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Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame

Celebrating our 45th Year

1974 – 2018

Congratulations to the 1989 Nanuet Knights football team and Coach Rich Conklin and his staff for being selected the first Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame team inductee. The Knights were undefeated and did not allow a single point all season while winning all their games on the road, a feat not likely to be duplicated. According to our bylaws, our organization always had an option to select a team so it is with great honor that in our 45th anniversary year we select our first team. This is a tradition that we will continue forward each succeeding year at a Rockland Boulders baseball game.

I would like to personally thank Bill Madden and Andre Chiavelli for pushing the selection of a team and for the work of Bob Veltidi, our selection committee chair, and members of that committee for gathering nominations of many excellent teams and submitting a ballot of six teams. A full committee vote resulted in 1989 Nanuet football being selected our first ever team.

As is our custom at Rockland Boulders games, we will be raising funds for an individual who is in need of financial help due to serious injury or illness. This year we will be raising funds for Liam Frawley, the former Tappan Zee High School athletic director, who suffered a devastating stroke in January 2016. Liam still needs extensive therapy and care in his rehabilitation.

On April 21, 2018 we held a very successful 45th annual induction ceremony at the Pearl River Elks Club in Nanuet, inducting a distinguished class of seven new members. Please visit our website www.rcshf.org to view bios of all our 276 inductees. The website includes enshrinement requirements for selection, and nominations for future candidates or teams can be submitted on-line as well. Many thanks to Vinnie Sciortino, all the members of our organization and the Rockland Boulders for making this evening memorable.

Peter Scheibner
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Nanuet Sports Hall of Fame

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Nanuet Golden Knights

Varsity Football Team

Schedule & Results

25	Pearl River	0
21	Spackenkill	0
18	Peekskill	0
28	Westlake	0
26	Croton	0
27	Ardsley	0
32	Pelham	0
7	Byram Hills	0
34	Eastchester	0

Section One Class "C" Bowl Championship

21	Bronxville	0
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FINAL STATS:

Record: 10-0

Points for: 239

against: 0

NANUET HIGH SCHOOL



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<u>No.</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>POS.</u>	<u>HT.</u>	<u>WT.</u>	<u>YR.</u>
3	Bohan, Mike	SE	5'10"	150	12
5	Carbone, Rob	HB	5'7"	143	11
10	Anneal, Chris	QB	5'11"	174	11
12	O'Hara, Mike	QB	5'9"	140	11
24	Coyle, Mark	SE	5'6"	125	11
25	Santoro, Mike	HB	5'8"	142	11
31	Gallagher, Bob	FB	5'9"	181	12
34	Marlatab, James	HB	5'8"	177	11
35	Dunne, Bob	TE	6'	160	11
36	Goodstein, Jason	FB	5'10"	170	11
40	O'Neill, Chris	SE	5'7"	146	12
41	Ford, T.J.	HB	5'9"	170	12
42	Bohlin, Chris	HB	5'10"	145	11
46	Kiernan, Chris	HB	6'	151	12
53	Tyler, Tim	T	5'8"	203	11
54	Butler, Mike	T	5'9"	180	11
55	Bronnan, Mike	T	5'11"	181	12
57	Kavountzis, Jason	C	5'8"	164	11
58	Hussey, Michael	T	5'11"	202	12
59	Furlong, Tom	G	5'11"	183	12
63	Antonelli, Bryan	G	5'7"	158	11
65	Sciortino, Lou	T	5'7"	181	11
66	Klein, Graham	G	6'	164	12
67	Ruck, Bob	G	5'11"	173	11
72	Seidel, Chris	C	5'11"	185	11
75	Rossi, Mike	C	5'9"	160	12
78	Weigang, Pete	T	5'11"	202	11
82	Dudek, Brian	TE	5'10"	151	11
85	Begun, Jared	TE	5'11"	160	12
86	Wayne, Jon	TE	5'11"	160	11
88	Garramone, Mike	TE	6'4"	215	12

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Nanuet's season unique in U.S.

By John Kryger

Staff Writer

Undefeated has a nice ring to it. Unscores upon sounds even better.

The only undefeated and unscores-upon team in the country sounds unthinkable, but apparently that is the latest claim to fame of the Nanuet High football team, according to The Journal-News sources.

The "Nomad Knights" of Nanuet have compiled a perfect 9-0 shutout record this year, all on the road because of field reconstruction at Nanuet. The Knights have scored 218 points while yielding none. They have posted 10 straight shut-outs.

Nanuet will meet unbeaten Bronxville Sunday in a Conference III bowl game at 5 p.m. in Mount Vernon.

Regarding Nanuet's status as the only unscores-upon team in the nation, "It is accurate, as far as I know," said Don Cronin, USA Today's assignment editor for high school sports. "There may be some small school somewhere that doesn't play real good football that might be unscores upon."

"I have correspondents in each state which report to me, but they may miss some small school in a little part of the state."

USA Today's national high school football poll is the largest fact-gathering operation of its kind in the country. Nanuet's status as the nation's only unscores-upon team is technically inconclusive because Cronin admits there may be teams unmonitored by his network of contacts.

Nanuet shared the season shut-

SECTION 1 BOWL GAMES

out mark this year with Massapequa High of Long Island until last week, when the Chiefs gave up 12 points in a 21-12 win over Uniondale.

Before Nanuet, the last unscores-upon team in the state was Farmingdale, which in 1978 went 9-0, scored 275 points and allowed none.

Nanuet head coach Rich Conklin was genuinely surprised to learn of his team's distinction.

"I don't know what to say, I really don't. I'm shocked, speechless," said Conklin. "I'll say this, there's an awful lot of people being good to us in a higher place than I can understand. We're a very fortunate group of people, myself included, who don't know what we've

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accomplished this season."

Cronin does the final editing of USA Today's weekly national high school football poll. The rankings were launched in 1982 and Cronin has been editing the poll since 1986. Since then, no team has gone an entire season without allowing a point.

"It takes a really special season to go unscored upon.

It's a once-in-a-lifetime thing. It means you've made just about zero mistakes," said Cronin. "If you think about it, all you need is one fumble, one blocked kick or an interception and the streak could be broken. Anything fluky can happen which breaks the streak."

The poll itself is a product of Indiana sportswriter Dave Krider, who is a consulting high school editor for USA Today and who has covered sports for 27 years. Krider ranks the teams in the poll.

"The last two teams I heard of this year were Massapequa and Nanuet," said Krider. "I don't know of anybody else, so you'd probably be safe in saying Nanuet is the last



RICH CONKLIN

one left."

A few teams in the country were unscored upon through good portions of their seasons before allowing scores, Cronin said.

"There's a team in River Edge, Louisiana, that went through six or seven games this year without being scored upon, only to win a game by 60 points and have a field goal scored against them," Cronin said. "The other team just wanted to end their streak.

"Graham, Virginia, went to its last game unscored upon and lost, 28-14. It wasn't that their defense played poorly. Their offense just turned the ball over too many times. So anything can happen. To go through a season unscored upon you have to be, A), very good and B), very lucky."

Conklin was philosophical about his team's streak.

"That's certainly added pressure. It's one more piece of adversity to overcome," he said. "If there was ever a monkey on your back, this is it now. But we still have to win the football game, be it 7-6 or 13-12 or whatever. Our goal is still to be the best in Section 1 and remain No. 1 in the state poll."

Kevin Metcalf contributed to this report.



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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 Bob Veltidi, 35 Van Orden Avenue, Suffern, NY 10901. 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 scheibnp@msn.com.

Each inductee in the Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame receives a commemorative trophy and is further honored with an individual plaque, which is given to the inductee's high school for public display.

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 269 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
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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.*

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