

N.Y.S.P.H.S.A.A.
Section IV

PRESS RELEASE (Not to be released before March 15th, please.)

The Section IV Athletic Council is pleased to announce the establishment of its "Hall of Fame". Its purpose is to permanently honor athletes who have been outstanding over the years as participating high school athletes and who have contributed greatly to the success of sports in his community, school and Section IV.

For this first year, the candidates were selected from the years 1930 to 1962. He must've been an outstanding high school athlete first. Also considered were his accomplishments in athletics beyond high school.

From more than 40 candidates, a screening committee has selected 18 men to be so honored. The induction will take place during the half-time of the Class AA basketball finals at Harpur College on Saturday, March 18, 1972. Mr. Phil Jacobs, WNBC-TV, will be the master of ceremonies.

The recipients are; (alphabetical order)

1. Mr. Robert Campfield -- Morris Central Schhbl (1936-40)
Football - 3 years - QB on undefeated league champs in '38.
Scored 70 points in '39.
Basketball - 3 years - Captain on League and Sectional Champs '40.
Baseball - 4 years - Section 4 All Star in '39 & '40. Hit only home run in first Section 4 All Star game at Cooperstown. 54-'58
2. Mr. Ernest "Ernie" Davis (deceased) - Elmira Free Academy ('~~1936-40~~)
Football - 4 years - All league 3 yrs. All-American High School
Syracuse U. - All American 2 years. Heisman Trophy 1961
All East, Look All American, Most Valuable Back in Liberty Bowl, Most Valuable at Cotton Bowl, etc., etc., etc.
Basketball - 4 years - All league 3 yrs. All American High School
Baseball - 4 years
3. Mr. William "Billy" Gabor - Binghamton Central High Schbol ('38-'41)
Basketball - 3 years - All Conference - Scoring Champ
Syracuse U. - Top player in East for 3 years.
Professional - Syracuse Nats
Baseball - two years
Football - one year
4. Mr. Lester "Les" Goble - Waverly High School ('46 - '50)
Football - 4 years - Outstanding back
Alfred U. - 2 yrs. Little All american
Professional - 5 years with Chicago Cardinals
Track - 4 years - Still holds school record for 100 yrd dash 9.8
Represented Section 4 three years in State Intersectionals.
Alfred U. - Won National 180 yrd low hurdles as Senior.
Basketball - 3 years
5. Mr. James "Jim" Howard - Vestal Central School ('48-'52)
Wrestling - 4 years - Undefeated in dual competition. Section 4 champ for 2 years.
Ithaca College - Undefeated in dual competition - 2nd Nat'ls.
Present wrestling coach at Oswego State.
Cross Country - 4 years - On State Intersectional Champ Team 2 yrs.

6. Mr. John "Yatcha" Logan - Union Endicott High School ('41-'45)
Baseball - 2 years - All league
 Professional - Boston Braves & Milwaukee Braves
Football - 2 years - All league - Held single game scoring record until 1971.
Basketball - 2 years
Track - 1 year
 The late "Ty" Cobb claimed that "Yatcha" was the greatest all-around athlete in the history of Union-Endicott.
7. Mr. Richard "Dick" Lyon - Elmira Heights High School ('38-'42)
Football - 3 years - All league in '41
 Colgate U. - 2 years
 Coaching - RPI, Ithaca College, and now West Point.
Basketball - 3 years - All league 2 years
Baseball - 3 years - Lost 1 game in 3 years as a pitcher.
 He is in the Elmira Hall of Fame & Ithaca College Hall of Fame.
8. Mr. Augie Macali - Ithaca High School (31-'34)
Football - 4 years - League All Star all 4 years.
 Temple U. & Cortland State - Outstanding football player
 Professional - Philadelphia Eagles & Evansville Bees
Basketball - 4 years - League scoring leader in 33-34.
Baseball - 4 years
Track - 4 years - Discus & Shot Put leader
 Since 1946 has been an outstanding official in football and baseball on college and high school levels.
9. Dr. Anthony "Tony" Matisi - Union Endicott ('30-'33) (deceased)
Football - 3 years - All league 2 years
 U. of Pittsburgh - All American tackle '37 - Rose Bowl '37
Track - 3 years - All league 3 years - Section and State record in shot put (54') Held high school shot put record until '68
Basketball - 2 years
Wrestling - 1 year
10. Mr. Charles "Chuck" McGlynn - Bing Central & Vestal Central (46-50)
Track - 3 years - '48 was 2nd in Sectionals & Intersectionals in 200 yrd. low hurdles - '49 was undefeated in regular season in 200 yrd. low hurdles & first in Sectional & Intersectional in that event with 22.4. This State record still stands as the low hurdles was changed to 180 yds. He ran anchor leg of Vestal 880 yrd relay team which was undefeated and Sectional & Intersectional champs. This team held the Sectional record for 15 yrs. In '50 he was undefeated in 180 low hurdles & set Sectional record of 19.5 which still stands. Set State record of 19.4 which stood for 10 years.
 Manlius - Awarded "Outstanding Track Man" for 9.9 record in 100 and 22.5 record in 220. Was #1 man on cross country team.
 Syracuse U. - Won National 75 yrd hurdles. Ran on 880 yrd undefeated relay team. Was lead-off man on mile relay teams many times in Madison Sq. Garden.
Basketball - 3 years
Cross Country - 3 years
 Presently Athletic Director at Vestal Central School

11. Mr. Robert "Bucky" Roche - Binghamton North High School (44-48)
Basketball - 3 years - Unanimous All League '48. Scoring champ in '48. True "magician" with basketball.
 Syracuse U. - Upstate scoring champ in senior year. His 37 points, 15 for 20, at Barton Hall was record at that time.
Baseball - 3 years - All league pitcher.
 Syracuse U. - Starting pitcher for 3 years.
 Presently coaching at Monticello High School.
12. Mr. Charles "Chuck" Rolles - Binghamton Central High ('49-'52)
Basketball - 3 years - This 5'6" super star was All League in 51-52. Still holds league single game scoring record of 63 points.
 Cornell U. - Led Freshmen scoring and continued to become one of the Ivy Leagues top players. Invited to Olympic tryouts '56.
Golf - 3 years
Tennis - 1 year
13. Mr. Leon Ropelewski - Elmira High School ('36 - '39)
Football - 3 years - All league those three years.
Basketball - 3 years - All league 3 years. Master of "hook shot".
Baseball - 3 years - Played professional ball.
 Voted outstanding athlete in the past 25 years in Elmira.
 Top basketball official for many years.
14. Mr. Robert Springer - Homer Central School ('34 - '38)
 Lettered and starred in four sports in high school - basketball, baseball, soccer, and track.
 Cortland State - Soccer goalie for 3 years - All American '41
 Professional baseball pitcher with Syracuse Chiefs for 3 yrs.
 Presently State Soccer Chairman and Athletic Director at Cincinnatus.
15. Mr. John Tobey - Gilbertsville Central School ('56 - '60)
Football - 4 years - Outstanding quarterback
Basketball - 4 years - High scorer and League All Star
Baseball - 4 years - Excellent left handed pitcher.
Volleyball - 4 years - All on league championship teams.
16. Mr. Robert Wikoff - Laurens Central School ('56 - '60)
Football - 4 years - Two league titles. In last two years he scored 30 touchdowns on undefeated teams.
Basketball - 4 years - Two league titles. Scored 713 points in 3 years and had 642 rebounds.
Baseball - 4 years - Top pitcher and hitter.
 Coach rates him as the best athlete he has coached in 15 years at Laurens.
17. Mr. Gary Wood - Cortland High School ('56 - '60)
Football - 4 years - 3 undefeated teams
 Cornell U. - Q.B. and set yards gained record which held for many years.
 Professional - Q.B. for N.Y. Giants, New Orleans Saints and Ottawa Rough Riders.
Basketball - 4 years - League & Sectional Champions
Baseball - 4 years - League Champions
18. Mr. Fred Zappia, Sr. - Union Endicott High School ('31 - '35)
Football - 3 years - All league 3 yrs. League Champs 3 yrs.
Basketball - 3 years - League Champs 3 years
Track - 4 years - Held school pole vault record for 10 years.