

## **THERESE BUCHEL**

Therese Buchtel is one of the finest swimmers ever in the Metro-Elmira area 1977-81. She swam the 50 free and the 100 breaststroke three seasons at Elmira Heights, transferred to Horseheads for her senior season. Therese won the Section 4 title in both events as a junior at the Heights and repeated as a senior at Horseheads. She also was a member of the Heights and Horseheads 4x4 relay. Therese set and still holds five Heights pool records. She went to Penn State and continued her winning ways, gaining all-East honors in both the 100 free and 200 IM.

## **BRAD CLARK**

Graduated 1987. Brad was a two sport star at Odessa-Montour. 5 year starter in football and 4 years in basketball. All-star 4 years in Football and 3 years in basketball. Elmira Star-Gazette Twin Tier Athlete of the Year 1986.

Career rushing for over 3400 yards and 50 career touchdowns. Led team to 3 league championships. Scored over 1,000 points in basketball where he led Indians to final four Class C. Brad continued his football career at Brockport.

## **THOMAS CORGEL**

Tom Corgel coached cross country at Binghamton Central from 1971-1974. Tom coached varsity boys basketball at Binghamton North from 1975-1980 and at Binghamton High School from 1980-1989.

Tom's overall record of 213 wins and 62 loses included:

- 6 STAC Championship
- 1 Section IV Class B Championship
- 4 Section IV Class A Championship
- 1984-1985 N.Y.S.P.H.S.A.A. Championship
- 1985-1986 N.Y.S.P.H.S.A.A. Championship and a U.S.A. Today 14th ranking nationally.

Tom was twice honored as the Press & Sun-Bulletin Coach of the Year and in 1986 the New York State Basketball Coach of the Year.

## **RON DECOSSE**

Ron Decosse was both teacher and coach at Chenango Forks High School from 1962-1996. He coached Varsity Basketball, Cross Country, Track and Softball. Ron was in a class by himself as coach of CF Softball. His Softball record was 234 wins and 52 losses. He had 6 Section IV Class B Championships, 10 Division Championships, 5 League Championships and 3 New York State Class B Finalists. Ron was New York State Coach of the Year in 1993. Ron was Section IV Softball Chairman for 9 years, established and ran the first New York State Softball Championships in 1985.

Ron is currently Associate Softball Coach at Binghamton University and continues to conduct numerous pitching clinic throughout New York State.

### **ELIZABETH MAHONEY FEHR**

Was a starter and active participant in three varsity sports for all four years at Seton Catholic Central. She was a Conference All Star in basketball for all four years and scored over 1000 points. She earned an AAU Award and All Metro status as well as State Recognition for her efforts. She also earned Conference All Star recognition for three years in Track and Soccer. She went on to play three years of Soccer for University of Pennsylvania.

### **KENNETH FURNESS**

Ken spent 32 years as a teacher/coach at Southern Cayuga and could be considered the catalyst for the soccer powerhouse that exists there. His dedication and efforts are visible in the enormous summer soccer program that still runs here, and in his accolades throughout his tenure. The numbers boast 282 league wins, 7 Cayuga County Championships, 7 Section 4 Class C Championships, and 8 IAC Championships. In 1990 he was named Cayuga County Coach of the Year, and in 1992 received the Cortland County Soccer Officials Sportsmanship Award and the Robert Spinger Coach of the Year Award. Ken also coached wrestling and varsity basketball for King Ferry and Southern Cayuga.

### **AL GEPPERT**

Al Geppert, a 1954 Waverly High School graduate, returned to coach at his high school alma mater for 28 out of his 33 years of coaching basketball. Al was also a varsity baseball coach, assistant football coach, and varsity golf coach whose team won the IAC league and overall championship in 1990. In Al's 33 years of coaching basketball he has accumulated a total of 427 career victories that ranks him as one of the winnigest hardwood coaches of all-time in New York State history. In his 28 seasons at Waverly Al Geppert's teams have won 354 games, won league or conference championships nine times, captured 12 Christmas tourney titles, reached the Section IV final four 11 times, was the Section IV runner-up four times, and won a Section IV title in 1972. Al's other five year of coaching were at Ticonderoga (4 years) and Thomas A. Edison in Elmira Heights (1 year).

### **KIRSTIN HACKLEY**

Kris's four years of varsity volleyball and three of softball were capped by 1986 and 1987 Union Endicott State Class A softball titles as well as regional championships -- the ultimated advance possible -- the same years in volleyball. She was pitcher, cleanup batter and infielder on the diamond. A three time All Conference volleyball hitter, who later played four years at the University of Georgia, she lead U-E to 46 straight wins at the end of her career and was the only player from the Northeast on Volleyball Monthly's 1987 "Fabulous Fifty Seniors".

## **TERESA MCKINNEY HAYNES**

Was an outstanding three sport athlete for Seton Catholic Central. As a four year starter in varsity soccer she broke the Section 4 scoring record, as well as being selected four year All conference. She also was a four year starter in varsity softball and three years in varsity basketball. She was recognized as Athlete of the Week, All Metro and Conference All Star for these sports. Her career took her to Cortland where she earned All Conference recognition for both basketball and softball and still holds the career records for assists and steals and is the 2nd leading scorer in basketball.

## **GEORGE HERRICK**

In George's 29 years as soccer coach, Vestal's 469 victories are the fourth most nationally for a coach at a single school. In losing only 88 times, two losses or fewer in 14 seasons. Herrick's teams won 18 Section IV Championships, won or shared 17 S.T.A.C. Championships, and reached the State Class A final four times, including 1982 and 1985 championships. Seven of his players made the National Soccer Coaches Association's All America, and in 1990 the association chose Herrick as National High-School Coach of the Year.

## **HOWARD HORTON**

Howard was an outstanding three sport athlete at Tioga Central from 1978 to 1982.

- In wrestling, Howard compiled a 92-36 record with first place finishes in the League and Class Sectionals in 1982.
- In 1981, Howard's 1550 yards rushing lead Tioga's Football team to the class C Title and garnered for him All-Metro, All Central New York, and All State Honors.
- In baseball, Howard was a three time All-Star with a .411 lifetime batting average and .215 earned run average. Tioga won two IAC Baseball Championships with Howard as a mainstay of the team.

## **GEORGE MALEPE**

George Malepe arrived in the continental U.S. from Hawaii having never participated in an organized sport. In his two year at Dryden High, George became an excellent high hurdler and led the basketball team in assist for both seasons. His exploits in football however, were exceptional. During 1971 and 72 George led his team to a 16-1 record. Limited to 13 games because of injuries, he totaled 1480 yards rushing going over 100 yards in 10 of those games. George scored 17 touchdowns, threw 5 option passes for scores, was an excellent receiver and led the defensive backfield in tackles. Today George continues to stay involved as a basketball official and football strength coach.

### **ERNISTINE MARSHALL**

After founding the volleyball program at Union-Endicott, Ernie Marshall coached 302 victories in 381 matches over 27 seasons, almost an 80 percent winning mark. Her teams won six Southern Tier Athletic Conference Championships, five Section IV Class A Championships and three regional titles. Marshall served as S.T.A.C. volleyball chairman through all that time. Although giving up coaching this season, she remain coordinator of girls sports a Union Endicott.

### **DR. RICHARD C. MILLER**

A 1965 Ithaca High graduate where he played three years of varsity athletics participating on six championship teams.

He captained and was Southern Tier Conference All Star in football, basketball, baseball, and was voted the Ithaca Journal's Athlete of the Year.

Dr. Miller starred in basketball and baseball at Ithaca College and was selected to the College All American Baseball Team in 1969. He played professional with the San Francisco Giants organization.

He was the director of P.E. and Athletics at Bowie State University and presently is Dean of the School of Health Sciences and Human Performance at Ithaca College.

### **TROY MONKS**

Two sports star at Odessa-Montour: graduated 1985. Three time IAC and three time Section IV champion, finished fourth in the New York State Championships in wrestling: 114-21-1 high school career record. Gold medal winner at Empire State games. At SUNY Cortland Troy was a two-time All-American and National champion in wrestling: All-Twin Tier Football player in his senior year at Odessa-Montour.

### **TOD NORTHRUP**

Tod Nothrup was a two-time Section IV wrestling champion and New York State Champion in 1981. While attending St. Lawrence University, Tod attained a Pre-Med degree and became a Division III national wrestling champion. At the present time Tod is a practicing orthopedic surgeon in Jacksonville, Florida. Tod's specialty is athletic related injuries.

### **RONALD O'CONNELL**

Deposit sports revolved around coach O'Connell for 36 years until his retirement last June. 36 football seasons with 193 wins, nine league championships, state semifinals in 1994 and 1995, 33 baseball seasons with 300 wins and nine league championships, 34 years as athletic director, his last seven seasons as girls basketball coach and a retirement salute of the school's athletic field being named in his honor.

### **LOU PIROZZOLO**

Lou Pirozzolo was a bulwark on defense for the STC football Co-Champion Elmira High team in 1946, the last combined Elmira High team. Football was the only scholastic sport in Elmira for the four seasons Pirozzolo played tackle/fullback 1943-46. He received all-STC honors in both 1945 and 1946 and was all-Central New York in 1946--highest honor available that year. Pirozzolo received a scholarship at St. Mary's college in California and played two seasons before returning home to play in the pro New York State League.

### **DENISE PITCHER**

Denise was the outstanding female athlete in Newark Valley history. She excelled in varsity competition; earning 13 varsity letters in field hockey, basketball, and track and field. Denise started for championship teams in the IAC, Section IV, and Empire State in all sports, while setting school and league records in the process. She is the leading scorer in Newark Valley girls basketball history, and at one time has held, or holds, IAC records in the shot put, discus, and triple jump. Denise was a three time IAC pentathlon champion and was the first IAC girl to place in the NYS track and field championship (shot put).

### **KATHRYN A. PRICE**

Kathy was a four-sport standout at Windsor High School from 1975 through 1979. She was a four year letter winner in tennis, volleyball, basketball, and softball and the only female athlete to start in all four sports for all four years in Windsor history. In tennis, she was the Class B singles champion in 1978 and part of the Class B doubles championship team in 1979. Her overall tennis record was 47 and 3. In basketball, she was All League for four years and Susquenango League MVP in 1979. She was part of (9) league championship teams and (3) Section IV championship squads. In softball, she was an All-League performer for (2) years, as a pitcher and shortstop. Kathy went on to Ithaca College and starred as a four-year letterman in basketball. She is now a CPA in Iowa City, Iowa.

### **TRACEY MARULLO RANIERI**

Tracey was an All-Star in four sports at Schenevus Central School from 1978 - 1982. She earned four letters each in soccer, basketball and softball and three in volleyball. Tracey was named a McDonald's All American in soccer in 1981-82. She led her team to four Tri-Valley League Championships and Section IV Championships. She earned distinction with All State and All Region honors for three years and was named a collegiate All American her senior year. She is presently the Women's head soccer coach at Oneonta State and was named SUNYAC Coach of the Year in 1997.

## **FRANK SOROCHINSKY**

They call him Sarge. His wrestling teams' 417 dual meet wins, while losing 119, are the most in New York history and ninth nationally. At his alma mater, Union-Endicott, where he initiated the sport in 1960 after three years at Newark Valley, his teams won countless S.T.A.C., and sectional Class A and invitational tourney team championships. None of his U-E wrestlers won individual State Championships. In the 1971-75 era, U-E won 66 consecutive duals, and in three seasons his teams finished ranked No. 1 in the state.

## **DR. H. "SONNY" SPERA**

As a baseball pitcher and a 6-foot-5 basketball point guard, Sonny Spera was a major factor in Union-Endicott sweeping Section IV championships in both sports in all of his varsity seasons. His 189 assists for the 1980 New York Public High School Athletic Association Class A finalists remain the U-E record; four games into his senior season he broke the career record. Before dental school, he co-captained the Syracuse University basketball team.

## **DIANE FARRELL WAINO**

Daine Farrell ranks as the top Southern Tier female tennis player of all time. Before electing to leave school tennis before her junior year, she qualified for the state tourney in boys tennis in 8th, 9th and 10th grades at Catholic Central and was the first 13-year old of either sex in the state event. Her high school singles record was 46-6, at high position on a strong team. After competing at Wimbledon and the French Open, she became a teaching pro in Florida.

## **STANLEY YONKOWSKI**

Stanley was a four-sport standout for Johnson City High in the middle 1930's. In football, he was a starting offensive back and particularly outstanding at defensive back on two unbeaten teams. As a junior, he captained Wildcats who lost only once. He first achieved prominence in baseball, as a leader of the 1933 state American Legion Champions before entering high school where American Legion champions before entering high school where JC didn't field a team until 1936. In the years between he was a track standout. Stanley died in 1970.