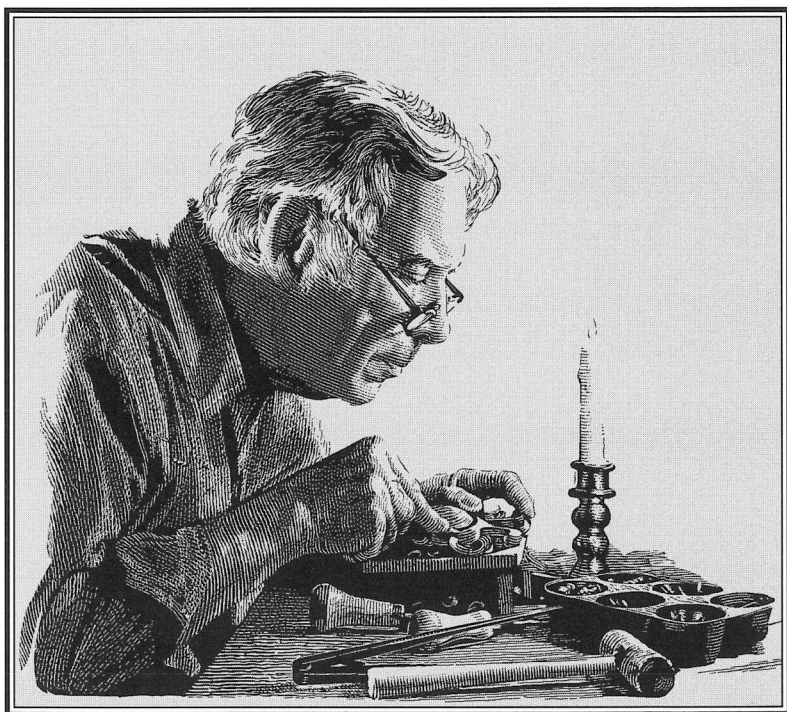
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