



**29th Annual Induction Dinner
Saturday Evening, April 20, 2002**

**Pearl River Elks Club
Elk Drive, Nanuet, NY**

Congratulations to all inductees
past, present and future.



The Pearl River
Sports Hall of Fame



Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame

Welcome to the 29th annual induction ceremony of the Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame. This is our annual showcase, a chance to bring together the local athletic community in a collective celebration of a new class of Hall of Famers. We also use this forum to update you on positive developments within the organization.

The Hall of Fame committee is heartened by the quality and volume of athletic résumés submitted in recent years, which supplement the many strong holdover nominations from prior years. Because of this wealth of high-quality candidates—and we are continually seeking more submissions (see page 4 for details)—our voting is virtually guaranteed to produce a bounty of star-quality inductees.

This year is no exception. Major league baseball shortstop Walt Weiss of Suffern; NFL running back Derrick Lassic of North Rockland; Albertus Magnus track and cross-country coach Dick Teetsel; Nanuet basketball standout Norinne Powers, who played professionally in Europe; and Suffern lacrosse star Kris Snider constitute this year's class, bringing the total to 158 enshrined since 1974.

The Old-Timers category initiated three years ago attempts to give proper recognition to accomplished athletes who were active before 1950. This year's recipient is Ken Harniman, a multi-sport star from Nanuet who attended Nyack High School (1929-33).

The Hall of Fame is only as strong as the constituencies that support it, and we are encouraged by the groundswell of interest shown by many local high schools in establishing their own athletic halls of fame. With the recent addition of Nanuet and the revival of Spring Valley's hall, eight of the 11 Rockland high schools now have halls of fame. These groups can serve as feeders of future résumés to us, as cooperative ties are forged between the county body and the respective school entities.

In keeping with our tradition on this page, we take a moment to note the passing in the past year of inductees and friends of our organization. Joe Klopchin, a 1995 inductee, starred in baseball and soccer for Congers High (1944-48) and in amateur and semipro baseball. Bob Mathias, a 1986 inductee and 1972 Clarkstown High alumnus, was one of Rockland's greatest basketball players. Our prayers go out to them and their families.

Finally, a nod of appreciation to those people who help keep our organization strong via their diligent efforts: Kathy Dapolito, vice chair; Ethel Doller, secretary; Pete Castellano, treasurer; Marie Aussner, past treasurer; Dan White, ticket chairman and master of ceremonies; Jamie Kempton, screening committee chair and program editor; Gibby Sweet, dinner arrangements; Bruce Schweizer of Quality Graphics, Pearl River; and Tom Doherty, Pearl River schools.

Regards,

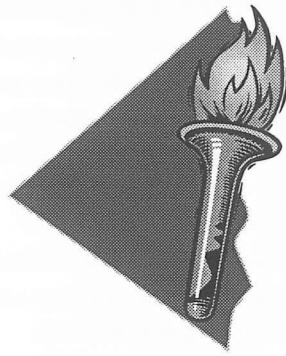
Pete Scheibner, Chairman

Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame List of Inductees

<u>INDUCTEE</u>	<u>PLAQUE SPONSOR</u>	<u>INTRODUCED BY</u>
KEN HARNIMAN	Sponsor Needed	Dick Harniman
DERRICK LASSIC	Sponsor Needed	Pete Matone
NORINNE POWERS	Sponsor Needed	Dave Powers
KRIS SNIDER	Sponsor Needed	John Orlando
DICK TEETSEL	Rockland County Track Officials Association	Larry Beckerle
WALT WEISS	Sponsor Needed	Ron Gamma

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*The regular cocktail hour (7 p.m. to 8 p.m.)
is being sponsored by Paul Miller Toyota.*



Dinner Program

Call to Order and Welcome.....Chairman Peter Scheibner
InvocationRev. Raymond Caliman
Pledge of AllegianceJoe Holland
Master of CeremoniesDan White
VocalistRev. Rosie Jackson

Committees

DinnerPat D'Auria, Gibby Sweet
Program Book.....Peter Scheibner
Screening/Editor.....Jamie Kempton
Shrine.....Kathy Dapolito
TicketsDan White

2002 Inductees

KEN HARNIMAN	KRIS SNIDER
DERRICK LASSIC	DICK TEETSEL
NORINNE POWERS	WALT WEISS

Concluding Remarks and ThanksPeter Scheibner

ENSHRINEMENT REQUIREMENTS

The Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame was established to honor outstanding sportsmen and sportswomen, living and deceased, who have gained prominence while residing or competing in, or have brought recognition to, Rockland County. To be considered for nomination to the Hall of Fame, candidates must meet the following criteria:

- A. Attain prominence in sports as an athlete, coach, manager, official, owner, writer, broadcaster or supporter.
- B. Reside or have resided in Rockland County, competed here at the time of their prominence, or brought fame to Rockland County as a result of their accomplishments.
- C. Be a person of integrity and good character.
- D. Candidates cannot be considered until 10 years after their high school class graduation, except in special cases.

Our committee encourages the public to send athletic resumes/nominations of prospective candidates to Screening Committee chairman Jamie Kempton: 55 Prospect St., Nanuet, NY 10954. Nominees are reviewed by this committee and, if accepted, voted upon for enshrinement by the committee as a whole.

The Hall of Fame Committee holds monthly meetings the first Tuesday of the month from October to May. Anyone wishing to join the organization should write to Chairman Pete Scheibner: 1 Captain McGovern Drive, Stony Point, N.Y. 10980, or e-mail him at scheibner@erols.com.

Each inductee in the Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame receives a commemorative 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 158 such individuals have been honored since the Hall's inception in 1974.

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

- ARC • Varsity Athletes Against Substance Abuse • Salvation Army
- Haverstraw Little League Save the Fields Fund • American Cancer Society
- Special Olympics • Venture • Big Brothers-Big Sisters • Challenger Little League

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Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame Nomination Form

Nominee: _____
(Last) (First) (M)

Current
Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Date Submitted: _____

* If deceased, please give name, address and phone number of family member.

H.S. and Year of Graduation : _____

College and Year of Graduation: _____

On a separate typewritten page, list all of the significant accomplishments of the nominee, both as a Rockland County resident and otherwise. Please be as specific as possible. Include varsity sports played in high school and college, dates, letters earned, honors won, records set, post-collegiate achievements, etc.

* Please submit a clear black-and-white or color photo of the nominee.

Nominating Person:

Last name: _____ First: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please Submit to:

Jamie Kempton
Chairman, Selection Committee
Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame
55 Prospect St.
Nanuet, NY 10954

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Rockland County Hall of Fame Inductees

1974

Chuck Aleno
Henry "Peck" Artopee*
Dr. Daniel "Danny" Fortmann*
Joseph "JoJo" Mackey
Howard "Howie" Pierson

1975

Roger Brown
Joe D'Auria
Bill Drescher*
Billy Hogan*
Donald "Pop" Sherwood*

1976

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

1977

Augusta Bradley Chapman*
Nick Gamboli*
Ed Greene
Harry Jackson*
Paul Toscano
Richard "Gus" Shankey*

1978

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

1979

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

1980

Dr. Jeffrey Munson
Art Orlando*
Brit Paterson*
Nick Ryder
Horace Tyrus
Emil Willis*
Mickey Wittman

1981

Art Hopper*
Frank Horan
Howard Johnson
Lester Lepori*
Walter Ostrom
Victor Shankey*
Bill 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

Wil Arietta*
Joseph "Josh" Bolack*
Gene Erickson
Tony Gemma
Joe St. Lawrence*

1986

Joe Alleva
John Jemison
Harold Lederman
Bob Mathias*
Sylvester "Molly" McGee*

1987

Fred Hahn*
Charles Holbrook
Chuck Scarpulla
Jim Stamos
Bob Strack

** Denotes Deceased*

Rockland County Hall of Fame Past Recipients

(Continued)

1988

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

1993

Jim Kane
Kathy Miller Dapolito
Jay Bohnel
Mike Deane
Don Driscoll

1998

Kevin Kane
Lou Kliewe
Rocco Marano
Howie McNiff
Blaise Winter

1989

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

1994

Hubert Nealy
Martin "Hawk" Jacobs
Joe Goldsmith
Tom Collins
Ron Tellefsen

1999

Jim Cann
Joe Casarella
Ervan Levine*
Gibby Sweet
Dick Yerg

1990

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

1995

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

2000

Rich Conklin
Kevin Houston
Dawn Royster
Sarah Will
Alex Zilko*

1991

Steve Drummond
Lew Brundage
Johnny Burns*
Pete Haubner
Ethel Doller
Dominic Gamboli

1996

Harry Babcock*
Gerald Kapusinsky
John Orlando
Al Simonds
George Garrecht
Marty Springstead

2001

George Dalzell
Gerald D'Auria
Seth Joyner
Tod Giles
Debbie Grant
Bill White

1992

Murray Olderman
Jerome Bonomolo
Joseph "Biscuit" Picarello
Dale Lydecker
John Mercurio

1997

Mike Hagon
Hank Kapusinsky
Tom Mounkhal
Dennis Pozsar
Steve Wanamaker

* Denotes Deceased

KEN HARNIMAN

Name a sport, and Ken Harniman has probably done it. In his era—1929 to 1933—athletes were not steered toward specializing in one or two sports, as is frequently the case today. The former Nyack High School standout excelled or had an impact in six sports: track and field, cross country, football, basketball, tennis and bowling.

Harniman was the most versatile track athlete of his day. He ran the 100-yard dash, the 220-yard dash and the mile, did the running broad jump (now called the long jump), high jumped, threw the discus and shot put, and pole vaulted, usually earning points in each event.

In 1933, Harniman won the mile run in the Rockland County Public School Athletic League championships by more than 125 yards. In cross country, he was the 1931 Rockland County PSAL champion. He started the season on the Nyack football team, but switched to cross country after sustaining a broken wrist in the first game of the season. His standard strategy on cross-country courses was to start out in the back of the pack to push Nyack's other runners, then move ahead and usually wind up winning the race.

In basketball, Harniman, a 5-foot-7 guard, played three years of varsity ball. He was a defensive whiz; no opposing player ever scored more than 4 points off him. He also had a lower total of fouls than number of games played.

After graduating from Nyack in 1933, Harniman continued to flourish in a variety of sporting pursuits. At Western Illinois University in Macomb, Ill., he was the Leathernecks' top quarter-miler in track for two consecutive seasons, 1938-39 (he did not enter college right out of high school during the difficult Depression era).

Harniman also was Western Illinois' No.1 singles player in tennis those same years. Since tennis and track were both contested in the spring, some days he had to compete in the 440-yard dash and then play singles and doubles. On one occasion, the track meet ended in a tie. Harniman had to go play his tennis matches, then change back into his track equipment and run in a 440-yard relay to decide the meet.

Rockland County at that time offered a wealth of opportunity for post-scholastic athletes. In track, Harniman shone in Amateur Athletic Union-sanctioned open events. In football, he played guard, center and end at 131 pounds for the undefeated Nyack Alumni Chieftains in 1934, '35 and '36. And in basketball, from 1935 through 1937, he was a member of the famed Nyack Y Arrows, who played all over New York City, New Jersey, Long Island and Connecticut.

The Arrows played against such outstanding teams as the Detroit Clowns; Jamestown, the



perennial New York State YMCA champion; and Gregory's All-Stars of New York City. Some of Harniman's teammates were Ed Greene of Suffern, Jim Faulk of St. Agnes, Al Pennel, Glenn Ausbury and Bill Perry.

Harniman also played a major role in expanding the sports of tennis and bowling in Rockland. In tennis, he was instrumental in originating the Rockland County Men's Singles Tournament in 1935. At the time he was working as a physical director at the Nyack YMCA and assistant coach at Nyack High School. He umpired the later stages of matches, maintained the courts and even wrote articles on the tourney for The Journal-News. (He later was a longtime reporter for that newspaper.)

Following World War II, Harniman, as president of the Pearl River Tennis Club, started up the men's singles and doubles and women's singles tournaments on the Merritt Tennis Courts in Pearl River.

In addition, Harniman was a prime mover in women's bowling in Rockland, believing that everyone should be able to enjoy the sport equally. Upon taking over the Nyack YMCA Bowling Alleys and being put in charge of the pinboys, Harniman persuaded Ed Maurer, chairman of bowling at the Y, to set aside Wednesday nights as women's bowling night. He also convinced Maurer (a Rockland Hall of Fame bowler) to bring his experienced colleagues to the Y to teach the women how to bowl correctly. The women soon formed a league of their own.

Harniman, who is 86, served in the U.S. Army during World War II as a captain and main navigator for the 9th Army Air Force. He was shot down behind enemy lines and captured by the German Army. He managed to escape while interned as a Prisoner of War, but was later recaptured.

A longtime Nanuet resident, Harniman has suffered physical setbacks in recent years and now resides at the Castle Point Veterans Administration Hospital in Dutchess County. He has two grown children—Patricia, 56, and Robert, 55. His wife, Vera, is deceased.



DERRICK LASSIC

He had the speed: he outran all his Dallas Cowboys teammates with a 4.29-second 40-yard dash. He had the moves, once hurdling completely over an upright defender en route to a scholastic championship game-clinching touchdown. And he had the drive, possessing one of the finest work ethics his high school coach had ever seen.

Put it all together and you've got a football player for the ages. Derrick Lassic, North Rockland High School Class of 1988, parlayed his physical gifts and inner fortitude into one of the greatest gridiron careers in Rockland athletic history. He went on to star at the University of Alabama and spent three years in the NFL with the Cowboys.

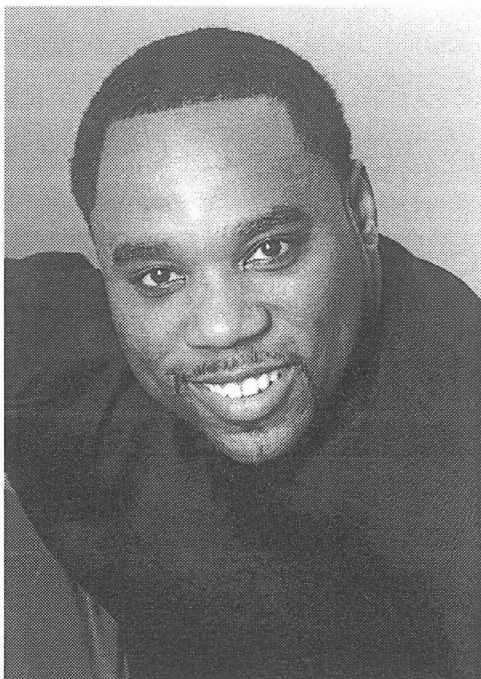
At the conclusion of his high school career, Lassic—then known as Derrick Owens—was dubbed "the best pure tailback I've ever coached" by Joe Casarella, North Rockland's head football coach. At 5-foot-11, 180 pounds (200 in the pros), Lassic's ability to immediately zip through holes in the line of scrimmage set him up for long ground-gainers and scoring dashes.

And oh, could he score. In his senior season, 1987, Lassic scored a county-record 194 points—more than any other entire team in Rockland that year, and fifth-best ever in New York State up to that point. County records were ripe for his picking that year: he set marks for yards in a season, 1,719; touchdowns in a season, 31; and rushing touchdowns in a season, 26. The sure-handed tailback carried the ball 245 times that season without a fumble, and wound up his scholastic career with 2,846 rushing yards.

He led North Rockland to a 10-0 record that season (as well as a 9-1 mark the previous year) and its third straight Section 1 Class A bowl win, a 29-19 thriller over Roosevelt of Yonkers. In that game, Lassic leaped completely over a stunned Roosevelt defender in the open field and completed a spectacular, game-clinching 60-yard touchdown run that is still talked about today.

Lassic's milestone season earned him 1987 New York State large-school Player of the Year honors from the state sportswriters association. He was also named to USA Today's High School All-America football team and received the MVP Junior Heisman award for the New York metropolitan area from the Downtown Athletic Club in New York City.

After enrolling at the University of Alabama, Lassic redshirted his freshman season and played sporadically until his junior year, when he was one of two primary ball-carriers for



the Crimson Tide. He became the featured back the following year, however, gaining 905 yards on 178 carries (5.1 yards per carry), catching 14 passes for 129 yards, and scoring 11 touchdowns in 12 games.

In the biggest game of the year, the Sugar Bowl versus Miami, Lassic tilted the spotlight his way with a memorable performance. He gained 135 yards and scored two touchdowns, earning game MVP honors while leading the unbeaten Crimson Tide to a 34-13 victory—completing a 13-0 campaign—and the season-ending No. 1 ranking in the national polls.

He also was chosen MVP of the Southeastern Conference championship game against Florida, and gained first-team All-SEC acclaim and honorable mention All-America recognition.

Lassic was selected by the Dallas Cowboys in the fourth round of the 1993 NFL draft and had to learn the pro game in a hurry. With star running back Emmitt Smith holding out for a better contract, Lassic was inserted into the starting lineup right away, making his debut against the Washington Redskins on Monday Night Football's national stage. He started two more games until Smith returned to the lineup, and played three years as Smith's backup.

In his last year with the Cowboys, Lassic tore a knee patella tendon on a non-contact play and struggled to regain full health thereafter. The Carolina Panthers signed him for the 1996 season and placed him on injured reserve, but the knee injury proved too great an impediment to overcome and he retired from pro football.

Lassic, who is 32, has spent the past four years as a technical adviser for movies with football themes, such as "Remember the Titans" and "Any Given Sunday." He and a partner make casting calls for some 50 athletically inclined extras, and teach them how to execute football plays used in the films.

Lassic has recently launched a career as a pharmaceutical sales representative, and also dabbles as a real-estate investor who buys, refurbishes and sells homes. He lives in Marietta, Ga., and is soon to be engaged to Dr. Lisa Chatman, a dentist.



TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE

NORINNE POWERS

When Norinne Powers was on her game—which is to say, virtually any time she stepped on the basketball court—few players could thwart her scoring moves. Powers, a 6-foot-2 center for Nanuet High School, could create scoring opportunities as well as just about anyone in Rockland scholastic girls' basketball history.

By the time she graduated in 1989, Powers had established herself as one of the two finest pivot players (along with Nyack's Dawn Royster) in Rockland girls' hoop annals. And Powers didn't stop there. She went on to an outstanding NCAA Division I career at Holy Cross and played professionally in Germany for four years.

A stellar three-sport athlete at Nanuet—soccer goalkeeper, basketball center, and softball shortstop, pitcher and outfielder—Powers carved her greatest niche on the basketball hardwood. In her senior year she was named New York State Female Athlete of the Year—for all sports—by USA Today, as well as New York State Player of the Year by the state sportswriters association and New York State "Miss Basketball" by the state basketball coaches association.

That shining season—1988-89—Powers averaged a county-record 30.2 points a game (a record 697 points in 23 games), as well as 17.2 rebounds and 5 blocked shots a game. She finished her four-year varsity career with a then-county-record 1,609 points—it still ranks No. 3 on the all-time county list—and 1,107 rebounds.

In her last three years, Powers led the Golden Knights to records of 21-2, 21-3 and 20-3; three conference championships; and two Section 1 runner-up finishes (one each in Class B and C), both times losing to the eventual state champion, Our Lady of Lourdes. She made All-Section 1 all three years. Powers' brother, Dave, was Nanuet's head coach during her four years on the basketball team and for two of her four years in soccer.

In the fall, Powers was a four-year starting soccer goalkeeper who used her height and agility to help lead the Knights to a combined mark of 57-20-4. In her senior season, she posted a then-county record of 13 shutouts—giving her a still-standing Rockland record of 40 career shutouts—to spearhead Nanuet to the Section 1 Class C title and advancement to the state quarterfinals. All told, Powers earned three All-County and All-Section citations apiece and one third-team All-State designation. Her teams won two conference and two sectional championships.

In the spring, Powers was a four-year, All-League softball starter who earned All-County and All-Section honors her senior year as a pitcher and shortstop, when the Knights won the Section 1 Class C title and advanced to the state quarterfinals. And in the summer, she played on gold- and



bronze-medal-winning teams for the Hudson Valley Region scholastic women's basketball team in the Empire State Games.

After earning a full athletic scholarship to Holy Cross College in Worcester, Mass., Powers built upon her high school success with a sterling four-year career for the Crusaders. A four-year starter, she scored 1,652 career points and pulled down 1,008 career rebounds playing against tough Division I competition.

The accolades poured in as she progressed from All-Rookie Team honoree her freshman year to Patriot League Player of the Year her junior and senior years. Powers helped lead Holy Cross to Patriot League titles her sophomore and senior years, which earned the Crusaders berths in the NCAA Division I Tournament both years. Holy Cross upset Rutgers, the No. 2 seed in the East Regional, her senior year and advanced to the second round before exiting.

Powers' golden season culminated in her being named Holy Cross NCAA Woman of the Year in 1993, as well as All-Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference. In 1999 she was elected to the Holy Cross Athletic Hall of Fame.

With no professional women's basketball league yet established in the United States, Powers opted to go the European route after college. She enjoyed a successful four-year career in Germany. Her first year, 1993-94, with SNM-Mohringern-Stuttgart, she was team captain and leading scorer, averaging 18.5 points a game. She then spent three seasons with BG Ludwigburg, also based in Stuttgart, averaging a team-leading 19.4 points a game and captaining the club to the league championship in 1996-97. A severe ankle injury ended her basketball-playing career.

Powers, who turns 31 on April 21, spent a season as the assistant women's basketball coach at Marist College in Poughkeepsie, then pursued graduate studies in art history at the University of Oregon. She is now a personal trainer in Eugene, Ore.

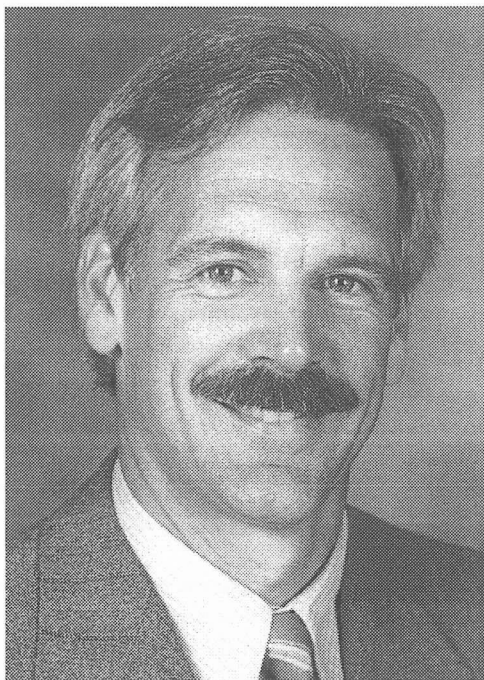


Nanuet Golden Knights

KRIS SNIDER

When Suffern's lacrosse program was just starting to earn its stripes as a dynasty in the making in the early 1970s under Coach John Orlando, no Mountie player figuratively carried a bigger stick than Kris Snider. Suffern's first lacrosse superstar and one of the finest in Rockland history, Snider—a two-time Rockland Player of the Year—put his definitive stamp on the county record book before taking his prodigious scoring talents to the University of Virginia.

By the time he had concluded his three-year career on the Suffern varsity, the 6-foot-1, 175-pound attackman owned a fistful of Rockland County records, including career marks for points (194), goals (101) and assists (93). By his sophomore year in 1972, he had already refined the stick-handling, passing and shooting skills that would distinguish him from other elite players in the county. That year, he set Rockland records for goals in a game, six, and assists in a season, 42.



Each year brought another level of maturation and all-round development to Snider's game. As a junior in 1973, he set the county record for points in a game with nine, and eclipsed his own mark for points in a season, raising the standard to 65. And in his senior year, 1974, Snider tied the record for assists in a game with six, and broke the season marks for assists (43 in league games, 74 overall) and points (67).

With Snider as the linchpin, Suffern captured three straight Rockland Public School Athletic League titles in 1972, 1973 and 1974—the last one a co-championship with Nyack—as well as three Section 9 (Rockland, Orange, Ulster, Sullivan counties) championships. Those banners were part of a Mountie streak of five PSAL and seven Section 9 crowns in succession.

Snider also a two-year varsity standout on the Suffern basketball team. In the 1972-73 season, he played on the Mounties' Section 9 title team that defeated Newburgh in the finals of the Cross Class (AA vs. A) championship. The following season, he was a key contributor to a Suffern team that reached the Section 9 tournament semifinals.

At the University of Virginia, perennially ranked in the top 10 in Division I, Snider certified his status as the centerpiece of the offense. In his four-year varsity career, he set school records for points in a career, 209 (65 goals, 144 assists), and career assists, and was ninth on the career list in goals when he graduated. Today he remains second in school history in career assists and fifth in career points.

Although he was a prolific scorer himself, Snider's forte was getting teammates the ball in position to score. He led the nation in assists per game (4.7) and points per game (7.1) as a junior in

1977. He still holds the school record for assists per game and points per game for both season and career.

At one time, Snider held school records for assists in a game, 8; points in a game, 10; points in a season, 64; assists in a season, 42; assists per-game average, career, 3.3; and points per-game average, career, 4.9. He still holds the latter two records. He was ranked first, third, fourth and 12th nationally in assists and also ranked in the top 12 twice in points.

All told, Snider led Virginia in scoring and assists all four years, led the Atlantic Coast Conference in assists for three years—1975 (when the Cavaliers won the ACC title), 1976 and 1977—and led the ACC in scoring two years. The team captain his senior year, Snider was named to the All-America team in 1976, '77 and '78, as well as All-ACC in 1977 and '78.

Within the ACC, Snider wound up his career second all-time in scoring and assists, and still remains third in career assists and 11th in career scoring in the conference. He capped his career by being selected to play in the North-South All-Star Game in 1978. Snider also made the ACC Academic Honor Roll his senior year.

Snider's supremacy on the lacrosse field earned him several post-season awards. After his junior season, he was bestowed the Dr. A Voshell Award as outstanding team player. In 1978, he garnered both the Harry Gaver Memorial Award, for outstanding leadership, and was honored as the 1978 outstanding male athlete, for all sports, at the University of Virginia.

He is also a member of three other halls of fame: Suffern High School; Hudson Valley lacrosse; and state of Virginia lacrosse.

Snider, 45, is a partner in a landscape architecture firm in Seattle. He also maintains a fervent interest in the sport at which he excelled. Snider is the president of the Washington state boys lacrosse league; coaches a middle school lacrosse team; and runs a summer youth lacrosse league for boys ages 11 to 17.

Still a participant as well as a coach and administrator, Snider has played on an open team that has won the Pacific Northwest Lacrosse Association championship the past eight years. This summer he intends to play in the grand masters division (age 45 or older) of the World Lacrosse Championships in Perth, Australia.

Snider and his wife of 20 years, Jacqueline, have three children: Drew, 14; Catherine, 11; and Will, 6.



DICK TEETSEL

When asked several years ago to name his greatest coaching highlight, Dick Teetsel listed two: coaching his two sons, Mike and Rick, on the Albertus Magnus track team, and "being part of the transition of track & field and cross country over five decades to the point where Rockland County programs, coaches and athletes are widely known and greatly respected."

Although he is far too modest to acknowledge it, Dick Teetsel is a big reason why Rockland County programs today are so widely esteemed in the sports of track & field and cross country. No coach has facilitated the growth and development of track & field and cross country in Rockland County more than Dick Teetsel.



Over two separate head-coaching tenures at Albertus Magnus from 1965 to 1981—as well as 11 prior years in Stony Point and Haverstraw schools and later assistant-coaching posts at North Rockland and Nanuet high schools—Teetsel developed philosophies and put in place initiatives that would earn him a reputation as an innovator and trailblazer.

The word "first" keeps cropping up in conjunction with Teetsel's name. Consider:

- Teetsel launched Rockland's first winter track program of training and meet scheduling, at Haverstraw-Stony Point in 1963-64.
- Teetsel organized the first invitational scholastic track meet in Rockland history, the Red Raider Relays, in 1962-63.
- Teetsel co-founded (along with Nanuet's Dave Hanson) the first large-scale spring track invitational in Rockland, the Nanuet Relays, in 1968. The meet drew teams from as far away as Philadelphia and Long Island.
- Teetsel founded the first cross country invitational in Rockland history, the Albertus Magnus Invitational, in 1969.
- Teetsel was the first track/cross country coach in the county to take his team regularly to major competitions outside Rockland, especially to New York City sites such as Van Cortlandt Park in the Bronx and the Armory Track & Field Center in Manhattan.
- Teetsel pioneered the "Big-Meet" philosophy of emphasizing the weekend invitational and championship meets over dual meets, a practice that is widely accepted today.

Teetsel's career as an official was similarly groundbreaking. He was one of the original organizers of the New York State Track & Field Officials Association in the mid-1960s, and is a past

president and secretary of that organization. He also was a founder of the Rockland County Track & Field Officials Association (1963) and the Southern Catskill Track & Field Officials Association (1972), and helped develop the written constitution for those two organizations.

Furthermore, Teetsel was the first official in Rockland and Section 9 to use an electronic photo device at the finish line, a precursor to the photo-timing system that is employed at all major competitions today. He also wrote the officials' clinic curriculum for judging and timing, and developed an operations manual for the proper administration of dual meets.

Teetsel was a timer and meet official for more than three decades at all of the major meets at Madison Square Garden, including the Millrose Games, the USA National Indoor Championships and the U.S. Olympic Invitational, in addition to numerous other competitions such as the Empire State Games and various high school events.

Teetsel's coaching career at Albertus was highlighted by several successful seasons. He coached the Falcons' boys' cross country team to a 10-0 record and the Rockland PSAL championship in 1971—the year Albertus left the Catholic High Schools Athletic Association to join the Rockland public school league. In 1970, when they were still in the CHSAA, the Teetsel-led Falcons defeated PSAL champ Clarkstown in a showdown of unbeaten teams. The crowd at Bear Mountain that day was said to be the largest ever to attend a Rockland cross country meet.

Albertus also had a 33-meet cross-country winning streak under Teetsel. On the girls' side, Teetsel's teams won the Rockland PSAL title in 1978 and the Section 9 Class B crowns in 1978 and 1979.

Such is the esteem in which Teetsel is held that the most prestigious award in Rockland County track & field is the Dick Teetsel Award, presented annually to a person who has rendered distinguished service in furthering the cause of track and field in Rockland County. The award is presented each year during a ceremony at the Rockland County Spring Track & Field Championships.

Teetsel is a charter member of the Albertus Magnus High School Hall of Fame. He retired as a high school coach in 1990 and as an official in 2001.

A native of Waverly, N.Y. (west of Binghamton), Teetsel, who is 77, taught physical education and driver's education for many years. He was a longtime resident of Stony Point before moving to Narrowsburg in Sullivan County about 12 years ago.

Teetsel and his wife, Margaret, are the parents of five grown children: Mike, 43; Maureen, 41; Rick, 40; Jeanne, 39; and Margie, 36.

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WALT WEISS

There was nothing magical about Walt Weiss's rise to professional baseball stardom. It was all about striving with the sweat of honest toil to grab hold of a dream. But because of that exemplary dedication, hard work and hometown pride, many young Rocklanders can now dream of being the next Walt Weiss.

Weiss, a 1982 Suffern High School graduate, never forgot his roots. Although he now makes his home in Castle Rock, Colo., Weiss honed his diamond craft on the ballfields of Suffern's youth leagues and schools. He absorbed the lessons well enough to become the most successful major league baseball player ever to come out of Rockland County.

When Weiss made his major league debut with the Oakland Athletics in 1987, he became the first native Rocklander in 35 years to wear a big-league uniform, and only the eighth overall at that time. But he didn't just wear the uniform; he honored it with his blue-ribbon defense and timely hitting.

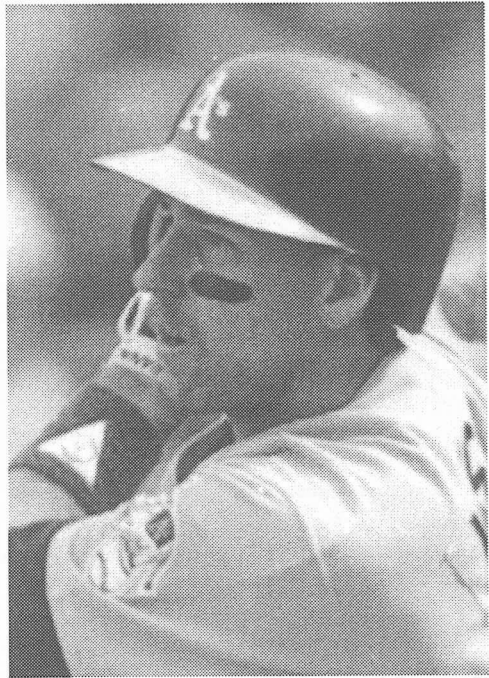
The 6-foot, 185-pound switch-hitting shortstop was the 1988 American League Rookie of the Year; played in four World Series, including the 1989 Series in which his A's defeated the San Francisco Giants for the championship; and was the starting shortstop for the 1998 National League All-Star team, becoming the oldest player (35) ever to be voted a starter in his first All-Star appearance.

He played 13 years in the majors—five with Oakland, one with the fledgling Florida Marlins (he was a charter member of the franchise in 1993 and drove in the first run in team history), four with the Colorado Rockies and three with the Atlanta Braves—and was the starting shortstop each year. His teams reached the playoffs eight of those 13 years, including World Series appearances in 1988, 1989 and 1990 with Oakland and 1999 with Atlanta.

Weiss wound up with a career batting average of .258 and a nifty .971 fielding percentage. His best year offensively was 1996 with Colorado, when he batted .282 with 8 home runs, 48 RBI, 146 hits and 89 runs. His most durable year was 1993 with Florida, when he played in 158 of the Marlins' 162 games.

Weiss showed glimpses of his future greatness while honing his skills at Suffern High School. A talented all-round athlete, he was twice an All-Rockland shortstop and earned Rockland Player-of-the-Year accolades in 1982, batting a robust .495. He also played two years of varsity football for the Mounties, as a wide receiver his junior year and quarterback his senior year, and ran indoor track his senior year, contributing to the Mounties' county champion 4x400-meter relay.

After being chosen by the Baltimore Orioles in the 10th round of the 1982 major league draft,



Weiss opted instead for more seasoning in college ball. He was awarded a baseball scholarship to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he refined his left-handed batting stroke (having been a natural righty) and matured physically and mentally. Weiss was the first-team All-Atlantic Coast Conference shortstop all three years he attended the school.

After his junior year, in 1985, Weiss again entered the major league draft and this time Oakland chose him in the first round as the 11th player selected overall. He methodically ascended the minor-league ladder, from the Rookie League in Pocatello, Idaho, to Class A Madison (Wis.), to Class AA Huntsville (Ala.). He made his major-league debut on July 12, 1987, was sent down to Class AAA Tacoma (Wash.) after a very brief stint, then was recalled by the A's in September and got into a total of 16 games before establishing himself fully in 1988.

Weiss overcame serious knee and ankle injuries early in his career to perform with distinction, while taking leadership roles later in his career. He served several times as teammate-elected player representative to the Major League Baseball Players' Association.

Weiss rarely missed an opportunity to keep in touch with his Rockland roots. During the 1988 World Series, for example, he wrote a game-by-game diary for readers of *The Journal-News* as the Athletics battled the Los Angeles Dodgers. He also has been a major benefactor to the Suffern High School athletic program.

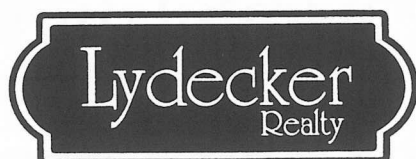
Weiss's home community has reciprocated that friendship. In 1989 hundreds of fans lined Lafayette Avenue in Suffern to pay homage to their native son with a parade and ceremonies during Walt Weiss Day. In 1999, Suffern High School renamed its baseball diamond Walt Weiss Field in recognition of his professional success and the support he has provided the program. The school also retired his uniform number, 22.

Weiss and his wife, Terri, run the SIDS Foundation in Denver, in memory of Walt's brother, who died of sudden infant death syndrome. He has also built four Little League fields for Denver's inner-city children.

The Weisses have three children—Blake, 14; Brody, 7; and Bo, 5—and a fourth boy is due in June.



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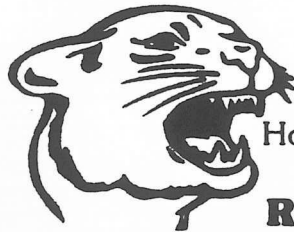
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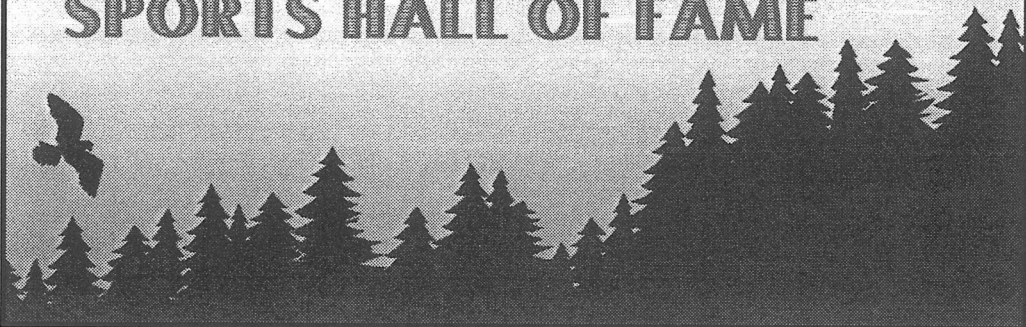
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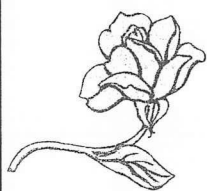
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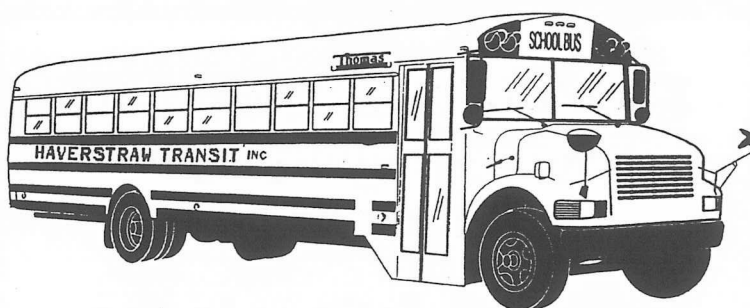
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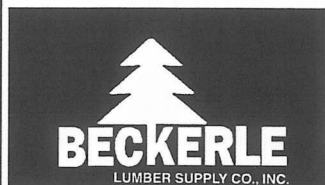
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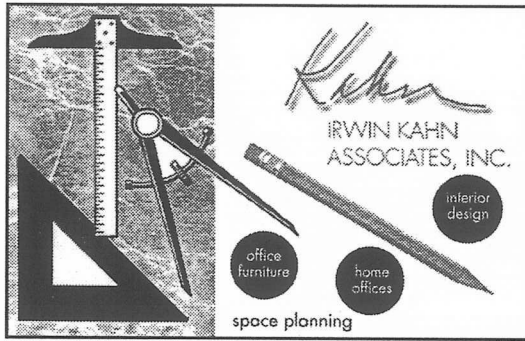
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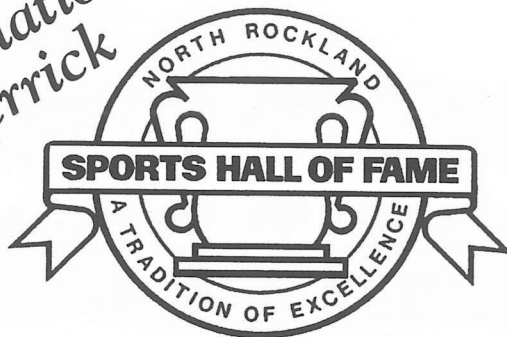
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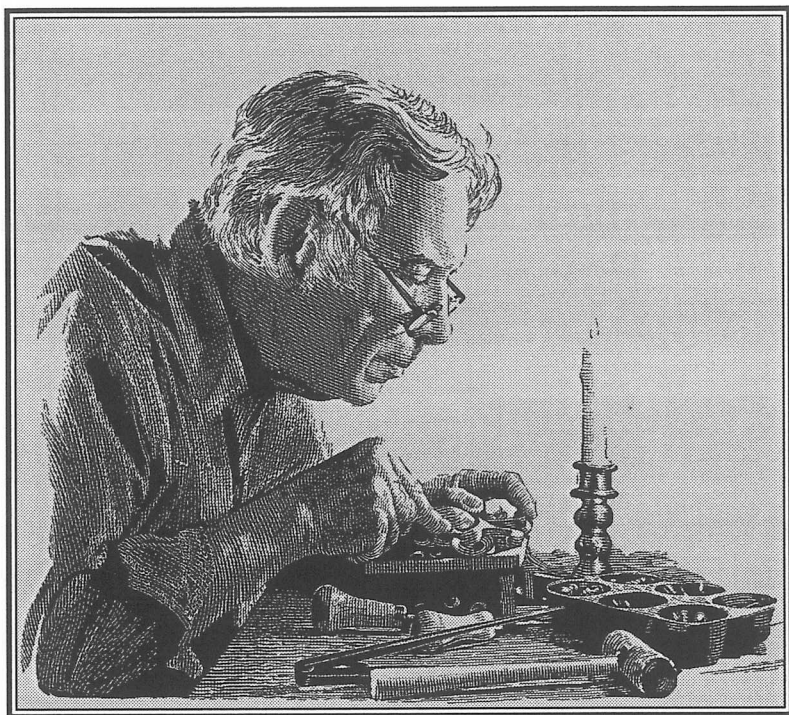
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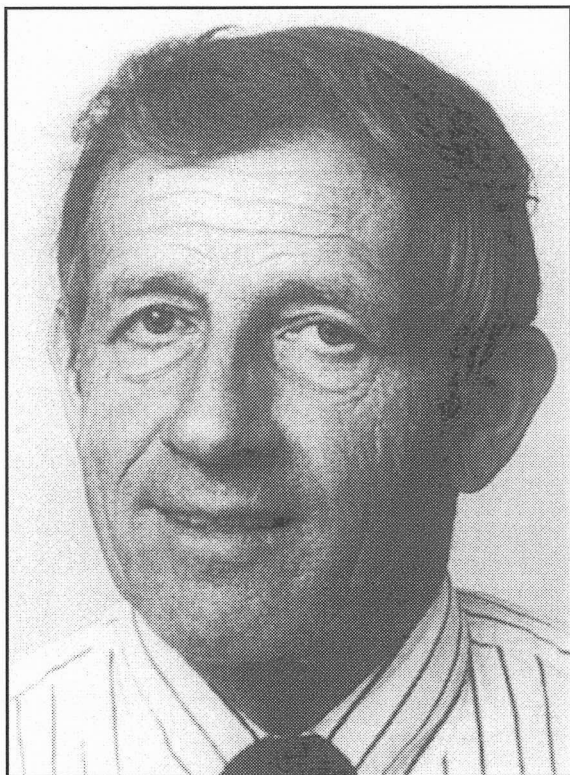
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