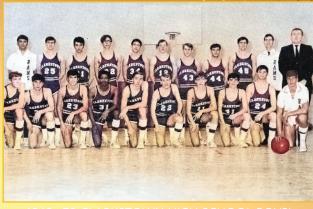


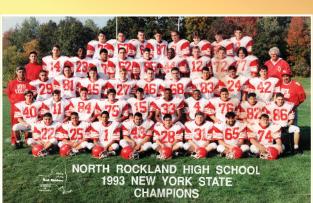
ROCKLAND COUNTY SPORTS HALL OF FAME

A History of Sports Excellence

Founded in 1974



1969 -70 CLARKSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM



1993 NORTH ROCKLAND H.S. FOOTBALL TEAM

NEW YORK BOULDERS CLOVER STADIUM - JULY 29



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Rockland County PSAL Champions 16-0 Record

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Welcome to Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame Night at the New York Boulders Clover Stadium. Tonight, we continue a recent tradition of honoring Rockland's greatest athletic teams in conjunction with a summer outing at a Boulders baseball game.

Congratulations to the 1969-70 Clarkstown Boys' Basketball Team, the Rockland County PSAL championship squad. As an opposing player for Pearl River whose team was routed twice during the season, I can attest to the dominance of this Rams' team under the guidance of legendary coach Ed McGrath. We also applaud the success and excellence of the 1993 North Rockland Football Team, the New York State Class A championship unit, led by the dynamic coach Joe Casarella and his coaching staff. It is a distinct honor that in our 50th year of existence, we induct such top-notch teams into the Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame.

We sadly note the passing of Hall of Famer Chuck Scarpulla, the longtime Ramapo football coach and athletic director who was also a two-sport All-County performer at Pearl River and one of that school's finest athletes. Chuck exemplified true service to both sports and community – he will certainly be missed by us all.

As is our custom at Boulders team inductions, we will be raising funds for a charitable cause. This year's recipient is Jarred Monroe, a 2005 graduate of North Rockland High School and stepson of Ben Beamon, a 1971 North Rockland football team inductee honored by the Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame in 2021. Jarred recently was diagnosed with bacterial meningitis, suffered a stroke, and has had many other health-related setbacks.

Please visit our website, www.rcshf.org, to view bios of all our inductees. The website includes enshrinement requirements for selection, as well as a nomination portal for future candidates and teams. We very much look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming 50th anniversary induction, which will be held on Sunday, April 14, 2024, at Paramount Country Club in New City.

Many thanks to Vinnie Sciortino, Chuck Maze, Bill Rubbert, Russell Grant, Jamie Kempton, Andre Chiavelli, Pete Castellano and our other board members, Phyllis and Bruce Schweizer of Quality Graphics, Tom Doherty, friends and supporters, along with the New York Boulders for making this a memorable evening.

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List of Inductees

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- 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 Bill Rubbert, 189 Ridge Road, Valley Cottage, New York 10989. 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, NY 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 303 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:

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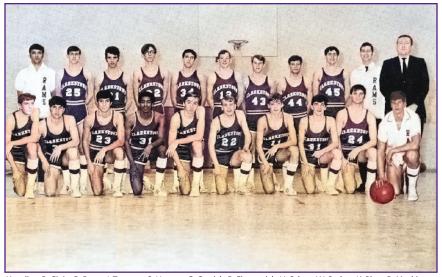
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Individual Nominee:		
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1969-1970 CLARKSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' BASKETBALL ROSTER

5 Gary Custick	
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- 11 Howie Scherr
- 12 Dave Danahy
- 21 Bob Dausch
- 22 Billy Fitzpatrick
- 23 John Tagaras
- 24 Ken Platt
- 25 Bob McEwen
- 31 Steve Hooper
- 32 Rich Robinson
- 33 Bill Barry
- 34 Rich Luongo
- 35 Bob Mathias
- 41 Wayne Stokes
- 43 Bob Purdy
- 44 Todd Rooney
- 45 Matt Albanese

Head Coach: Ed McGrath

Assistant Coach: Arthur Orlando

Manager: Neal Gordon Manager: Jeff Leslie

1969-1970

Clarkstown High School Basketball Team

Rockland County PSAL Champions Rockland County PSAL Record 16-0 Overall Record 19-1

SCHEDULE - CHS

52	Mount Vernon	41
100	Pearl River	51
86	Nanuet	46
84	Nyack	64
93	Tappan Zee	40
121	Suffern	62
92	Ramapo	49
78	N. Rockland	44
86	Spring Valley	71
99	Pearl River	39
76	Nanuet	58
71	Nyack	69
97	Tappan Zee	64
88	Suffern	48
73	Ramapo	37
87	N. Rockland	60
107	Albertus	58
88	Spring Valley	67
101	Kingston	59
61	Newburgh	89

1969 –70 CLARKSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

Boys' Basketball Championship Team

- Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame legendary Coach Ed McGrath declared this "his greatest team" among the 10 RCPSAL championships that he won at Clarkstown & Clarkstown North over his career
- Selected in a Rockland Journal news poll of 50 people as one of the five best teams in all sports in the past 25 years prior to 1986. Two of the other top five (1971 North Rockland Football Team and 1981-1982 Spring Valley Basketball Team) have already been inducted into the RCSHOF.
- The Rockland County basketball level of competition and excellence from 1962-1972 was arguably the greatest in county history with several superstars and future RCSHOF inductees this team was the best of the best during that era and beyond
- First team in Rockland County history to finish 16-0 in RCPSAL
- · Gary Custick and Bob Mathias the two big men went on to play

- Division 1 at college powerhouses at the time UCONN and South Carolina
- Howie Scherr and Billy Fitzpatrick led a non-stop full court press that tortured opponents and in addition were arguably the best guard offensive & defensive tandem Rockland County had seen - both went on to play in college
- Backup junior guard Wayne Stokes became a First Team All County selection the following year
- Other key players John Tagaras, Steve Hooper and Rich Robinson could have started for any county team and been one of the better players on any team
- · Routed many county teams but also beat perrennial New York State powerhouse Mount Vernon
- Ranked in the top 7 most of the season in New York State
- This team was in the early stages of an unprecedented county record streak of 53 consecutive PSAL wins



ED McGRATH

Head Coach

Inducted in 1982 ... the ultrasuccessful Clarkstown H.S. basket-

20 seasons, 1957 to 1976 ... between 1963 and 1972, his teams won 136 games and lost only 14 ... that includes a record 56 consecutive victories in Rockland PSAL competition, and three straight unbeaten PSAL seasons ... McGrath's teams won 10 Rockland County PSAL championships, eight of them outright ... his career coaching record was 190 wins, 92 defeats ... his great 1972 club, anchored by Hall of Fame center Bob Mathias, captured the Section 9

Class A championship ... that was the farthest his team could go, since there was no New York State tournament at that time ... Clarkstown won four straight Rockland PSAL titles twice under McGrath, 1963 to 1966, ball coach for and 1969 to 1972 ... McGrath won Coach of the Year honors 10 times ... his teams were always well-coached and fundamentally sound ... as an athlete. McGrath won seven letters in baseball and basketball at St. Michael's High School in Northampton, Mass., and nine varsity letters in basketball, baseball and soccer at the University of Massachusetts ... he captained many of his high school and college teams ... as a senior, he was selected as an All-America soccer goalie.



"This Is My Best Team"

– McGrath

By Dick Yerg Journal-News Sports Editor

Clarkstown basketball coach Ed McGrath is atypical in his field. He's not a frenetic towel twister or a jump-up-sit-down pace-around screamer. He is placid and calculating. What's more, he produces basketball teams that win lots of games.

Yesterday his Clarkstown team set Rockland County history by finishing a regular season schedule with an 18-0 record and a PSAL record of 16-0. He has coached basketball at Clarkstown for 14 years. His teams have won or shared eight championships.

Ed sort of shuffles into a gym like he's embarrassed to be there. He sits on the bench hunched over with a wide-eyed stare like a country boy seeing the Empire State Building for the first time. From time to time, he'll stand up to holler a correction to a player on the floor or

question the call of an official. When he does, it's not an emotional plea. It's low key and usually effective.

He's been beating the daylights out of more teams in the PSAL for the past decade. Yet he's not the kind of a coach that rival coaches can dislike. They only envy him.

Successful high school coaches usually back off when asked about comparisons but after yesterday's title-clinching 88-67 win over Spring Valley, Ed said what many observers have felt all season.

"I've had teams that were stronger physically but I've never had a team as fluid as this one. We've never had guards who could penetrate like the ones on this team." He was speaking of Howie Scherr and Bill Fitzpatrick.

These two blended with height of 6-7 Gary Custlick who has the finest touch

on his shot of any big man that has ever played in the PSAL and the muscle of 6-5, 220-pound sophomore Bob Mathias. The other man who completed the starting unit all season is 6-2 Steve Hooper. "He's sort of our forgotten man," said McGrath. "But he's a player that fits well into the who picture and was a key man in our rebounding."

Ed had a feeling back in early December that this team had the makings of being his best. "I felt it when we went back-to-back in scrimmages against Cliffside Park and Newburgh and won 'em both. We were late getting up to Newburgh and it's little things like this that can shake a club. When it didn't I really got that feeling. I went home that night and told my wife 'this club's got the goods.'"

Cliffside Park is now 18-2 and Newburgh is 17-1.

The Rams had reeled off 10 straight wins, including victories over Mount Vernon and Spring Valley, but then had a few scares. "It got a little rocky there for a while." He was referring to the Nanuet game in which the Knights took a 12-1 lead and held the upper hand until a minute before halftime. The next game was at Nyack and Clarkstown had to come from behind in the final minutes to salvage a 71-69 victory.

Yesterday the Rams were down 27–16 at one point in the second quarter and still trailed, 56–55, going into the final period. "If you're a good ball club in the end you'll prove it," said Ed. That's exactly what the Rams did yesterday to bear out their ranking as No. 9 among the high school basketball teams in New York State.

Ed said of his coaching philosophy: "I like to go with what has worked for us all season." He went with it yesterday and it's ironic that in 17 previous games his team averaged 88 points a game – the total it hit yesterday.

Asked if it was his most rewarding season of coaching, Ed said: "Up to this point it is. It has to be when you go unbeaten through 18 games." He quickly added: "The season's not over yet." The next step is the Section 9 tournament, which means Middletown Friday night and, more than likely, Newburgh the following Friday. Wins in these two will put Clarkstown in a match against the Class B champion and a possible 21–0 record.

Ed coached at upstate Marlboro, a Class D school for two years, before coming to Clarkstown. Twice with Marlboro and seven times with Clarkstown he's gone to the Section 9 well and come up with a leaky bucket. He's taken teams to the Sectionals that should never have lost but did. It's known as the McGrath jinx.

Even though he's a coach that shows a little outward emotion, he becomes a little more reticent when the conversation turns to the Section 9 tournament. The nine previous tournament setbacks are something that he's lived with for a long time. The inward emotion about it has got to be there. I know it is.

Ed displayed a rare moment of outward emotion as he gave a triumphal leap and a yelp when the final buzzer sounded yesterday. Everybody that has seen this year's Clarkstown basketball team and knows Ed McGrath wants to see that leap again when the final buzzer sounds in the gym at New Paltz State College on March 13.



ARTHUR ORLANDO

Assistant Coach Clarkstown High School

- Inducted into the RCSHF in 1980
- Blauvelt native
- He graduated from Clarkstown H.S. in 1956
- All-County performer in soccer (goalie), basketball and baseball in 1955 and 1956 for Clarkstown High
- Played varsity basketball at St. Michael's College from 1956 to 1958, then transferred to Manhattan College and played varsity basketball for the Jaspers from 1959 to 1961
- He made the All-Metropolitan team as a senior at Manhattan in 1961 ... Orlando also was a varsity baseball pitcher at Manhattan from 1959 to '61... good enough in baseball to be offered a bonus by the St. Louis Cardinals as a pitcher
- He began his coaching career right out of Manhattan, return-

- ing home to Clarkstown and coaching the Clarkstown High School junior varsity basketball team from 1961 to 1970
- During that period he guided the team to several undefeated seasons, and groomed players who would later form the backbone of all those winning Clarkstown varsity basketball teams under Ed McGrath
- Orlando was the first varsity basketball coach at Clarkstown South, piloting the team during the school's first three years of existence, 1971 through 1973
- He organized basketball teams to play at Letchworth Village and Sing Sing prison ... he was a social studies teacher at Clarkstown from 1961 to 1970, and also was assistant principal at Clarkstown South from 1971 to 1974
- Orlando died of a heart attack in 1974, at age 36.



ARTHUR ORLANDO

Assistant Coach

Arthur Orlando liked and respected people, young and old. He had a brilliant, athletic career and coaching record. He earned the respect of everyone who knew him. He cared.

Arthur Orlando is dead and that's still hard to believe. Rockland County lost one of its best coaches when he was forced to retire from basketball last year because of a heart attack. Wednesday we lost one of its great people when a second heart attack struck him down at the age of 36.

Talk to the men that knew him best and you get an accurate picture of Arthur Orlando. Talk to Ed McGrath, the basketball coach at Clarkstown North, under whom Orlando worked as an assistant. Vincent Festa, former principal at North, and Joe Tacchino, who coached Orlando at North, and who is the current Athletic Director.

McGrath: "Of all the people in our school system, he had the most influence on our kids. It's just a fantastic loss. As far as a person, he was loyal, he was everything you could ask of a human being. He was the most popular guy around. Everyone loved him. You know, most of the rest of us have bad words for people. Not Artie. He thought everyone was great, that's just the way he was."

"He brought that kind of enthusiasm to basketball. We used to kid him. He loved basketball and could talk about it for hours on end. He was a major factor in whatever success we had.

Festa: "He was one of the finest men we could have around youngsters. He stood for the best and youngsters respected him. He was a natural leader and the kids knew he was fair. His greatest asset was probably sincerity.

"With a guy like Arthur, you just can't measure his effectiveness with youngsters. They loved and respected him.

Tacchino: "He was a great guy. He loved kids and he loved life. He lived more in his 36 years then some people do in 100.

He was a wonderful educator and we were lucky to have a guy like Artie Orlando. I was happy to have a part in his life. He always called me Coach, and that made me feel 10 feet tall. I was proud to have known him."

All of these are strong words, but the impressive thing was not the words themselves, but the way they were spoken.

Orlando was an assistant principal at Clarkstown South, and probably the most popular man in the school. His inherent role as a disciplinarian, which seems to make him automatically unpopular. It didn't. I guess it's all in the way you handle it, and Orlando handled it the way he handles most things – with dedication, dignity, warmth, and an unusual sense of fairplay.



I had the privilege of knowing Arthur Orlando and being his teammate on several teams. At this point, my major thought is a deep sense of loss – for his family, his school, his community, and everyone who knew him. But there are also a lot of secondary thoughts as I look back to Artie.

The excellent all- around athlete, the All-Rockland soccer goalie, the All-Met Basketball player at Manhattan, and the man who was good enough in baseball to be offered a sizable bonus by the St. Louis Cardinals as a pitcher. The guy that could relate to young men and women better than any adult I ever knew.

The guy that you always made time for because he always made time for you.

The high school G.O. president that was so nervous his voice cracked on his first word on a big speech, a speech that wound up vastly effective.

A man who loved and knew the sport of basketball, but never thought he couldn't learn more.

A deeply religious man who never jammed his religious beliefs down your throat.

The player who would strike you out in a backyard stick ball game eight times in a row and then put one down the middle so you could get a hit.

THE 1969-70 RAM CAGERS COULD DO IT ALL



Clarkstown basketball coach Ed McGrath (left) and two of his stars from 1969-70 - Gary Custick (center) and Bob Mathias.

By Bill Madden Staff Writer, Journal News

What makes a great high school basketball team? Back-breaking defense. High scoring individuals. Reserve talent on the bench. Coaching. A dominating center.

The 1969–70 Clarkstown boys, basketball team and its head coach. Ed McGrath can testify with a reason. The able giant in the middle, a la Bob Mathias, is the key to domination.

For a four-month period in late 1969 and early 1970, Rockland County watched a group of boys, uniformed in purple and gold, jump over PSAL adversaries like no other team had ever. McGrath's gang spanked county opponents by an average score of 35 points and posted 89.7 points per game. They beat three teams by more than 50 points.

The Rams finished the regular season with the PSAL crown and an 18–0 overall record. In the Section 9 tournament,

they clobbered Kingston 101–59 but were knocked from the unbeaten ranks by a powerful Newburgh club, whose jumping-jack forward George Bucci later, played for the New York Nets.

County folks will remember the Rams as a team well ahead of its time. Technically, they did things that no one else did but later learned to imitate.

Their defense was particularly unique at the time. The Rams played a fiery, denial defense, double-teaming the ball handler on the perimeter, and flustering opponents with the run and jump attack designed to trap and steal. They pressed and gambled regularly with the security of a shot-blocking center awaiting to neutralize a break.

The complex games were wonderful, but the players, and what players they were, executed, and thrived accordingly.

"I had a lot of good clubs, but that club with Mathias upfront would do anything," said McGrath, now living in Harwichport, Massachusetts. "We could run, we were a very good shooting club, and we played excellent defense. We just overpowered people. I would look up and we would be Leading by 20 points before the first quarter even ended."

McGrath, considered one of the finest basketball technicians and county history, had a nucleus of six players that would even make a present day coach salivate. In the back court, Howie Scheer was a big scorer, and Bill Fitzpatrick was a speedy, defensive-minded performer with superb play-making abilities.

Steve Hooper was a steady starter on the wing, but Wayne Stokes, a dead-eyes outside shooter, was normally an early substitute and played at the big moments. Upfront, the Rams had a one- two punch of Gary Custick and Mathias, a pair of imposing and gifted front liners.

Custick, who lead the team in scoring, was a classic jump shooter from inside of 15 feet. At 6'7", he could be graceful and forceful and finished that season as the county's third all-time leading score with 1,027 points.

Because of Clarkstown's habit of quickly burying teams, his playing time and scoring were restrained, but he still managed to scored 20 points or better in 12 contests an averaged nearly a point per minute of action.

Mathias, a 6'5" sophomore was the franchise player. By the time his schoolboy career concluded, he was easily the county's most celebrated college prospect. His teams never lost a PSAL game 50–0 in three years of varsity competition.

"That year, even as a sophomore, Bob had a tremendous influence on the team. He was the key," reflected McGrath. "He was very unselfish and would give the ball up to his teammates. He was very intelligent and scoring was secondary to him."

"Bob was absolutely the most dominant player in Rockland that I ever saw. College coaches would come to see him play and couldn't help but see how he dominated. He was a terrific rebounder, and he had all the power moves inside.

"He was just a great player. Everyone (colleges) wanted him and I mean everyone. North Carolina, Kentucky, Clemson, St. John's, Rutgers, South Carolina, they all wanted him to play for them.

Matthias went on to play four years at South Carolina and it's currently the second all-time leading boys scorer on county record books with 1427 points.





From left to right: Front row: Matt Alfonso, Eduardo Martinez, Eluid Deleon, Jose Labrada, Vic Solar, Tim Breuninger, Brian Casey, Alfred Pilla. Second row: Bryan McClinchy, Mike Stone, Sean Porter, Bob O'Brien, Robert Sanchez, Rasaan Wiley, Marcus Larkins, Mario Gargaro, Daniel Morales, Erik Anazagasty. Third row: Joe Casarella (head coach), Pascual Gil, Chris Jackson, David Sturiano, Rich Giabattoni, David Zigler, Matt Fisher, Tim Rubino, Matt DeVincenzo, Anthony Sinacori, John DiGirolamo. Fourth row: Gary Dworkowitz, Tony Dominguez, Pierre Louis, Ernesto Vargas, Micah Nones, Kevin Whelan, Lidz Eugene, Jeff Becker, Chris Fehsal, Jason O'Keeffe, Pete Warmer. Last row: Keith Wancho, Nelson Rodriguez, John Finnerty, James Giabattoni, Dennis O'Sullivan, Eric Getkin, Jon Blinn, Keith Bookstein. Photo by JJ Donnelly

1993 NORTH ROCKLAND H.S. FOOTBALL TEAM

Rockland County League I-B Champions | Section I Class A Champions Capital Region Class A Champions | New York State Class A Champions

By implementing a Regional Tournament in 1990, the NYSPSHAA was seriously experimenting with a state tournament format for the first time. Since the 1990 Red Raider team won the first NYS Regional title in state history, players and fans only thought it would be fitting that the 1993 team win the first ever Class A State Championship.

Opponents were already targeting the Red Raiders long before the season began. The 1992 team went undefeated and won the Section I crown. The program was in the midst of what would become the state's longest winning streak – 36 games. The team was pre-season state ranked, and earned a pre-season national honorable mention nomination.

Perhaps the most pivotal game of the 1993 season came in the fourth week when the Raiders traveled to Yonkers to face a high-powered Roosevelt team. The Indians had been a longtime Section rival of North Rockland, and the contest lived up to its billing. Trailing

6-0, Jeff Becker found Chris Jackson in the corner of the end zone to tie the score 6-6 in the fourth quarter. Keith Bookstien added the extra point and the Raider defense stiffened up in the closing minutes to preserve the win. Two weeks later a Keith Bullock-led Clarkstown North team provided some drama for the Raiders. Again, Bookstein's foot along with key runs by Marcus Larkins, Matt DeVincenzo, Rassan Wiley, and Lidz Eugene provided the offensive spark needed for the 24-14 victory.

After posting a Section I Bowl win over White Plains, and a Region semifinal victory over Middletown, the Raiders faced their toughest challenge of the season when they met Section II power Troy at Dietz Stadium in Kingston. The game was a defensive battle, with Dennis O'Sullivan leading the way for Raiders. The season was capped off by a convincing 24-12 victory over Jamestown at the Carrier Dome at Syracuse University.

1993 RESULTS

@ Arlington	W, 28-8	@ Ramapo	W, 21-7
SPRING VALLEY	W, 41-7	SUFFERN	W, 42-13
CLARKSTOWN SO.	W, 26-0	White Plains *	W, 35-14
@ Roosevelt	W, 7-6	Middletown **	W, 24-0
MIDDLETOWN	W, 31-0	Troy ***	W, 14-7
@ Clarkstown No.	W, 24-14	Jamestown \$	W, 24-12

- = Section I Championship at Lincoln HS, Yonkers, NY
- ** = Capital Region Semi-Final at Dietz Stadium, Kingston, NY
- *** = Capital Region Final at Dietz Stadium, Kingston, NY
- = NYSPSHAA Class A Championship, Carrier Dome, Syracuse, NY

1993 NORTH ROCKLAND FOOTBALL ROSTER

- 1 Eliud DeLeon
- 2 Keith Bookstein
- 4 Marcus Larkins
- 11 Mike Stone
- 12 Jeff Becker
- 14 Antonio Dominguez
- 15 Bobby Sanchez
- 22 Matt Alfonso
- 23 Pierre Louis
- 24 Matt DeVincenzo
- 25 Eduardo Martinez
- 26 Wilky Abreu
- 27 Rich Ciabattoni
- 28 Vic Solar
- 29 Pascal Gil
- 31 Tim Breuinger
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Head Coach: Joe Casarella

Assistant Coaches/Support Staff

Joe Bernardo, Isidro "Papo" Cancel, Carol Cosenza, John DiGirolamo, Gary Dworkowitz, Gary "Duffy" Dwyer, Robert Murphy, Pete Warner

Volunteer Coaches & Assistants

Charles Bridgetts, David Evangelista, Dan Keeley, George Lea



JOE CASARELLA Head Coach North Rockland High School

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 largeschools 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 con- ventions, 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 AntiDefamation 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

Casarella lives in New City with his wife, Jean, a retired employee of the Archdiocese of New York. They have two children: Greg, an English teacher and lacrosse coach at Suffern High School, and Nancy, who is employed by the County of Rockland.

TEAM COACHES & STAFF

The 1993 North Rockland High School Football Team had a very successful season with a talented group of athletes and dedicated & experienced coaching staff. Under the leadership of Head Coach Joe Casarella the coaches, staff and volunteers worked together in a coordinated and purposeful manner. They instilled in their players qualities of teamwork, good sportsmanship and a strong commitment to a tradition of excellence. As a result, the 1993 NRHS Team achieved a 25 game winning streak on their way to a New York State Class A Football Team Championship and a Number 23 National Ranking by the USA Today Poll.

Congratulations to Coaches, Staff, & Players of the 1993 Team on their achievements:

Joseph Casarella, Head Coach; John DiGirolamo, Line Coach; Gary Dworkowitz, Defensive Secondary Coach, and Pete Warner, Offensive Coordinator. Assistant Coaches:

Isidro "Papo" Cancel, JV Coach; Robert Murphy, Asst.Coach; Gary "Duffy" Dwyer, Asst. Coach; Pat Amendola, Asst.Coach; Dan Keeley, Asst.Coach

Pat Amendola, Asst. Coach; Dan Neeley, Asst. Co Support Staff and Volunteers: Joe Bernardo, Team Manager; Charlie Jenks, Sr. Asst. Manager Carol Cosenza, Trainer George Lea, Asst. Manager Charles Bridgetts, Videographer David Evangelista, Statistician & Films Journal News, December 12, 1993

Coach of the Year

Joe Casarella, North Rockland

North Rockland came into 1993 with a 13-game winning streak and high expectations. Casarella was able to plug three huge holes created by the loss of first-team All-State selections Carl Barbera, Chris Dechecci and Tom McNeil and redesigned his offensive line around center Dennis O'Sullivan.



But as good as Casarella's preseason adjustments were, it's the on-field adjustments that impress opposing coaches.

"You think you've got them

down pat and you might do something once or twice and he comes up with something and shuts down your defense," Lynch said. "It's very frustrating. You think you've got them then, all of a sudden, he makes a move — one thing with two guys — and he screws up the whole game plan."

Casarella now has a daunting 123-12-1 record in his 14 years as the Red Raiders' coach.



1993 NORTH ROCKLAND FOOTBALL TEAM

First Team Offense

Tight End Chris Jackson
Lineman Nelson Rodriguez

Center Dennis O'Sullivan

Quarterback Jeff Becker

Kicker Keith Bookstein

First Team Defense

Defensive End Sean Porter

Defensive End Rasaan Wiley Linebacker Litz Eugene

Cornerback Marcus Larkins

Honorable Mention

Rich Ciabattoni Eric Getkin Mike Stone

Honors

Jeff Becker

New York State Co-player of the Year (1994) Selected First Team All State Quarterback Junior Heisman Award (1994) All Section 1 Quarterback

Dennis O'Sullivan

Selected First Team All State Lineman Section 1 Lineman of the Year Junior Heisman Award (1993)

Coach Joseph Casarella

Coach of first ever NYS Class A Championship Football Team 123-12-1 Record as Head Coach as of 1993 879 Winning Percentage (Football Career Record 160-22-1)

Voted New York State Coach of the Year (2 times)

Selected Rockland County Coach of the Year (13 Times)

Sunday, November 28, 1993

State Champions

Rockland Journal News

Fans flock to see their favorites



Staff Photo, Vincent DiSalvo

Go, Raiders, Go: The North Rockland cheering section is a sea of red as it roots the Raiders to the state Class A title, 24-12 last night

3,000 travel from Rockland to Syracuse

By Glenn Blain Staff Writer

SYRACUSE, NY -

Peter Sturiano of Stony Point doesn't know much about football, but he knew his son was playing in an important game and that was enough.

Sturiano was one of approximately 3,000 North Rockland faithful who braved a constant rain and a 200-mile journey to help the hometown Raiders bring home a state Class A championship.

"I am not a fan. I don't know what the hell's going on, but my son enjoys it and that is the end of that," said Sturiano as he stood in the concourse of the Carrier Dome wearing a red North Rockland baseball cap.

Sturiano traveled to Syracuse yesterday as part of a caravan of buses that left Sparky's Diner yesterday afternoon. Others came by car, some by van, but they all did the same thing once they arrived --cheer and cheer loudly. They stood and cheered when the Red Raiders ran on the field shortly before 8 p.m. and continued to make noise

through warm ups and throughout the night's action.

The throngs of North Rockland fans wearing their team colors helped turn the stands of the Carrier Dome - home of the Syracuse Orangemen - into a sea of red.

"I just love high school football," said 24-year old Steven Griffin, a Stony Point resident and alumni of North Rockland High. "I have not missed a home game since I graduated."

Many who traveled to Syracuse yesterday had friends or relatives on the team. Michael Celestin of Garnerville was one of 11 relatives of Red Riders running back Lidz Eugene who rode fours hours in a van to see the game.

"We plan to go crazy," Celestin said of the group's plans for every time his nephew touched the ball. "It is worth it," said Celestin of the trip to Syracuse. "We follow North Rockland to Yonkers, Yorktown, everywhere."

Quarterback, Jeff Becker's sister, Lauren Donaghy, 23, said she hasn't missed one of her brother's performances this year and was not about to start yesterday. "I have missed weddings. I have missed baby showeres, but I did not miss a game," Donaghy said. Fifty-four-year-old Martin Buchholtz worked a night shift Friday evening and slept one hour before boarding a bus that took him to this Central New York city to see the game and watch his daughter, Jennifer, 16, perform in the marching band.

"Two weeks ago I told my wife that if they made it, I would go, no questions asked," said Buchholtz, a Garnerville resident.

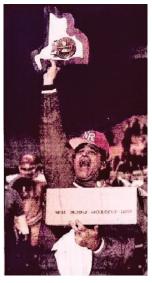
Of course, you didn't need to be a relative to root for the Red Raiders. Just ask Mary Howard of West Haverstraw, whose only connection to the team was that she drove some of the players to school as a bus driver.

"I am a fan," Howard said. "It is the first time they have done it (reached the state finals). I think it is wonderful."

And of course, there were many North Rockland students on hand. Many were looking forward to what they would be doing after the game.

"Me and Kris (Hentnik) came here to wreck the Holiday Inn," joked 15-year-old Mary Felice of Stony Point. "I came here because all my friends were here and to support my school. It is an experience we will not forget."

CHAMPIONS!





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WINNERS' CIRCLE: Red Raiders celebrate their victory in the middle of the Carrier Dome.

Staff photo/Vincent DiSalvo
PERFECT ENDING TO A PERFECT SEASON: North Rockland football coach Joe
Casarella holds up the New York State Class A Championship trophy last night after
his Red Raiders defeated Jamestown at the Carrier Dome in Syracuse.

By Glenn Blain

Staff Writer

SYRACUSE, N.Y. - We're

That was the exuberant chant of 3,000 North Rockland football fans as the Red Raiders triumphantly clinched the state's first ever Class A championship title last night.

"This is for all the kids who ever played for North Rockland and for our entire community," said Red Raiders head coach Joe Casarella, whose team ended its season at 12-0 with a 24-12 victory over Jamestown in the Carrier Dome here last night.

INSIDE

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- Raiders adjusted, D2
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- Jamestown's view, D2

North Rockland is ranked No. 1 in the state in Class A.

In the stands, thousands of red-clad North Rockland fans stood and gave each other highfives as time on the game clock wound down to under one minute remaining.

"I feel wonderful," said James Paterson, 38, of Stony Point as he watched his former high school claim a state title. "This has been a long time coming. We are definitely number one."

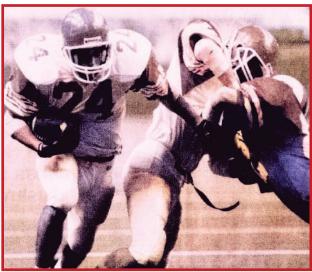
But last night's victory had its scary moments.

North Rockland was cruising until two third-quarter fumbles led to two quick Jamestown touchdowns, cutting North Rockland's lead to 17-12 with 3:38 left to go in the third.

But with less than 11 minutes left in the game, North Rock-land's Marcus Larkins stepped in front of a Jim Barlow pass and returned it to Jamestown's 23 yard line. The interception set up quarterback Jeff Becker's 32-yard touchdown pass to Vic Solar.

	1ST QTR	2ND QTR	ORD GTR	4TH QTR	FINAL
NORTH ROCKLAND	0	10	7	7	24
Jamestown	0	0	12	0	12

Red Raiders No. 1



FIRST SCORE: North Rockland's Matt DeVincenzo's (24) scored the first touchdown of the game against Jamestown last night at the Carrier Dome in Syracuse. North Rockland went on to win the state Class A championship game, 24-12.

Larkins breaks Jamestown's heart

Interception sets up final TD

By Andrew Gross Staff Writer

SYRACUSE, NY - Marcus Larkins played Indian giver to Jamestown.

As North Rockland's running back, he surrendered a costly fumble to give Jamestown the ball at North Rockland's 43-yard line with 10 minutes left in the fourth quarter. North Rockland led the New York State Class championship game 17-12 at the time.

But on the next play, Larkins, the defensive back, intercepted Jamestown quarterback Jim Barlow's pass to the left sideline and returned it to the Jamestown 23. Three plays later, North Rockland quarterback Jeff Becker completed the clinching touchdown pass to Vic Solar and North Rockland

went on to claim the first state Class A title with a 24-12 victory.

"I said to myself when I fumbled the ball, and I know people won't believe me, that I need to get the ball back," said Larkins, a junior. "The fumble let the team down.

"After I fumbled, Jamestown got hyper but that interception was a heartbreaker."

Larkins, playing deep, cut off an underthrown ball at the North Rockland 4 7 and tightroped down the left sideline until he was pushed out of bounds.

"They were using that play all game," Larkins said of the interception. "They'd split wide and then play a hook. I finally played tighter and came up on the ball"

As well as giving Larkins the chance to redeem himself, the play calmed North Rockland head Coach Joe Casarella.

"I didn't think we'd go all the way until Marcus intercepted that ball," Casarella said.



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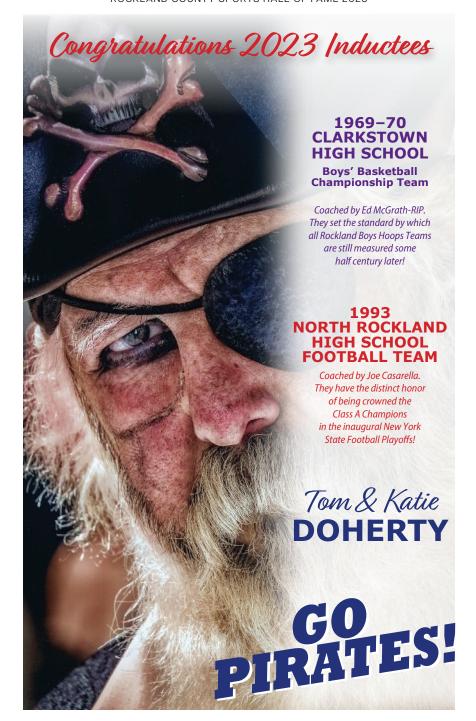




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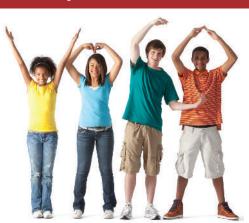
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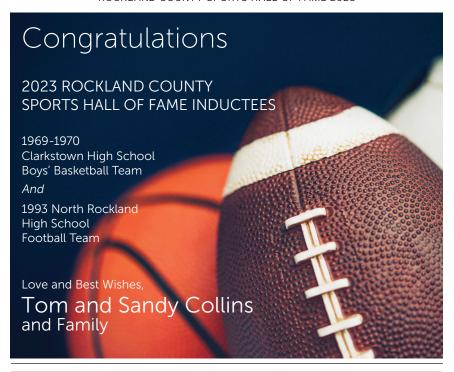
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CHUCK SCARPULLA

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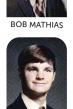




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