

1996 Hall of Fame Inductees BIOGRAPHIES

Edward R. Bilik

Ed Bilik was all-conference both as a baseball catcher and basketball guard for Union-Endicott. As a senior football rookie, he added quarterback and safetyman duties to his portfolio.

He played in the College World Series for Springfield College and made All-New England in basketball. Directly after graduation, he came home and served as Endicott Seton High's first coach and athletic director.

Since 1959, he has been on the Springfield faculty. He coached 322 basketball victories and is now athletic director. A veteran on the National Basketball Rules Committee, he becomes its editor and secretary this year.

Frederick L. Caliel

Fred was athletic director, physical education teacher, boy's basketball and golf coach for twenty-five years at Lansing before his untimely death on August 12, 1995. During this time Fred served on many league, section, and state level committees. His basketball teams at Lansing and at Holley Central School compiled a 413-223 record.

Fred will always be remembered as a true competitor who played within the rules of fair play and sportsmanship.

Brad Clark

Clark, a big, bruising tight end, is considered to be one of the Elmira area's and the Sullivan Trail Conference's outstanding linesman of the 1970's. He played four seasons of football and two of basketball for the Raiders. On the football field he was tight end on offense and alternated between defensive end, defensive tackle and linebacker on defense. Brad was named Twin Tier's Player of the Year in 1975. He caught a Horseheads career record 71 passes and during his final two seasons Horseheads boasted championship football teams. He played college football at Hudson Valley.

Rick Coleman

Rick was an exciting, team-oriented standout of Patriots basketball and football teams that mounted a combined 83-7 record in his five varsity seasons -- 103-7 when his JV basketball season is included.

He was No. 2 scorer to perennial teammate King Rice on Binghamton's basketball team that won the State Federation Class A title in 1986 after missing by a controversial disallowed last-second shot in the 1985 Federation final.

In football, he was first-team all-state and scored 12 touchdowns as fullback/cornerback/return man on the 10-0 team that was No. 1 in 1985 state ratings.

In college basketball, Rick scored more than 1,000 points for the University of Buffalo.

Charles Douglas Cook

While playing Junior Varsity Basketball, Charlie Cook led Ithaca High School to a 17-1 record, winning the Western Division of the Southern Tier Conference.

While playing Varsity Basketball in his Junior year at Ithaca High School, Charlie maintained double figures in points and rebounds. He averaged 12 points, 12 rebounds, 3 blocked shots, 3 assists, and 1 steal per game throughout the 1957-58 season. He tied the league record and took the lead in blocked shots and made the Coaches All-Star Team.

In his Senior year, 1958-59, at Ithaca High School, Charlie averaged 15 points and 15 rebounds, 4 blocked shots, 4 assists and 2 steals per game. He led the league in rebounds and blocked shots and made the Conference Coaches All-Star team. Charlie had the winning foul shots with 4 seconds remaining in the title game to give Ithaca the Class A Section IV Championship victory over Johnson City.

He is currently working in the Athletic Department at Cornell University. He has worked for Cornell for over 25 years.

Teresa Sestak Farrell

Teresa Sestak became the first Section IV girl to swim to a state championship, with 1983 victories in both the 50 and 100 yard freestyle. In the process, she also was the section's first of either sex to set a state swimming record.

She added a third state title in 1984. Besides additional 2-3-4-5 finishes in state finals, she won six Section IV titles and four Empire Games open-division events.

Teresa also was a regular on strong Chenango Valley volleyball teams. She did her collegiate swimming for Tennessee, an NCAA Division I power.

Anne Flannery

Anne, who is now the Manager of Women's Athletics with Spalding Sports Worldwide, began her varsity career at Downsville Central School in 1975 where she earned 18 letters (four each in basketball, soccer, volleyball, and two in track -- the program was terminated before her Jr. season.) Anne, a standout athlete, played on teams which won nine league and four Section IV titles. She was league MVP twice in basketball and scored 1158 pts.

In 1979 Anne went to Manhattan College on a full academic/athletic scholarship where she scored 800+ pts. in two seasons. She transferred to Syracuse University in 1981 on a full basketball scholarship where she was team captain and again scored over 800 pts. After graduating from SU in 1983 Anne played pro ball in Scotland (league MVP) and England; worked for NBC, the Women's Sports Foundation, and the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (1989-1994); earned her Masters in Sports Management and coached.

In 1994 Anne was inducted in the Syracuse University Orange Plus Hall of Fame.

Jane Flannery

Jane was a PE teacher and coach at Downsville Central School for twenty years, 1967-1987. As girls' soccer coach she guided her teams to ten league titles and Section IV championships in 1977 and 1979. Her overall record was 175-33-9, never having had a losing season. Jane's volleyball teams from 1974-1981 were league champs six times and Section IV titlists in 1979, 1980, and 1981. Her basketball teams from 1976-1987 won seven league titles, and after a second place finish in Section IV in 1976, won the title in 1977, 1978, and 1979.

For the 1977-78 athletic season, Jane's soccer, volleyball, and basketball teams compiled a record of 50-0, including three Section IV championships.

Jane has also been a Section IV soccer chairperson (1982-89) and representative to the Section IV Council. In 1987 she was Asst. Women's Soccer coach at SUNY Oneonta, and SUNY Delhi's coach in 1990. Jane was selected the Daily Star Coach of the Year in 1986 for Soccer.

Kristen O'Connell Ford

Kristen O'Connell was so outstanding a distance runner for Delhi that in her final three years she qualified for 14 state-meet events out of a possible 15. The 11 outdoor and indoor track were in open competition; in cross country, she led Delhi teams to two state Class B crowns and in 1988 alone she broke 11 course records.

In her track finale, she anchored what remains the sectional 3,200-meter relay record. Her indoor finale achieved two state-meet second places. Her individual 1,500 at the 1980 Penn Relays is No. 3 in sectional history.

Kristen ran collegiately at Alabama and Rhode Island, and currently is Ithaca College's assistant athletic director.

Carl Huffner

Section IV Hall of Fame Coach Moon Mullins called Huffner "one of the finest all-around lineman I ever coached." Huffner was Mullins two-time all-Southern Tier Conference selection as an Elmira Southside tackle in 1947 and 1948 - the first two seasons of Southside football history. Huffner starred for three seasons in Elmira football. He played with the last combined Elmira High team in 1946. Huffner also played a few seasons of semi-pro football for Elmira teams. Carl also competed in track and with the Southside basketball team.

Kurt Kaminsky

As a wrestler for Binghamton North, Kurt was a three time STAC Champion, 2nd in 1972, 1st in 1973, 1974 and 1975. He was also a two time Windsor Tournament Champion in two tries (1974, 1975) and a three time Section IV Champion (1973, 74, 75), placing fourth, third, and second in the New York State Wrestling Championships. Kurt was undefeated in dual meets in his four years at North (two ties), and was the first Binghamton athlete to win a Section IV Championship and place in the state tournament for wrestling. His official record is 107-6-2. Wrestled for West Point (USMA), where his was 81-9, placing fourth and third in the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Championships. In 1980, he qualified for the U.S. Olympic Freestyle Wrestling Team at 136.5 lb. He has coached and trained numerous wrestlers, including his close friend and workout partner, the late David Shultz, 1984 Olympic Champion.

Dana Kelley

Dana was undefeated in all races she participated in from the years 1983-86, including dual meets, invitationals, and sectional competition. She was sectional champion as a frosh in the 400 m, then at 800 m the next three years.

She won the 800 m state championship in 1984 and was runner up in 1986. Also in 1984, she qualified and competed in the Junior Nationals, where her 2:08.8 earned her 4th place and All-American status. In 1985 she earned a berth on the Junior National Team and got 6th place at the Junior Pan-American Championships.

Dana still holds STAC records in 400 m and 800 m as well as the sectional mark on the 800 m (2:10.6).

In 1986, she capped off her high school career by winning a gold medal in the 400 hurdles at the Empire Games. Dana went on to compete for Yale University.

Tim Kick

Tim graduated from Lansing Central School in 1977. He played varsity basketball and baseball for three seasons. He led the 1975 and 1977 team to league, sectional, and regional titles. He currently is the second leading career scorer in Lansing history with 1087 points. In 1977 he set, and still holds the single game scoring record with 37 points. He received All-State honors in basketball along with several all-league honors in both basketball and baseball.

Ed Kowalski

Ed was a standout athlete at Horseheads High School where he participated in football, basketball, baseball and track. He earned ten varsity letters while being named to the First Team - All Conference Team in football and basketball during his senior year.

He was the Elmira Area Athlete of the Year in 1963 when he led the Blue Raider Football and Basketball Teams to undefeated seasons!

Ed went on to Ithaca College where he was captain of the basketball team, and was listed as an outstanding college athlete in 1969.

Paul "Buddy" Lang

Paul is a graduate of Ithaca High School, where he was a three sport athlete (football, wrestling, and baseball). He was the captain of the football team and was the MVP and 1st team all STAC. Buddy placed 1st in wrestling sectionals and placed 3rd in the state meet in 1966. Ithaca High's baseball teams won three western division titles with Buddy from 1964-66. He was an outstanding pitcher and hitter in baseball. He led the league in strikeouts for two straight years in 1965 and 1966. He batted .389 his senior year. Buddy went on to the University of Buffalo and became a three sport athlete. He has been a teacher and coach at Dryden High School since 1970, where he has coached football, boys basketball, girls basketball, softball, and baseball.

Ron Limoncelli

Limoncelli was the first in a long line of outstanding Notre Dame High football backs, setting a rushing record of 735 yards in 1963. But football was just one of Limoncelli's big sports. He also starred in basketball (over 1,200 career points) and baseball (he was a standout pitcher and hitter). He played four seasons of basketball and baseball at Notre Dame and earned 10 letters overall. Limoncelli took his extraordinary athletic talents to Kent State, where he played only varsity baseball as standout pitcher for three years. During the summer of 1963 he helped pitch the Elmira IAV War Vets to the New York State Championship.

Kathy Staley Maguire

Kathy Staley was twice Press All-Metro in basketball and twice All-STAC in softball, but her most lasting prominence of 11 varsity seasons at Maine-Endwell is in field hockey.

In that sport, her 101 career goals and 40 in one season remained Section IV records until last fall, 10 seasons after her departure. Maine-Endwell was 55-3 in her last three seasons, twice attaining the Class A state final.

Kathy played for the U.S. National Team after a University of North Carolina career capped by first-team All-America selection 1989 when she led the national champions in scoring.

Jim Newkerk

Jim Newkerk, a 1946 graduate of Delaware Academy in Delhi, lettered in all three of the major sports of football, basketball, and baseball.

In football at 125 lbs. Jim was one of the best tacklers in the league.

In basketball, he not only was a good scorer, but he always played the fastest man the other team could field.

In baseball Jim was an outstanding short stop and an above average hitter. Besides his athletic participation, Jim was also a member of the National Honor Society.

Carmen Ramich

Elmira High Coach Art Hirst tabbed Ramich as one of his finest linemen of the 1930's. He was a running guard on EHS teams of 1937-39, a two-time all-Southern Tier Conference selection and one of the stars of the 1939 EHS unbeaten with his devastating blocking on offense and deadly tackling on defense. Ramich went on to stardom with Hartwick and joins son Joel in the Section IV Hall. Joel was a standout halfback with Elmira Notre Dame in the mid-1960's.

Robert J. Robinson

Prior to retiring in June 1994, Robbie served as a teacher and coach for thirty-two years. For twenty nine of those years he inspired the students of Candor, coaching many boys' basketball teams to Section and IAC Finals. Robbie also coached girls' basketball and softball, soccer, bowling, and tennis during his most distinguished career. He served as either vice president or president of the Ithaca Umpire's Association for ten years, umpired baseball and softball for twenty-one years, and served as a basketball official for ten years. Robbie organized and coached the Candor Comets Town Baseball Team and coached little league and teener league for a total of 19 years.

As athletic director at Candor, Robbie coached the coaches, emphasizing sportsmanship and safety, while exhibiting a love of athletics and competition. Robbie served on Section IV committees and actually organized the first IAC Exceptional Senior Basketball game in 1981. Clearly, Robbie left his mark on our youth, our school, and our community.

Mike Rock

At Windsor High School, Mike earned 8 varsity letters, 3 in football and basketball, and 2 in baseball. He was a 3-time All League football offensive center and defensive end, football team captain, 1st team All State, and a Prep All American in 1973 and 1974. In basketball, he was 1st team All League and captain of the 1973-74 team and an All-Star outfielder and then catcher in baseball.

Mike received an athletic scholarship at the University of Cincinnati in football, was team captain as a senior, and the recipient of the Scholar Athlete Award in the Dolly Choen Chapter of the College Football Hall of Fame.

William Rolls

William Rolls, Waverly's 1954 graduate (Mr. Swish) compiled 1272 points in his 3 year career with highs of 45 against Union Endicott, 36 at Watkins Glen and 33 at Johnson City. Bill led his team to Section IV's Class A Championship and was Section IV's scoring champ and unanimous southern county's basketball selection; he was a team captain on the Central New York State All Stars. Bill now resides in Round Rock, Texas.

Kathy Van Kuren

Kathy ranks as one of the greatest female athletes in Section IV history. She was an outstanding volleyball, softball, and basketball player at Maine-Endwell from 1976 to 1979. Her versatility as a basketball player is noted in that she still ranks in the top three in history in scoring, rebounding, assists and steals. Kathy led her team to a 22-0 record and a New York State Regional Championship in the days before a full state championship was held. She is a national class softball player and has played on the national team for the U.S. Army. Kathy went on to Broome Community College after leaving her successful M-E careers and then became a member of our Armed Forces and is currently Staff Sgt. Van Kuren stationed in Virginia. She is making the service her career and we are proud to recognize this outstanding athlete.

David "Rick" Watts

At Windsor High School, Rick was a 4-year starter and a 4-time first team All League baseball player. He was also a 3-year starter and a 2-time first team All League football player and earned two letters in basketball. His 4-year high school career batting average was .404. Rick was the Broome County American Legion Baseball MVP in 1974.

At Ithaca College, he was a 4-year starter, a 1st Team All American, and played on the 1980 Division III National championship baseball team. He also served as the team captain for the 1981 Ithaca College baseball team. Rick also received an NCAA post graduate scholarship in 1981.

Doug Wilson

Doug has served the youth in the Elmira/Horseheads area as a coach and a soccer official for the last forty years. He was a successful varsity basketball, baseball, and golf coach at Elmira Southside Hall of Fame.

Doug has been a soccer official and the official assigner for the past thirty years. This past year he was named New York State Soccer Referee of the Year for Outstanding Service and Dedication to High School Soccer.