

The Section 4 Hall of Fame was established to honor athletes, coaches, and contributors who have played, coached, and worked to develop and administrate sports programs in Section 4. Inductees for 1989 are:

### ATHLETES

Robert Avery - Homer Central School (1970-73)

In high school Bob participated in football, wrestling, and track. He rushed for 1593 yards in 1973 in just eight (8) games. That is a Section 4 record and is more than 199 yards per game. Another record is his 47 carries in a game against Ithaca. He earned All-STAC honors from both coaches and The Press. As a high school wrestler, he was STAC champion in 1974...At Syracuse University he was a backfield starter and four-year letterman, and was praised for his pass-blocking skills.

Jerry Beach - Ithaca High School (1961-65)

Jerry was a standout wrestler and football player at Ithaca High. As a wrestler he was unbeaten in 20 matches as a senior and was New York State heavyweight champion. He won many conference honors as a tackle for the football team, and in 1964 made the Binghamton Press All Star team and also the Syracuse Herald American New York State All Star team...At Syracuse University he was a varsity footballer and a varsity wrestler for three years. He played in the 1966 Gator Bowl game against Tennessee and in the 1968 Blue-Grey Classic. He was also 1968 ECAC All East at tackle. As a collegiate wrestler he was the NCAA Freshman Eastern champion, and runner-up the next year as a varsity competitor.

Steven Macinsky - Whitney Point Central School (1964-68)

Steve is certainly one of the most outstanding athletes to come out of the Whitney Point area. Football, baseball, basketball, and track programs benefited from his versatility. In his senior year he led all upstate running backs in rushing, while scoring 16 touchdowns in 8 games, (1,386 yards rushing). In a basketball game against Walton he scored 42 points, a school record. He had a high school career batting average of .375, and was selected to play in the East-West Shrine game at Cooperstown. He led his high school team in home runs and runs batted in. Steve also had a spectacular prep school record at Manlius. He was MVP on the football team, rushing for 992 yards in 6 games. He was also the basketball MVP with 21.6 points per game, and led the baseball team in RBI's. Manlius voted him its Most Outstanding Athlete in the year '68-69.

The winner of a football scholarship to Boston College, he captained the freshman team, rushing for 687 yards in 4 games and scoring 5 touchdowns. He also earned two varsity letters at Boston College and later quarterbacked the semi-pro Broome-Tioga Bengals for two seasons.

Richard Morgart Jr. - Union-Endicott High School (1972-76)

Rich had an illustrious 4-year bowling career at U-E. In 1975 he became the first area school boy to have a 200 or more average. His average that year was 210. He was also a 3-time member of the State and Section 4 teams. In the 74-75 season, his junior year, he had a perfect 300 game, a 299 game, and an 803 series. He also won the individual New York State High School Championship that year and was elected to the California Bowling Hall of Fame for junior bowlers.

Brooks Sweet - Ithaca High School (1971-74)

Brooks has excelled as a lacrosse player on every possible level. At Ithaca High he capped a 4-year career by being voted team Most Valuable Player and making the Section 4 All Star team as attackman. He made first team All America both years at Farmingdale Junior College and was the leading scorer each year.

Moving on to the University of Massachusetts in 1978, he led the nation in scoring with 61 goals and earned honorable mention All America. In his senior year he won many honors including MVP and first team All America. He was also co-captain and scoring leader. In recent years Brooks has served as head coach at Boston College and for Australia state teams.

Perhaps the highest honor an athlete can receive is to be singled out as "The Best Player in the World." He won this award in 1982 when he played for the U.S.A. against Australia in the World Games.

David Wolf - Union-Endicott High School (1977-79)

At U-E and then at Colgate University Dave Wolf let his reach exceed his grasp on the gridiron. A linebacker, he made a record 35 tackles against Johnson City in 1978. Also, his 197 tackles that year is a school record. He was the U-E Most Valuable Player and in the following spring was the MVP in baseball.

At Colgate he played 4 years of varsity football and was team captain his senior year. That year he was first team Kodak Division IAA All America as a linebacker. Also, he was ECAC Division IAA All Star. He won the Colgate Hal Lahar Award for being the defensive Most Valuable Player. The Binghamton Press named him its Athlete of the Year in 1982. He had pro tryouts with the Buffalo Bills and the New Jersey Generals.

## COACHES

George Deuel - Seton Catholic Central (1962-78)

The Section 4 Hall of Fame inducts its members from three areas of athletics. They are - as players, coaches, and contributors. George Deuel is being inducted as a coach, but he could just as easily qualify as a player or contributor. His career in athletics started at North High School, where he was a three-year standout on the baseball and basketball varsities.

George's successful coaching at Seton Catholic started with Jayvee basketball in 1962. He was varsity baseball coach from 1963 to 1968 and varsity basketball coach from 1963 to 1978. His teams were noted for their discipline both off and on the court and diamond.

During the past 12 years he has contributed much to the success of Section 4's basketball tournaments as a public address announcer here at the Arena, at SUNY-Binghamton, and at Broome Community College. Also, he has served the Section as official basketball scorekeeper in many sectional and regional play off games.

Al Doyle - Oxford Academy (1950-71) NYS Public High School Athletic Association Chairperson (1971-89)

When Al Doyle started his career at Oxford Academy in 1950, he literally became a coach for all seasons. He took over the football, baseball, basketball, and track programs and coached successfully for 21 years. For the past 18 years he has served on the New York State Public High School Athletic Association as its Executive Secretary. Al has supervised Intersectional Tournaments and developed additional Intersectionals, such as basketball. In addition, Al works as a co-ordinator between State Sectionals and develops policies governing high school athletics in New York State. Al also works closely with the National Federation of State High School Athletic Association developing national programs in such areas as diverse as school insurance to "just say no" drug programs. When people in New York State call Albany with questions on high school athletics their first words are, "Let me speak to Al."

Lou Gennett - Vestal High School (1957-87)

Lou's coaching career covered a period of 29 years and resulted in championship teams in basketball, baseball, and tennis. At Whitney Point in 1951 his varsity baseball team won the Susquenango League title; the following year his Junior varsity basketball team won league honors. He then moved on to Vestal and from 1957 to 1977 coached varsity baseball teams to 8 Southern Tier Conference or STAC titles.

During the 70's he devised "Gennett's Guidelines" - lines on the pitcher's mound related to baseball's balk rule. These guidelines are still being used today on the high school and

college levels. Also during the 70's he was known nationwide as the "Curveball Crusader." He led an effort to eliminate the use of the curveball pitch by Little League pitchers for the purpose of preventing injuries to young elbows and shoulders.

In his final three years, Lou's Vestal tennis teams won consecutive STAC and Section 4 championships. During that period his Golden Bears won 40 matches in a row.

#### Robert MacNeill - Walton Central

Bob started the wrestling program at Walton Central and was the coach for 20 years. He initiated the Walton Holiday Wrestling Tournament to give smaller schools a chance to compete in a holiday activity. This later became known as the Cuneen-Doane Tournament, named in honor of two former wrestlers killed in action in Vietnam. The Walton record during Bob's tenure was 116-89-3, and many of his wrestlers went on to compete at major colleges.

He served as assistant and also head football coach for 15 years, and coached track. A referee for 25 years, he was elected to the National Wrestling Officials Hall of Fame and selected to officiate at the New York State Wrestling Tournament four times.

#### Beatrice Stephens - Elmira Southside (1957-86)

Bea was advisor to the Elmira Southside Marchers for 25 years, was coach of girls' softball for six years and coach of girls' basketball for seven years. She became a member of the Section IV Executive Committee in 1976 and was a member of the Committee at the outset of girls' sports in Section IV.

Bea Stephens was a tireless worker for the promotion of all sports for boys and girls in Section IV and New York State. She served for many years on the executive committee of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association.