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SECTION IV HALL OF FAME

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PRESS RELEASE

The Section IV Athletic Council is pleased to announce the 1976 Hall of Fame inductees. This is the fifth (5th) year of this award honoring coaches and athletes who have performed with distinction in the Section IV athletic program. About forty-four candidates were considered.

The induction ceremony will take place on March 13, 1976 at SUNY Binghamton (Harpur College) between the halves of the first game of the Section IV Class A and AA Championship basketball games.

Master of Ceremonies will be Donald Culligan, Section IV President, assisted by Gordon Hughes, Hall of Fame Chairman.

The following release time of this press notice has been agreed upon by the Council and news media;

March 3rd - all evening newspapers, radio, TV

March 4th - all morning newspapers

Your cooperation in releasing this story at the proper time will be greatly appreciated. Next year the release times will be reversed as has been done in the past.

I am requesting a copy of your newspaper stories and picture for the Hall of Fame files. Please mail to; Thomas S. Guidus, Thomas A. Edison High School, Elmira Heights, New York 14903.

Thank you.

Thomas S. Guidus
Secretary
Hall of Fame Committee

The recipients are (alphabetically);

COACHES HALL OF FAME

L. RAYMOND (RAY) CLEMENT - Morris, N.Y.

Athletic Director & Coach at Morris Central School (Feb. 1932 - July 1969) except for 4 years (June 1942 - June 1946) when "on leave" for service in USNR, where he coached the Base softball team at Ottumwa, Iowa HAS and gun crews later on.

Graduate of Cortland Normal and Ithaca College, earning varsity letters at both colleges and playing on the first Ithaca College football team.

Coached 11-man, 6-man, and 8-man football, 15 seasons (78 games, won 40, lost 35, tied 3 (.536 %). Undefeated league winner (1938), runner-up (1939, 1941, 1946)

Coached Baseball 21 seasons (211 games), (won 95, lost 116) (.450 %)
Won League 1935, 1936, 1937, 1940, 1942,

Was a coach in Sect. IV All Star Games at Cooperstown 2 different years and assisted in organization of these annual games for many years.

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Also joined a local YMCA team and went to YMCA Tournament Finals in Syracuse, N.Y.

Attended Columbian College (Washington, D.C.) and while in college played with the area FBI basketball team from 1936-39, this team winning the Government League Championship every year he was a member, and in his last year won the District AAU Championship also.

Graduated from Columbian College with a Law degree in 1939, entered the FBI as a special agent until 1943, when he became a member of the U.S. Army Counter Intelligence Corps for three years.

After leaving the Service in 1946 he was a member of a local Elmira basketball team that won the Gold Medal Tournament.

He was an outstanding Tennis player in Elmira, making the City Finals two successive years (1934-35), was City Table Tennis Champ, and in 1935 held a .193 Bowling average in the City Classic League.

Presently Mr. Robinson is President of the Robinson Lumber Co., of Elmira, serves on the Board of Trustees of Elmira College, and is one of the outstanding leaders in the business world in the area.

He is the father of four children (3 girls, 1 boy) and all are college graduates. (1936-45)

2. JAMES MERCINGER - Ludlowville H.S. (Now Lansing C.S.) (1937-41)
Graduated June 1941

Played Soccer 4 years; Basketball 4 years; Baseball 4 years; Track 1 year
Represented Western State All-Stars (Baseball) at Cooperstown (1940)
Held highest batting average at his high school (.477)

Led this high school to three Sect. IV Basketball Finals Play-offs (Class D), finally winning Championship in 1941.

Was an outstanding rebounder.

Attended Ithaca College, making varsity Soccer (2 years), Football (1 year),

Baseball (3 years), Basketball (3 years).

Never played Football in high school but tried sport at Ithaca College and made starting team his first year (at End).

Later played pro Baseball in Cardinal farms, was two years on Championship team (Hamilton, Ontario) under George Kissel, then went to Allentown, Pa (Eastern League), then to Johnson City, Tenn. where he was player-manager. From there to Fresno, Calif. also as player-manager. Then tried out for Omaha in Triple AAA but didn't make it so left Baseball.

Also played Baseball in Navy V-12 program at Hobart College.

Was a coach & physical instructor in Williamsville, N.Y. (1949-50).

Presently lives in Omaha, Neb.

3. JOHN LALLEY ** Binghamton North High School (Graduated June 1941)

Played varsity Football 3 years; Basketball 2 years; Baseball 3 years
Was All-Conference Fullback (Class A) (1940)

Made his greatest high school contributions in lifting three athletic teams to championship status in a new school which had been in existence for only 4 years. His contributions as a performer & leader (Football captain) did much to establish Binghamton North as a contender in all sports.

Played varsity Football at Mansfield College for 3 years, earning 2 varsity letters.

Coached varsity Football at Binghamton Central H.S. (1954-62), coached varsity Baseball there (1956-63).

Has held positions as Assistant-Principal (Bingh. Central), Junior High School Principal, & is currently Principal at Binghamton North.

4. ⁽¹⁹⁴⁶⁻⁵⁵⁾ ~~ALBERT~~ ALLEN -- Horseheads Central School (Grad. June 1943)

Played varsity Football (6-man) 2 years; Basketball 4 years, Baseball 2 years).

Was a school Basketball All Star 2 years, & a Sect. 4 Class All Star (1945-46). In 1945-46 he scored 151 points in 9 games (His team was Southern County League Champs in 1945-46 with an 18-3 record.

In Football was a good offensive end with good hands, scoring a TD on a pass in every game he played & scored 5 in 1 game.

His Basketball team was undefeated in 1945-46 (13-0).

Was a .400 hitter in Baseball, & an excellent shortstop.

Later played & coached in Army athletic program overseas. Since returning home has played on the best semi-pro teams in the area.

Was voted to Elmira Basketball Hall of Fame & is presently working with the Elmira Correction Center.

5. ALBERT PETRANICK -- Johnson City High School (Grad. Jan. 1950)

Played varsity Football 3 years; Basketball 3 years; Baseball 3 years

Earned All-Conference rating in Football for 3 years (1947, 48, 49)

Was an outstanding all-around athlete, His Football team lost only one game in 3 years; had two undefeated years in succession; he was Football captain in his senior year.

Earned a Football scholarship to Notre Dame but was injured and unable to play.

6. WILLIAM SILVANI Jr. -- Johnson City High School (Grad. 1948)

Played varsity Football 2 years; Basketball 3 years;

Was All-Conference Football selection in 1948.

Was awarded an athletic scholarship to Princeton University.

7. TONY WEAVER -- Elmira Southside High School (Grad. June 1950)

(ANTHONY)

Played varsity Football 3 years; Basketball 2 years; Baseball 3 years

In Football was All-STAC Halfback two years (1945, 50) and

All-Twin Tier Halfback same two years.

Was a fine Baseball player, as pitcher, fielder, hitter; pitched two no-hitters, batted .400.

Later made Service teams in Football & Baseball.

Attended Alfred University for one year and made 1st string halfback, presently works at IBM

1956-65

8. ROBERT CAMPBELL -- Vestal Central School (Grad. June 1965)

Played varsity Football 3 years; Baseball 1 year; Track & Field 3 years

In Football (1962) All-STC Halfback (3 teams); (1963) All-STC Halfback

(3 teams); (1964) All-STC Halfback (3 teams), established an STC record

for points scored in one season (101); STC record for total yards

rushing in one season, STC record of yards gained per carry (9), & was

King Bruin; selected for "Coach & Athlete" magazine All-American

High School Football, and for Scholastic Magazine's Prep All-American

Football Squad.

Held STC record for points scored during high school career (277); (19

also STC record for total yards rushing (1962-64)

during high school career (2681) in 1962-63.

also STC record (1962-64) for most yards per carry for high school

career (7.5 yds).

In Basketball made Coaches STC All-Star Team 2 years (1963-64, 64-65)

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Robert Campbell (cont.)

In 1964-65 estab. school record for points scored in one game (36); and also school record for points scored in one season (399).
In Baseball in 1965 set school record for hits in one season (25) and number of bases stolen in one season (12) tied the school record.
In Track, in 1962 set World's Record high jump for 15 year olds at 6'4". In 1963 set New York State high jump record (6'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "), also STC high jump record (6'6 $\frac{3}{4}$ "); in 1964 set Triple Cities record for Hop, Step & Jump (42'4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "), also tied TC 100 yd. dash record (9.9 sec.), set a Sect. 4 220 yd. dash record (22.0) (seconds), also a school record for 220 yd. dash of 21.3 sec.)

9. CARLTON ORR ** Greene C.S. (Grad. June 1959)

Varsity Wrestling 4 years; Varsity Football 3 years.
In Wrestling he was Sectional & Class Champ (1956-57); League, Sectional Champ (1957-58); League, Sectional & Class Champ (1958-59). He was never defeated twice by the same opponent, had record of 13-1 in 1956-57; 11-0 dual in 1957-58 (1 loss in Windsor Tournament, placing 2nd)-this loss was later turned over in Section Tournament; 11-0 dual in 1958-59; overall was 16 pins & 1 decision -he won the Sectional this year by pinning each opponent.
Wrestled as a Frosh for Cornell in 1959 (anywhere from 138-167 lbs). His career was cut short when he contracted polio in summer of 1960.

10. KENNETH PICHETTE -- Binghamton Central H.S. (Grad. 1954)

Played varsity Basketball 3 years; Varsity Baseball 3 years.
In Baseball was All STC (2nd team) (1952-52); All STC (1st team) & only unanimous selection (1953-54). Was leading scorer in STC Basketball (1953-54) averaging 25 points per game. Played Baseball at Georgetown University in Fresh & Soph years but concentrated on Basketball his last two years. There received Honorable Mention All American in 1957-58. Was Basketball Co-Capt., leading scorer & rebounder in 1954-55, played 1955-56, was leading rebounder in 1956-57, & leading scorer, rebounder & All American mention in 1957-58. (Grad. 1958).
Later in the Service he played nine (9) years on All Star Air Force team (1958-67); Pan-American Trails (1963-67); Olympic Trials (1964). Coaching experience; Player-Coach in Air Force (1964-68); Ass't Varsity Coach Air Force Academy (1973); Head JV Coach Air Force Academy (1969-70); Head Frosh Coach Air Force Academy (1971 & 1972).

11. RAY SEAGER -- Homer C.S. (Grad. 1953).

Played Varsity Football 4 years; Basketball 3 years; Baseball 3 years
Sect. IV Baseball All Star (1958); All Star Optimist Club in Football (1953); won four (4) letters in his senior year (Football, Soccer, Basketball & Baseball), & captained three (3) varsity sports in this senior year.
Received Football Scholarship to Syracuse University (1958-62); was member of 1959 National Champs at Cotton Bowl; member of Eastern Champs (1961) at Liberty Bowl; Captain of Frosh Football at Syracuse U. (1958); played Frosh Lacrosse there in spring of 1959.
Coached Small Fry Football in Homer, N.Y. for several years before he was transferred to New York City as Auditor for Smith Corona Marchant Co. Presently living in Wayne, Pa.

12. BRIAN TRUHN (deceased) -- Unatego C.S. (Grad. 1965)

Played Varsity Football four years; Basketball four years; Baseball four years. Won local Outstanding Athlete Award.

In Football; in 1964 in Deposit game he carried ball 19 times for 194 yds; gained 763 yds. for season, averaging 9.42 yds. per carry. Captain of Football in 1963 & 1964 (when his team was Association Champs); passed for 64.3 % in 1964 season, scored 91 points, & had a career passing percentage of 52.3 %.

In Basketball was All Star in Pioneer League (1963-64); Most Valuable Player in Chenango Forks Tournament (1963).

In Baseball was All Star at Cooperstown in 1965; Central N.Y. Baseball All Star also in 1965.

Starred in Track (1962), was Junior Bowling Champ (1963-64) (1964-65).

Attended Ithaca College; in Football made varsity letter in 1968 as wide receiver; in Basketball made Frosh letter in 1965-66, & varsity letter (1966-67). In Baseball made Frosh letter (1966), varsity letters (1967) (1968). In 1967 was in 20 games, at bat 68, 17 hits, 14 runs, 7 RBIs, .250 batting average (included are two District games). In 1968 in 19 games, at bat 69, 23 hits, 16 runs, 1 home run, .333 batting average.