

CRAIG BISBEE

Craig Bisbee was a 1973 graduate at Hancock Central School District. Bisbee was a three sports athlete participating in Football, Basketball, and Baseball from 1971-1973. During his basketball career he was a member of the Central Division Champions in 1972. In baseball he was a member of Central Division Champions in 1972, 1973, Susquenango League Champions 1972, 1973, Section IV champs 1972, 1973. In 1972, Bisbee was awarded 1st team All Central Susquenango in basketball for the Wildcats. In 1973, he made 1st Team All Division Susquenango Association for Football, Basketball and Baseball, receiving Press and Sun Bulletin Athlete of the Week after scoring 42 points verse Harpursville, and a 38 points verse Groton in the Section IV Tournament. Bisbee concluded the season scoring 24.2 ppg, and 556 points on the season. From 1971-1973, Bisbee scored 1225 points in his career at HCS. Bisbee now owns a successful lumber company in Hancock New York where he resides.

JULIANNE BRAMANTE

Julianne was a member of the UE Varsity Tennis team for 6 years beginning as a 7th grader, and as a singles player she compiled a winning record every year and was voted All Division and All Conference Teams for STAC and Section IV. In her senior year, she was named MVP for Union Endicott with a Team and Individual record of 15-1 at the #1 and #2 single spot against her Class A opponents. Julianne's career match record is 84-6 in the regular season from 1994-1999. Many of those wins were at 6-0 or 6-1. She placed in the top 4 in the class A sectionals-6 yrs. and in the state qualifier-4 years. Julianne also represented Section IV in the NYSPHSAA tennis championships in 1997 in doubles and singles in 1999, finishing among the best 16 players in NYS. During high school, Julianne has competed in several local, regional and state competitions, including the NYS Empire State Games winning a gold medal in doubles in 1997 and a bronze in singles leading the Central team to gold for the first time in 23 years. She earned a sectional ranking in the USTA Eastern division from ages 12-18 and was invited to the USTA Nationals in 1999. Julianne attended Bloomsburg University with a tennis scholarship and was named National Rookie of the Year in 2000. Currently, Julianne is an elementary teacher in the Sidney Central School District.

JAMES CONNELLY

James Connelly was a member of the Union Springs Varsity Basketball team from 1996-2000. He graduated from Union Springs scoring 1,777 points which ranks him 4th all-time in Section IV Boys Basketball scoring. Jim was not only a scorer but a leader of his team in almost all statistical categories. He led his team to a career record of 62-23 over those four seasons and made many appearances in the Sectional Finals at the Broome County Arena. He was selected as a 4-time All-IAC 1st Team honor, a 2-time MVP of the league, as well as an All-State selection twice. Jim continued his basketball career at both Daeman College and Potsdam State where he led his team to league titles at both schools. His leadership was acknowledged by being named his team captain in both his high school and college careers. Jim has continued to work with athletes in his professional career as he graduated Magna Cum Laude from Upstate Medical University with a Doctorate in Physical Therapy. He currently practices Physical Therapy in Auburn, N.Y.

BOB CONWAY, JR.

With one-third of a century in coaching years behind him, Bob remains at the forefront of his sport today as his Bainbridge-Guilford girls hold an impressive 15-2 record as of this writing (Feb. 12). This present-day mark ups Bob's 33-year record to 482-196 (.710) for his work at both B-G and Mount Upton.

His rise to these lofty levels had a very inauspicious start, though, as Bob went 1-21 his first two years at the helm of the fledgling Mount Upton program. But three years later, he guided the Mounties not only to the Tri-Valley League crown, but a 23-3 record and a berth in the Class D state championship game at Queensbury. Bob remained at Mount Upton, from where he graduated in 1974, through the 1989-90 season, when the school merged with Gilbertsville.

He took the reins at B-G in 1991 and has had only one losing season there in 24 years. Along the way, the Bobcats have laid claim to the Section IV Class C championship in 1999 and the Class C-2 title in 1996, while adding eight Midstate Athletic Conference divisional crowns, four Susquenango East titles, three overall MAC championships and one overall Sus flag raising. Since those two early seasons at Mount Upton, Bob has compiled an enviable 481-175 (.733) record. These efforts have earned Bob 11 Coach of the Year awards.

Presently, Bob, who has coached six 1,000-point scorers – five at B-G (Danielle Baldwin, Danielle Conway, Courtney Mattingly, Jennifer Patten and Mariah Schaeffer) and one at Mount Upton (Cheri Peck) – is employed at Amphenol in Sidney as Supervisor of Assembly.

MEGAN EVANS

In Megan's 4-year high school career as a catcher she led Elmira Notre Dame to 3 Sectional Titles, 2 Regional Titles, 2-final 4 appearances, and a N.Y.S. Runner-up finish. After dominating seasons as a sophomore and junior, Megan was walked intentionally 27 times in her senior year. She hit .492 for her career with 23 home runs and 32 doubles. Both NYS records when she graduated. She was named first team All-State 3 times and was twice named the N.Y.S. Class "C" Player of the Year. As a senior Megan was N.D.'s first athlete to be named 1st Team All-American. She was also named 2nd team Academic All-American. Megan earned a full scholarship to Virginia Tech where she went on to break 24 school records, including 50 career home runs and 161 career RBI's and 37 base runners thrown out. She is the only softball player from Virginia Tech to be named All-Region 4 Times. During her career she was also named All-Big East and All-ACC. Megan earned her PHD from Virginia and is the school's Strength and conditioning Coach for women's sports.

ROBERT FASSETT

Bob graduated from Springfield Central School in 1982. He was a 4 year starter in baseball and basketball. When Bob graduated he was the all-time scorer in Springfield and in Section IV basketball history with 1,758 points. He ended his senior year averaging 30 points per game and 20.3 rebounds per game, and led Springfield to 3 straight league championships in the Tri-Valley league.

Bob was named to the Tri-Valley All-Star team and the Oneonta Daily Star's Regional All-Star team for 3 consecutive years and was named Daily Star's Athlete of the Year in 1982.

Bob played basketball for 4 years for RPI and was named the team's MVP during his junior season and was co-captain of the team in his junior and senior years.

DOUGLAS FESSENDEN

Sidney High School's Doug Fessenden started his 33 year varsity head coaching career in 1957, beginning with 3 years each of boys track and golf then boys basketball (9 years), boys baseball (15 years), boys football (7 years assistant) and concluded with eleven successful seasons with girls basketball. After going 12-6 in his second year, Doug's girls' teams won 77 and lost just 10 over the next

four seasons, winning the Susquenango Association League championship each year and the program's first Section 4 Class C championship in 1984. That team won the Central Region championship and advanced to the state Class C Final Four before losing to undefeated Byron-Bergen (Sec. 5). Doug was named the Daily Star Coach of the Year.

Perhaps his greatest achievement came in 1987 when he directed his team to the school's second Section 4 Class C championship despite having a roster of just 7 girls. That team also won the Sus League championship and finished with a 23-3 record. Doug was named the Daily Star Co-Coach of the Year, the Press & Sun Bulletin All Metro Coach of the Year and the prestigious NYS Basketball Coaches Association Section IV Girls Coach of Year.

At Candor High School, Doug was a three year player in varsity football, basketball and baseball and in 1951, as a sixteen year old senior, he was selected as Candor's Outstanding Male Athlete. He went on to play two years of football and baseball at Cortland State before graduating, then moved to Sidney and taught physical education (gym) for the next thirty four years. He also refereed high school soccer for 22 years.

More than coaching longevity and victories, Doug may be best known for teaching both individual and team character while stressing sportsmanship and enjoyment of the game, evidenced by several team sportsmanship awards. Former athletes and students alike still call him their favorite coach.

STEPHEN FESSENDEN

Steve graduated from Sidney High School in 1976 and was selected All Sus League in baseball as a catcher, in football as a quarterback and in basketball. He earned 10 varsity letters, four each in baseball and football and two in basketball. The basketball team won 40 and lost 4 over two seasons, won the Class A tile in '75, finished 2nd in '76, and won league championships both years. A four year starting catcher in baseball with excellent defensive skills and a stronger arm, Steve batted .346 his senior year and also pitched a 1-0 ten inning complete game shutout. In football he twice finished 2nd in the division in passing and completed 8 of 9 for 192 yards and two TD's in his final game. In 1976 he was awarded the Ralph Pyle Award as Sidney's Top Male Athlete, an honor he started with Rick Mirabito, another Hall of Fame Member.

Over tow season he led the Broome Community College baseball team to a 33-17 record, reached the NJCAA Region 3 Championship game in 1979, batted .315 as a switch hitter and was slected the team's MVP while catching every inning of all 25 games. He played several games at Brockport State before sustaining a shoulder injury. Steve is currently the director of NY State Police Southern Tier Regional Crime Laboratory.

CRAIG FOOTE

Craig was a 1995 graduate of Lansing High School. He was a 3 sport athlete, Football, Basketball and Baseball.

In Football; Craig was 2 time (93'and 94') all division, all section and all state player at strong safety, wide receiver and quarterback. Craig captained the 93' division and section champions and captained the 94 division champion Lansing Bobcat teams. He played for Coaches Ed Redmond and Stuart Dean.

In Basketball, Craig was a 3 year leading scorer a 3 time IAC all-star (93-95). He averaged 18.6 points per game his senior year and amassed 1,117 career points. He was the captain in 1995 where he received the division MVP and academic all-star. He played for Coach Fred Caliel.

In Baseball, Craig was a 3 year (93-95) IAC All-star at pitcher and shortstop and captained the 95 team. His senior year he hit .364. He played for Coach Ed Redmond.

In his senior year Craig received the 1995 Lansing male most outstanding athlete award, United States Army Reserve National Scholar Athlete Award and NYS Assembly Citation as outstanding citizen.

Craig graduated and played 4 years of football at Princeton University.

Craig was inducted into the Lansing Hall of Fame in 2006. Craig currently resides in San Francisco CA.

JOHN LEECH

John Leech graduated from Unatego Central School in 2004 with significant contributions to his cross country, wrestling and baseball teams. He served as captain for each of these teams.

John earned 6 varsity letters in wrestling and completed an outstanding career by capturing the New York State Division II championship at 130 lbs. and set the school record for victories with 183. He placed in the top 6 in his weight class in the Section IV Division II tournaments during each of his 6 varsity seasons. John was a 3-time league champion and a 3-time Class C champion.

John earned 4 varsity letters in cross country. He was a 3-time 1st team league all-star. As a senior he placed 8th in the Section IV Class C championship and finished 77th of 130 runners at the New York State championship.

John also earned 2 varsity letters in baseball. As a senior he was a 1st team league all-star helping his team with a 6-1 pitching record, 2.06 ERA and struck out 34 batters.

John continued his wrestling at SUNY Oneonta for 4 years. He has been serving our country in the U.S. Marines in the military police the past 5 years and has re-enlisted for another 4 years.

JOHN LUTES

John was an outstanding athlete at Trumansburg Central School from 1964-65 thru 1967-68. He was a member of the football, basketball, and baseball teams during that time frame.

As a member of the football team he played quarterback and defensive back. As the quarterback his leadership was paramount and he was among team leaders in interceptions as a defensive back. In basketball he was the starting point guard for two years; again showing outstanding leadership. As the shortstop in baseball (his true love) he was nearly flawless in the field and had a batting above .350 for his career.

John attended Marshall University where he lettered in football as a wide receiver for one year then concentrated on baseball as a 3 year letterman. After graduation from college John taught in the Geneva, NY school system and continued his sporting access by officiating both soccer and baseball. He has been nominated to represent Section IV as an official in the State Baseball Regional's and Championships

R. ALLEN MAREAN

Al graduated from Binghamton Central High School where he was co-captain of the football team, was a starter on the basketball team, and participated in track in field.

He graduated from Colgate University where he was a member of the football team for four years.

Continuing on to get his masters degree at Colgate, and was involved in coaching the freshman football team and administering the intramural athletics program.

Al was a member of the mathematics department at Owego Free Academy for 33 years, teaching everything from general math to college algebra and Advanced Placement Computer Science.

serving as a football coach at O.F.A. for ten years (assistant JV coach [1 year], head JV coach [3 years], and assistant Varsity coach [6 years]), but made a much larger contribution to the girls basketball program.

In 1976 he was hired as O.F.A.'s fourth girls varsity basketball coach in as many years. The team had won only 2 games in the previous 3 years, but under Al's guidance they were able to post a winning record in my first year, and we advanced to both the league and sectional championship contests my second year (losing by 5 points and 1 point). He remained O.F.A.'s girls varsity basketball coach for 26 years until retiring in 2001 with 277 wins.

After a hiatus of many years, Section IV re-instituted a basketball tournament for girls in 1976. In 1978 Al assumed the position of Section IV Girls Basketball Coordinator (the third person to hold that job in

the 3 years that it existed). He continued to serve Section IV in that capacity for the next 34 years. During that time he also served on the NYSPHSAA Girls Basketball State Committee and helped establish and administer both regional and state girls basketball tournaments.

TIMOTHY "TIM" MCKNIGHT

Tim McKnight was a talented runner at Windsor Central High School. His Section IV State Qualifying finishes at the IBM course were 9th, 1st, 3rd and 2nd. Tim represented Windsor and Section IV at the NY State Intersectional Cross-Country Championship for 4 years and in the NY State Cross-Country Federation Meets for 3 years.

In track, Tim ran distance races for 4 years. As a freshman he placed 1st in the Sus-West Division and end in the Sus-League, with a 2 mile time of 10:06.9, 1 mile time 4:39.9. In 1979 age 15 and under race, Tim finished 1st at 4:52. In 1980, Tim won all his dual and triangular meets, was 1st in the Sus-League and 2nd in Section IV Class B relays, second place at meet at 9:55.9. 1981-82, Tim led Windsor to firsts at the Sus Penn Relays, second place at Class B relays and Sus-League meet. In the 1982 Section IV B-C meet, Tim had a 4:37 mile.

Tim held the Windsor record for the 2 mile at 9:50.9; received the Windsor Osterhout Award for Most Outstanding Runner; was a 1981 Binghamton Sun-Bulletin Athlete of the Week; Sus Western CC All-Star 1978-1981.

Tim continues to run in local races and runs a successful company, McKnight Custom Concrete.

PATRICIA AGATHEAS MURPHY

Patricia Murphy ("Murph") has been a coach and an educator at Seton Catholic High School, Endicott and Seton Catholic Central High School, Binghamton. Patti was one of our earliest female coaches in Section Four, as she began to coach with the advent of "Title IX". She coached Softball, Girls Basketball and Girls Soccer at the "old" Seton Catholic and then at the merged school of Seton Catholic Central. Patti Murphy has achieved a level of success that most coaches would envy. In Basketball her teams won 327 games including 4 overall S.T.A.C. league titles, and 5 Section Four titles. In Soccer her teams won 196 games and were Sectional finalists twice and Section Four champions 5 times.

"Murph" has contributed to the athletes in Section Four by helping to develop girl's high school sports beginning in 1970. She is a past President of Section Four and has served the Southern Tier Athletic Conference as the league's Associate Executive Director (1977-1992). Patti became the Athletic Director at Seton Catholic Central High School in Binghamton in 1986 holding that position until 1999. She has been the chair of both Sportsmanship and Ethics Committees in Section Four since 1990, as well as, our representative to the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Sportsmanship committee. Patti has been the chair of Section Four's Life of an Athlete committee since 1987 and is Co-chair of New York State Public High School Athletic Association Life of an Athlete program. Patricia Murphy has always been a tireless worker for, and a champion of, sportsmanship, ethics, and gender equity in athletics.

HILLARY NELSON

Hillary graduated from Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School in 1995. She was a 5 year starter in basketball and a 6 year starter in softball.

Hillary still has the record for most points in CV-S basketball history with 1,664 points. In her senior year she scored 459 points and averaged 23 points per game. She was a 4 year 1st team Tri-Valley league All Star.

Hillary was a 6 year 1st team Tri-Valley league All Star in softball. In her senior year she batted .678 and had 40 hits and 48 RBI's. She finished her career with .615 batting average with 214 hits and 221 RBI's. There were only 2 games in her 6 year career that she was hitless in a game. Hillary played basketball at Castleton State College in Vermont. She was a 4 year starter and averaged 9.9 rebounds and 13.8 points per game. She was named to the Mayflower All Conference team in 1996.

JEFF PARKER

Jeff (Class of '97) earned 8 varsity letters at Norwich High School: 3 each in football and baseball and 2 in basketball.

He was All Chenango County and All Division all three years in football and All Metro his senior year. He is the school's all-time leading rusher with 2,925 yards. His senior year he rushed for 1,356 yards, including a career high 267 vs. arch rival Oneonta.

He was a two-time all star in baseball, finishing with a career .327 batting average and 48 stolen bases, including 24 his senior year.

Jeff's senior year in basketball not only did he average in double figures (11.7) but he was also named the team's Most Outstanding Defensive Player.

Said his basketball and baseball coach Mark Abbott, "Jeff was a talented athlete. He had to be to be as successful as he was in three sports. He just worked so darn hard."

DOUG PHILLIPS

Doug Phillips played for Class B/C/D Hancock from 1971-1973. Phillips was a three year varsity letterman in Football, Basketball, and Baseball. In Basketball, the 1973 team was Division Champions. In Baseball, Phillips played on the Central Division Champions in 1972, and 1973, Susquenango League Champions in 1972, and 1973, and Section IV Class B-C-D. Champions in 1972, and 1973.

In 1972, Phillips made All Central Division Susquenango in baseball. During the 1973 Susquenango Divisional Championship Basketball season. Phillips was selected 1st Team All Central. Also, Phillips was the winning pitcher in the Susquenango League Championship Game verse Sidney, and Section IV Class B-C-D Championship Basketball Game verse Milford. Following the Susquenango League Championship baseball win over Sidney, Phillips was selected Athlete of the Week by the Press and Sun Bulletin.

Phillips went on the play baseball at SUNY Oneonta, and later transferred to East Stroudsburg playing first base at both schools.

Phillips now is a successful butcher in Susquehanna PA.

DR. CRAIG REYNOLDS

A 1982 graduate of Oxford Academy, Craig was without a doubt the field general for all three of his varsity sports – football, basketball and baseball.

Taking over at quarterback four games into his freshman season, he directed the Blackhawks to two undefeated 9-0 campaigns (1979 and 1981) en route to an overall record of 25-6 (.806), thus earning him All-Sus East and *Evening Sun* All-County honors during both his junior and senior years. Along the way, he completed 183 of his 400 passes for 2,996 yards and 22 touchdowns; rushed 258 times for 1,120 yards and 15 touchdowns; and booted 22 extra points and a half dozen field goals – the longest of which was from 44 yards – for a career total of 130 points.

As the point guard on the Oxford basketball team, Craig amassed 755 career points – fourth all-time upon his graduation – as the Blackhawks sported a three-year log of 35-27 under his direction. Again, he was honored on the All-Sus East and All-County teams as both a junior and senior.

Rounding out his stellar career as the baseball team's shortstop, Craig batted .442 and .333, respectively, as Oxford went 36-8 during his final two seasons. Oxford captured the Section IV Class C crown his junior year, while winning the overall Susquenango Association title his senior spring. Once again, he was honored on the All-Sus East and All-County teams.

Besides his athleticism, Craig was a standout student, graduating as valedictorian before studying medicine at Cornell University. Today, Craig is a Doctor of Anesthesiology at Upstate University Hospital Community Campus.

ANNE TRASK (YOUNGS)

Anne Trask (Youngs) was a three sport Varsity Letterman from 1986-88, playing Field Hockey, Basketball, and Softball. In Trask's sophomore year in 1986 she was a 2nd Team All Star Eastern Division for Basketball, scoring 15.9 ppg.

In 1987, her junior season, Trask scored 17.2 ppg in Basketball while breaking the Susquenango League single game scoring record for points per game with 40 vs. Oxford. She was selected Eastern League 1st Team All Star Susquenango Association in Basketball and Softball. Trask was selected to participate in the Empire State Field Hockey Team for Central Region located in Syracuse summer of 1987. Trask went on to win a gold medal participating in the Empire State Games in Field Hockey that summer.

In 1988, Trask scored 22.4 ppg in Basketball totaling her career points with 1,119 in basketball (Hancock School Record). She became a 1st Team Eastern Division All Star Susquenango Association, MVP Downsview Christmas Basketball Tournament, helped Basketball team reach Section IV Class D Championship game, and was selected All Metro Team. Trask was also selected as Athlete of the Week Press and Sun Bulletin during the Class D Section IV Girls Basketball Tournament. For spring she was selected 1st Team All-star Susquenango Association with a batting average above .400.

Anne Trask (Young) family runs a successful summer camp in Hancock New York called Camp Hilltop.

GARY VANDERZEE

Gary was an outstanding athlete at Trumansburg Central School from 1964-65 thru 1967-68. He was a member of the football, wrestling, and baseball teams during that time frame. He was an outstanding leader of all the teams he participated in.

As a member of the football team he played both offensive and defensive tackle. Whenever a key play was needed the call usually went to Gary side on offense and he could be counted on to solidify a strong defense. In wrestling Gary wrestled Heavyweight and won many tournaments and was a competitor for many league titles. As a first baseman in baseball he constantly hit over .300 and was a member of 3 straight league championship teams

Upon completion of high school Gary enrolled at SUNY Cortland. There he lettered in Football and Wrestling. After graduation Gary coached (and is still) football and numerous sports at high schools in Section II. He has served as a Section II Football Coordinator for many years and this past August was named State Football Chairman for NYSPHSAA.