

Hall of Fame

Coaches or Contributors

Andrew Smith (deceased) - Union Springs

In the late 1930's when the Section IV Athletic Council was being formed Andy was immediately co-operative by representing the Cayuga County League, and he was the leading administrator on the Section IV Council from those days on until ill health forced his retirement. He was chief school officer for the Union Springs district for thirty years. The elementary school is named for him. He served as Section IV President and NYSPHSAA President.

John Reutlinger (deceased) - Binghamton North High School

As North High School basketball and track coach John had an outstanding coaching and officiating career. He also had a keen interest in the Section IV track program and was a leader in the promotion of the NYSPHSAA Intersectional track program.

Vincent A. Ciliberti - Schenevus Central School

Vincent Ciliberti had an overall basketball coaching record of 168 wins and 74 losses at Draper Central. He had 17 straight winning seasons. During that time he had seven league championships and one sectional championship. His strong influence on players and concern for their self-esteem are well remembered.

Edward D'Orsogna, M.D. - Binghamton

Edward D'Orsogna served the Binghamton School District as the school doctor and as the school doctor present at athletic contests. While the doctor in attendance at freshman, junior varsity and varsity football games, 28 per year, he missed only three games in his 31 years of service.

George Morris - Maine-Endwell

A coach for 33 years in the Maine-Endwell Schools, George Morris was also the first athletic director. He was a vice-president of STAC and chairman of the officials' co-ordinating committee for Section IV.

Ken VanSickle - Ithaca

Kenny has worked for over 40 years as a sports writer and sports editor for the Ithaca Journal. During this time he has always attempted to give his readers the best in sports writing.

Ernie J. Lalley - Binghamton North High School

Ernie was an outstanding a.d. for North High School, directing a fine program at all times. He was the first Southern Tier League official representative to the Section IV Athletic Council and gave unlimited time and energy to the proper functioning of Section IV. He served as vice-president for many years and became Section IV President in 1953.

Andrew Codispoti - Waverly

Andy was involved in athletics in Waverly from 1945 until 1974 when he retired from the school system. He coached basketball, football, bowling and gymnastics. While he was Section IV President he was one of the torch bearers for the inauguration of the "Hall of Fame."

Milo DeCastro - Chenango Valley

During his 36 years in the Chenango Valley school system Milo worked starting a baseball program. He promised that the coach would take care of the field, drive the bus, and take no salary for three years if the school would start the program.

Athletes

Dennis Breckner - Maine-Endwell

Dennis earned 12 varsity letters at Maine-Endwell where he was all STAC in track, basketball, and football. He was all-state in football and still holds the M-E scoring record in basketball. Dennis played college football at the University of Miami where he was all-East, playing in the All-American Bowl. He was signed by the Cleveland Browns and later played with the Chicago Bears. He currently is an actor in Hollywood, appearing in television shows.

Dick Hover - Union-Endicott

Dick attended Union-Endicott High School where he played football, basketball and ran track. Named all-~~state~~ STAC as a football end, he attended William and Mary where he lettered in football, basketball and tennis. He was named to the all-star team in football and was voted William and Mary's outstanding athlete.

Ron Luciano - Union-Endicott

An outstanding football player at Union-Endicott, Ron played football at Syracuse University where he was named an All-American and played in the Cotton Bowl. He later became a baseball umpire and served as the president of the Umpires' Association. He has written a number of books on sports, especially baseball.

Richie Nicholas - Ithaca

Richie compiled an excellent record of only 1 loss in four years of wrestling at Ithaca High School. He was three times Sectional champion. He also has an excellent record in AAU and Olympic trial wrestling.

Mitchell Olenski, Sr. - Union-Endicott

An outstanding football player at Union-Endicott High School, Mitch was team captain and all-league. He played his college football at the University of Alabama, playing in the Cotton Bowl and the Orange Bowl. He played for the College All-Stars against the Los Angeles Rams. Mitch played professional football for Miami and for the Detroit Lions.

Jack Schmitt - Owego

A unanimous basketball all-star during his freshman and sophomore years, Jack Schmitt's career was interrupted by World War II. He played in 57 games and scored 673 points, a school record.