

1992 Section IV Hall of Fame Athletes

Greg Allen

Greg Allen is considered one of the best all-around athletes to attend Horseheads High School. He earned nine varsity letters participating in football, basketball and track. He was named to the All-Conference team in all three sports.

Greg is the third highest all time leading scorer in the Twin Tiers, and was an All-Star basketball selection in his senior year. He is an inductee in the Elmira and Horseheads Hall of Fame.

Resa Alvord

Resa was a stellar all-around athlete for Moravia throughout her high school career. She accumulated eleven varsity letters over four years of play. Resa was an I.A.C. All-Star in field hockey, volleyball, basketball and softball in her senior year.

Resa's first love was basketball. In her senior year she was the only unanimous All-Star pick. Resa still holds Moravia's girls' scoring and rebounding records. During her senior year, Moravia won the I.A.C. triple crown, taking championships in volleyball, basketball and softball. (Volleyball was Class "C" champions, Basketball Class "C" runner-up and Softball the Class "C" champion.)

Val Banks

Val earned seventeen Varsity letters during her high school career at Newfield Central School. She lettered in field hockey, volleyball, basketball and softball. During her senior year Val led the basketball team to a Section IV Championship by leading the team in points, assists, steals and rebounds. Val still holds the basketball school record for career points with 1,198 as well as the school record for strikeouts in a single game, 14.

She was a member of the Empire State "Gold Medal" softball team for two years.

Sue Scott Beeman

Sue was one of best female athletes to have attended Horseheads High School. She participated in volleyball, basketball and softball earning ten varsity letters, and as a senior she made first team All-Conference in all three sports. She helped lead all three teams to league and sectional championships. She was the Horseheads High School Outstanding Female Athlete in 1982.

Brian Dougherty

Brian's 4,223 yards rushing in football stood as a Section IV record from 1980-1990 and is currently second highest on the all time Section IV rushing list. As a senior, he rushed for a single season total of 1,667 yards and gained a career total of 40 touchdowns scored. Brian was a four year starter in both football and basketball for Tioga.

In addition to his rushing marks set in football, he also holds Tioga's all time assist record in basketball (603) and is fourth on the all time scoring list with 1,046 points scored. Brian was an all league selection for three years in football and two years in basketball; as well as being all upstate and all-state pick as a running back.

Sue Girard Eberle

Sue Girard won an amazing four individual state championships in the sports of track and cross country. She held all the distance records while she was a high school student and still holds many Section IV, S.T.A.C. and Maine Endwell records. During the 1979-80 school year Sue won the New York State cross country championship, the indoor 3000 meter and the outdoor 1500 meter state championships.

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John "Josh" Green

John "Josh" Green, a 1981 Binghamton North High graduate, completed his three year varsity basketball career as one of Section IV's all time great scorers. Aside from being Triple Cities career scoring leader Josh's senior year 605 point total also gave him the Broome County single season scoring record.

Bill James

Bill was a three sport athlete, lettering in football, basketball and track. An All-Susquenango League halfback noted for his power and speed as a runner, Bill scored nearly 100 points as a senior. The "Point" was unbeaten in league play. As a basketball player, Bill was a constant contributor to the Eagles winning tradition. In track, he was a four year sprinter, qualifying for the New York State High School championships in his senior year in both the 100 and 220 yard dashes.

Sean Kerins

Another of the Union Endicott class of 1979 graduates who went on to achieve success at the major college level. The best "big" man to ever don the orange and black, Sean lettered three years for the "tigers". He still holds many career high school records including: rebounds (773) and deflections (256), single season records in rebounds (331) and fourth in deflections (111). Sean is listed third in both single game rebounds (19) and steals (8).

Ed Koban

Quite possibly Union Endicott's best ever all around athlete. A 1979 graduate who led the "Tigers" to a state championship in football and was later named New York State High School player of the year. He set a school record for passing yards in a single game (284). During that same game he threw for three touchdowns tying a school record.

His accomplishments on the basketball court were just as impressive. He holds the single season record for deflections (137) and single game assists (12). Is second on the career list for steals (102). He was the "trigger man" on the 1979 final four team.

Although he could have easily played baseball, he instead chose track. He won S.T.A.C. and Section IV titles in hurdles as well as relay events. He competed in State championships.

Bill Needham

Bill Needham is one of the all time great athletes to graduate from Newark Valley Central School. He earned ten varsity letters; four in football, three in basketball and three in track. In football he was outstanding on both offense and defense. From his halfback position he was one of the leading scorers in the Southern Tier area during his junior and senior years. In basketball he scored 1,001 points in three years of varsity competition.

Newark Valley was Class "C" champions in basketball during his senior year. He was voted the most valuable player in the Deposit Holiday Basketball Tournament. In track he is the current Newark Valley record holder in both dashes. In 1957 he ran a 10 second flat in the 100 yard dash and a 22.5 in the 220 yard dash.

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Victor Prinzi

Victor Prinzi, of Waverly Central School, was the pre-eminent all around athlete in his era in the greater "valley" area. The "Valley" included Sayre and Athens in PA. Vic was a three sport letterman for his last three years at Waverly. He earned all league and all valley (NY and PA) 1st team quarterback in 1952-53-54. In basketball, as a forward, he was all league in Southern Counties League 1st team and 1st team all valley two years running.

In football, he led Waverly to an undefeated season in 1952 and the Prinzi led Wolverines lost only to Sayre, 20-16 in his senior year. In basketball, he led Waverly to the 1952-53 Section IV championship. "He was a premier passer in a run dominated era. He was a fierce competitor who made sure everyone gave 110% effort on every play".

In baseball, as a three year All-Star, he played third base and catcher, batting .350 over that period.

Margo Walsh Riddle

Margo Walsh is one of the outstanding all around athletes in the history of Maine Endwell and the S.T.A.C. league. Margo earned a total of fourteen varsity letters in her four year high school career. She was selected as an All-Conference athlete in field hockey, basketball, and softball. She is still ranked in the top five in scoring, rebounding, assists and steals in Maine Endwell girls' basketball. Margo, in her senior year, led Maine Endwell to a 22-0 season and the New York State regional championship in the days before the full state championship was held.

Jack Sandwick

Jack was the Southern Counties League most valuable basketball player and scoring champion in 1938-39 as a member of the Newark Valley "Cardinals". He was Southern Tier Central School League scoring champion in both 1939-40 and 1940-41. Newark Valley was Section IV basketball champions in 1940-41. He played shortstop and pitched for the baseball team that was league champions in 1939-40 and 1940-41. He was also a center forward on the soccer team.

George Theodorou

George, at Deposit Central School, in 1952-56 earned sixteen varsity letters (four each in football, basketball, baseball and track). He was a three year all league catcher. In his junior year he had a .500 batting average. He was all league in basketball in his senior year. In his senior year in football he scored 139 points, on his twenty-two touchdown runs he averaged 32 yards per carry. His 98 yard touchdown, from scrimmage, is still a school record.

Jack and James Wainwright

During the 1954-55 school year, Jim and Jack Wainwright led the McDonaldmen of Marathon Central School to an unprecedented sweep of Section IV titles in soccer, basketball, and track as well as a Cortland County championship in baseball. During their illustrious careers, during which they amassed twenty-eight varsity letters and garnered several other league and Sectional titles, these identical twins brought distinction to their school and community both through their grace as athletes and through their example as sportsmen.

Jim, 6' 1", 165 lbs., was best known as a pure shooting forward on Marathon's 25-1 basketball team in 1954-55. He was league MVP in the last year that award was presented. He averaged about 20 ppg. Jack (same dimensions obviously), was a slashing ballhandler who loved to drive the lane. He too, averaged about 20 points a game. Both were part of the fabled aggregation of Orange and Black who came within a whisker of defeating a powerhouse Binghamton Central team in one of the Section IV finals in which all classes played to a one winner finish.

Both played halfback in soccer, infield in baseball and ran on a record 400 yard relay team. Jack finished fourth in the entire state in the high jump in 1955. Jim excelled in the pole vault.

1992 Section IV Hall of Fame Coaches/Contributors

Emil Best

From 1937 to 1956 Emil Best coached all sports at Bainbridge Central School. They included football, basketball, volleyball, baseball and track. He also supervised the formation of the schools' wrestling program.

He was instrumental in the championships of: 1944 League 6-man football championship, 1945-46 league basketball championship, 1950 Sus League champions in football, 1950, 1951, 1955 Class "B" champions in volleyball, 1951, 1952, 1954 Sus football champions, 1953-54 Sus baseball play-off champions, 1954-55 Sus boys' basketball champions, 1955-56 Sus boys' basketball division champions and 1956 Class "C" boys' basketball champions.

Howard Lull

Coach Lull's teams were responsible for 21 different titles during his tenure at Edmeston Central School. His teams earned nine titles in football, four in basketball, six in baseball and two in bowling. In 1948 his teams earned titles in football, basketball, bowling and baseball. His teams earned Section IV titles twice in basketball and bowling. He also found time to coach volleyball and golf.

Sidney Stock

Sid Stock started coaching cross country teams for Vestal Central Schools in 1944. During the next fifteen years he set standards that were unequalled before or since that time.

In 1952, he initiated the Vestal Invitational Cross Country Meet (now called the Conwicke-Stock Invitational) and promptly won the title five years in a row. In Triple Cities meet competition his teams won in 1948, 49, 50, 52, 53, 54, 55 and 57. In Sectional competition he has no equal. His teams won Section IV titles ten times in a row from 1948 to 1957.

His greatest success came in 1953 when his team won the State Class "A" championship, then duplicated the feat in 1954 and 1955. It was the first time any team had won the title three years in a row.

In addition to cross country he coached junior varsity basketball and varsity baseball.