

Athletes

Rick Armstrong - Whitney Point Central School (1971-74)

Rick was an outstanding performer at Whitney Point in track and even more remarkable in wrestling and football. In his final year in high school he was 33-0 and New York State champion. In football he was an All-League linebacker. In college at SUNY Cortland he won the Most Outstanding Wrestler Award in 1979. In 1986, as Walton wrestling coach, he was named Section IV Class C & D Wrestling Coach of the Year.

Tom Bennett - Union-Endicott High School (1974-76)

Tom was a top athlete at U-E in baseball, basketball, and football. On the gridiron he won All-STAC, All-State, and All-American honors as a running back. Later, at the University of Long Island (C. W. Post), he had another spectacular career. There his awards included: Two-time All-American Honorable Mention and E.C.A.C. Player of the Week 12 times. He holds many of the university's rushing and touchdown records. Tom also signed contracts with several NFL and USFL teams.

Doreen Denmon - Union-Endicott High School (1975-76)

Doreen's first fame came as a U-E basketball player. She averaged a league-leading 24 points a game and gained a spot on the 1976 Press All-STAC first team. She began her softball career in summers while still in high school as a shortstop with the touring TC Patriettes. She later became a star catcher with the Raybestos (now Hi-Ho Brakettes) softball power. She has been on two world championship Brakette teams, 1978 and 1985. Doreen was first-team All-American in 1980 and 1985.

John Dougherty - Tloga Central School (1975-78)

John had a three-year varsity career in football and was second-team All-State as a senior. He won most of his athletic honors, however, as a wrestler, both in high school and in college. In high school he was unbeaten in dual meets as a junior and senior, each year winning the Section IV 177-pound championship. At Syracuse University on a full scholarship, he was the 1982 Eastern Intercollegiate Heavyweight Champion. He is currently competing for a position on the 1988 U.S. Olympic team.

Patti Frost - Horseheads High School (1975-78)

Patti was the New York State 100-yard dash champion in 1975, '76, and '77; these were the first three years of girls'

competition in this state. She also won the 220-yard state title in '75 and '77, settling for runner-up honors in '76 because of an injury. She was on the injured list in 1978 but did manage to win the state indoor 60-yard dash. Her 10.6 in the 100 may still stand as a state record.

Charles Harris - Union-Endicott High School (1945-49)

Charley "Choo Choo" Harris was a fast man on the track teams at U-E and both fast and elusive on the football field. He was the best running back and the leading scorer in this area in 1947 and 1948. Later, at the University of Tampa he was voted the Most Valuable Offensive Player in 1951 and 1953. He won Honorable Mention All-American honors at Tampa and the Bloomingdale Senior High School stadium is called the Charley Harris Stadium in Charley's honor.

Dan Keene - Tioga Central School (1974-78)

In a four-year wrestling career at Tioga Central Dan scored 103 victories against just six defeats. Unbeaten in four years in dual competition, he wrestled at a different weight each year. He was a three-time Section IV champion. Dan attended East Carolina University on a scholarship and wrestled on the varsity until the sport was dropped by the school.

Vernon Ketchum - Johnson City High School (1927-31)

Vern was a standout football player at JC for four years and spent one season on the track team. Old timers regard him as one of the most outstanding athletes ever to perform for Johnson City High School.

Jon Kimmel - Susquehanna Valley High School (1974-78)

Jon is a member of a Kirkwood family that has produced three outstanding athletes, with great emphasis on football. Jon was a superb end in high school and also a top performer in basketball. He took his talents to Colgate and was a four-year starter there. A two-year starter in the USFL (Arizona, Chicago), he has also played in the NFL.

Patti Klecha - Greene Central School (1976-77)

In her junior year Patti was the Sus West MVP in girls' basketball. As a senior she was first team in Sus West basketball. Also in her senior year she scored a still-standing single-season field hockey record of 32 goals for Section IV A champ Greene in only 13 games. At Ithaca College she played field hockey and lacrosse. She set several field hockey records at IC and as a senior was named Ithaca College Athlete of the

Year.

Mark May - Oneonta High School (1974-76)

This big guy should need no introduction to football fans. The offensive tackle and his Washington teammates destroyed the Denver Broncos in Super Bowl XXII. Mark has been a regular with the Redskins since 1981. Before that he was a four-year starter at Pitt and was a unanimous first-team All-America. Before that he participated in four sports at Oneonta High.

Debbie Rush - Cortland High School (1975-77)

As a junior Debbie won the vaulting event in the New York State gymnastics meet. In her senior year she captured the New York State diving title. She held the Section IV dual-meet diving record from 1976 until Vestal's Missy Urbanic broke it last fall. Debbie went to Ohio State and won a national women's

Coaches and Contributors

Wendell Cook - Franklin Central School (1934-1968)

Wendell Cook was in high school athletics when a coach worked in many sports. In his long career he coached football, baseball, girls' and boys' basketball, and track. He coached six-man, eight-man, and 11-man football and his teams won championships in 1937, 1948, and 1953.

Robert McDaniel - Chenango Valley High School

Bob McDaniel started the varsity program at Chenango Valley in the new centralized district in 1955. The program began through his desire and with no remuneration for him for the first three years. He also organized golf and cross country programs. Some of his harriers won at sectional and state levels and are already members of the Section IV Hall of Fame. Also, in nine years as a varsity basketball coach, he posted a 129-56 record and never had a losing season. In 1964 Bob was selected as the Triple Cities Coach of the Year.

Joseph Moresco, Jr. - Ithaca High School (1956-1983)

Joe was the head football coach at Ithaca High from 1956-1983 and during 28 seasons had many powerhouse teams. His football record is 140-82-14. He was also a successful head baseball coach for 10 years. He coached for five years at Canesteo before going to Ithaca and in his 33 years in coaching he had perfect attendance at practice.