

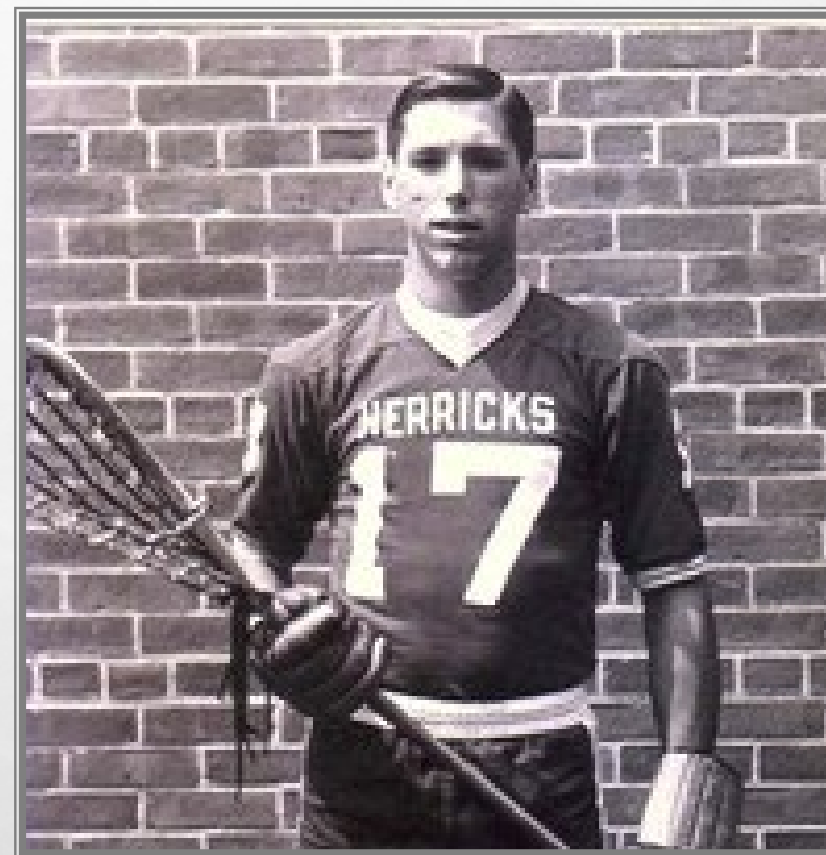
**2022 NASSAU COUNTY HIGH
SCHOOL HALL OF FAME
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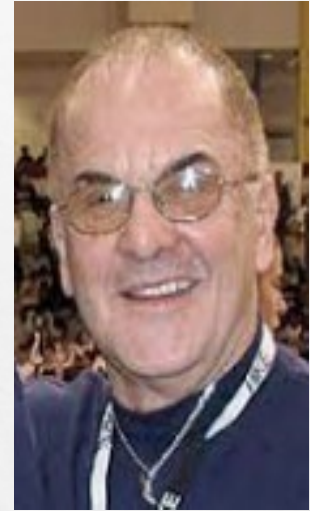


DAVE BAYLY

PERHAPS NO OTHER PLAYER IN NASSAU LACROSSE HISTORY HAD MORE TO DO WITH CARRYING A TEAM TO THE NASSAU AND LONG ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS. DAVE BAYLY DID IT IN 1969, TO GIVE HERRICKS A 16-1 RECORD AND ITS ONE AND ONLY COUNTY AND LONG ISLAND TITLES. THE HIGHLANDERS COULD NOT ADVANCE TO THE STATE PLAYOFFS BECAUSE THERE WAS NO STATE TOURNAMENT AT THAT TIME. BAYLY FINISHED THE SEASON WITH 61 GOALS AND 60, AT THE TIME A NASSAU COUNTY SINGLE-SEASON RECORD OF 121 POINTS. "THE GREATEST PLAYER I EVER COACHED," SAID COACH AL BUTLER.



ALAN BERKOWSKY



BERKOWSKY'S RECORD CAN BE MATCHED BY FEW COACHES IN NEW YORK STATE HISTORY. HIS CROSS-COUNTRY TEAMS HAD A 467-24 DUAL MEET RECORD, THAT INCLUDED 151 CONSECUTIVE VICTORIES FROM 1986 TO 1996. HE PRODUCED 13 INDIVIDUAL COUNTY CHAMPIONS AND 11 TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS. NOW LET'S LOOK AT TRACK AND FIELD. THE COUGARS WERE THREE-TIME NASSAU TEAM CHAMPIONS AND AN ASTONISHING 78 INDIVIDUALS WON COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS. BERKOWSKY PRODUCED THREE INDIVIDUAL STATE TITLISTS, FOUR STATE RELAY CHAMPIONS AND A NATIONAL RELAY TITLE IN 2000.





STEVE BONGIOVI

IT'S THE VOICE. THE FOLKS IN SEAFORD CAN CLOSE THEIR EYES AND RECOGNIZE THE VOICE. THEY'VE BEEN LISTENING TO IT FOR 45 YEARS AT FOOTBALL GAMES, SOCCER GAMES, BASKETBALL GAMES, WRESTLING MATCHES, FIELD HOCKEY GAMES AND LACROSSE GAMES. SEAFORD ISN'T THE ONLY PLACE YOU CAN HEAR "THE VOICE." IT HAS BEEN ANNOUNCING NASSAU COUNTY FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL AND LACROSSE PLAYOFF GAMES FOR 23 YEARS. "HIS DEDICATION TO THE STUDENT-ATHLETES AND THE SCHOOLS IN NASSAU COUNTY IS MONUMENTAL," SAID SECTION VIII EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PAT PIZZARELLI. "HE ABSOLUTELY DESERVES THIS HONOR."



DR. GAY BULLOCK

GAY BULLOCK WAS A POWERHOUSE. THE FORMER HEMPSTEAD HIGH SCHOOL TRACK STAR WAS ONE OF THE DOMINANT SPRINTERS AND MIDDLE-DISTANCE RUNNERS IN NEW YORK STATE DURING THE 1980'S. BULLOCK WON NUMEROUS COUNTY AND STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS, AND SHE WAS ALSO A GREAT TEAMMATE IN THE RELAYS. FROM 1981-1983, BULLOCK EARNED ALL-AMERICAN STATUS AND IT WAS MORE THAN DESERVED. EVEN HER TEAMMATES WERE IN AWE OF HER RUNNING POWER. "GAY WAS THE MESMERIZING ANCHOR LEG OF OUR RELAY TEAM," SAID TEAMMATE GAIL COOPER.

MARY WASHBURN CONKLIN

YOU COULD MAKE A COMPELLING CASE THAT MARY WASHBURN CONKLIN WAS NOT ONLY ONE OF THE MOST HISTORIC WOMEN ATHLETES FROM NASSAU COUNTY BUT ALMOST A CENTURY LATER, SHE REMAINS ONE OF THE BEST FEMALE ATHLETES THE COUNTY HAS EVER PRODUCED.

SHE WAS THE STAR OF HEMPSTEAD'S BASKETBALL AND TRACK TEAMS IN THE MID-1920S. SHE WAS A STANDOUT IN FIELD HOCKEY, LACROSSE AND SOCCER. IN FACT, AFTER HIGH SCHOOL SHE BECAME ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF THE LONG ISLAND FIELD HOCKEY ASSOCIATION AND PLAYED FOR SEVEN YEARS ON THE UNITED STATES WOMEN'S LACROSSE TEAM. SHE RAN IN THE 1928 OLYMPICS; THE FIRST TIME WOMEN WERE INCLUDED IN THE OLYMPICS.





PRINCESS MEGAIL COOPER

IN 1981, SHE AND HER 400-METER RELAY TEAMMATES CLOCKED ONE OF THE FASTEST TIMES IN THE NATION WHILE COMPETING AT THE ATHLETICS CONGRESS JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS AT UCLA. AS A RESULT, SHE WAS NAMED A TRACK AND FIELD NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ALL-AMERICAN. SHE WON THE INDOOR 60-YARD HURDLES AT THE EASTERN STATES TRACK CHAMPIONSHIP IN A LONG ISLAND RECORD 8.27 SECONDS. AS A SENIOR, SHE WAS THE NASSAU, LONG ISLAND AND NEW YORK STATE 55-METER INDOOR HURDLES TITLEHOLDER WITH A STATE RECORD 8.25 CLOCKING.

DON CRUMMELL

DON CRUMMELL MAY NOT BE UNIQUE, BUT HE IS ONE OF A PRECIOUS FEW HIGH SCHOOL COACHES WHO HAS GUIDED BOTH BOYS AND GIRLS' TEAMS TO NASSAU COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS. HIS CHAMPIONSHIP RUN BEGAN IN 1986 WHEN HE GUIDED ROOSEVELT TO NASSAU'S CONFERENCE III FOOTBALL TITLE, SOMETHING THE ROUGH RIDERS REPEATED TWO YEARS LATER UNDER CRUMMELL. THEN, HE ASSISTED MORRIS BRANDON EN ROUTE TO WINNING THREE NASSAU COUNTY BOYS BASKETBALL TITLES. CRUMMEL SWITCHED TO THE GIRL'S BASKETBALL TEAM, THIS TIME AS THE HEAD COACH. DURING HIS FIRST YEAR, CRUMMELL LED THE GIRL'S TEAM TO THE 1989 NASSAU CHAMPIONSHIP. HE DID IT AGAIN IN 1990. THEN, FOUR YEARS LATER, IN 1994, CRUMMELL LED THE GIRLS TO ANOTHER NASSAU CHAMPIONSHIP.

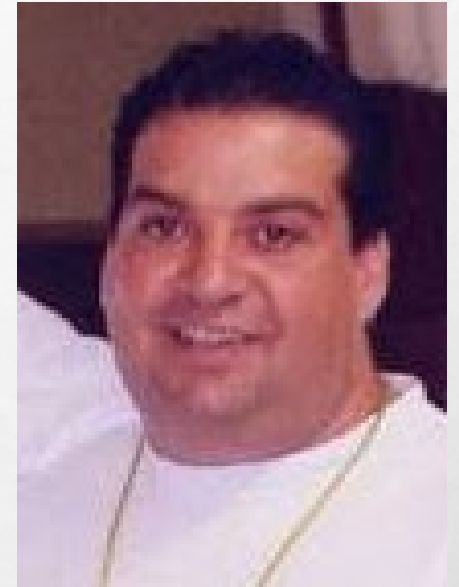


THOMAS DELUCA



AT 5-11, 175 POUNDS, DELUCA WASN'T PHYSICALLY IMPOSING, BUT PUT A FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL OR BASEBALL IN HIS HANDS AND HIS SKILLS WERE EXTRAORDINARILY IMPOSING. HE WAS A SPEEDY BALL CARRIER IN FOOTBALL, A DEAD EYE SHOOTER IN BASKETBALL AND A DYNAMIC SHORTSTOP AND PITCHER IN BASEBALL. SO GOOD ON THE DIAMOND THAT HE WAS OFFERED A TRYOUT WITH THE BROOKLYN DODGERS AT THE AGE OF 15. DELUCA WENT ON TO SIGN WITH THE ST. LOUIS CARDINALS IN 1957. "HE WAS THE GREATEST ALL-AROUND ATHLETE IN LONG BEACH HISTORY," SAID CHILDHOOD FRIEND LARRY ELOVICH. "TOMMY IS A LEGEND IN THIS TOWN."

THOMAS DIANA III



SINCE HE TOOK OVER AS THE KNIGHTS COACH IN 1995, DIANA HAS BECOME ONE OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL COACHES IN NASSAU AND NEW YORK STATE HISTORY. IN FACT, HE WAS INDUCTED INTO THE NEW YORK STATE BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME IN 2016. DIANA HAS GUIDED UNIONDALE TO 20 CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS. FROM 1999 TO 2010, THE KNIGHTS WON 12 STRAIGHT CONFERENCE CROWNS. THAT'S MERELY THE BEGINNING. THEY ALSO WON NINE NASSAU TITLES AND THREE LONG ISLAND CROWNS. IT IS AN ASTONISHING RECORD.



CHRISTINA DIMARTINO

THE LIST OF HER ACHIEVEMENTS IS MIND-BOGGLING. THE 5-FOOT, 2-INCH MIDFIELDER WAS A TWO-TIME PARADE MAGAZINE ALL-AMERICAN. AN NSCAA/ADIDAS ALL-AMERICAN AND THE NATIONAL PLAYER OF THE YEAR IN 2004. SHE WAS GATORADE'S NEW YORK STATE PLAYER OF THE YEAR AS A JUNIOR. A TWO-TIME NASSAU PLAYER OF THE YEAR. FOUR-YEAR STARTER AT MASSAPEQUA WHILE LEADING THE CHIEFS TO A PAIR OF STATE CLASS AA CHAMPIONSHIPS. ALL-COUNTY, ALL-LONG ISLAND, ALL-STATE.

KAREN GALLEGO

IN THE HISTORY OF THE STATE GIRLS' TENNIS PLAYOFFS, ONLY ONE NASSAU ATHLETE HAS WON THE CHAMPIONSHIP IN CONSECUTIVE YEARS. THAT WOULD BE GLEN COVE'S KAREN GALLEGO WHO WON THE TITLE IN 1986 AND CAME BACK TO DO IT AGAIN IN 1987. THAT RECORD HAS NOT BEEN MATCHED BY ANY NASSAU TENNIS PLAYER IN THE 35 YEARS SINCE GALLEGO SWEEPED THROUGH THE BEST PLAYERS IN THE STATE. GALLEGO WAS UNBEATEN AS A SENIOR WHILE LEADING GLEN COVE TO A 13-1 RECORD AND THE COUNTY PLAYOFFS.



MARIA GIAMANCO

MARIA GIAMANCO EXCELLED IN MULTIPLE SPORTS AS A HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE ATHLETE. SHE PLAYED SOFTBALL. SHE PLAYED LACROSSE. SHE PLAYED VOLLEYBALL. SHE WAS AN ALL-COUNTY VOLLEYBALL PLAYER AND AN ALL-COUNTY SOFTBALL PLAYER. HOWEVER, HER CREDENTIALS AS A COACH ARE SUPERB. NOT ONLY DID SHE LEAD PORT WASHINGTON'S GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL TEAM FOR 17 YEARS WITH GREAT SUCCESS, BUT SHE ALSO FOUNDED THE BOY'S VOLLEYBALL TEAM IN 1990 AND HAS GUIDED THE VIKINGS ON A CHAMPIONSHIP JOURNEY. SHE HAS PRODUCED A RECORD OF 323-177 THAT INCLUDES FIVE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS--SOMETHING MOST COACHES WOULD LIKE TO WIN JUST ONCE.





DENISE HAMMERSLEY

HAMMERSLEY WAS AN OUTSTANDING THREE-SPORT STAR AT OLMA, BUT THERE WAS NEVER A DOUBT THAT THE BASKETBALL COURT WAS HER SECOND HOME. THE 5-FOOT, 5-INCH HAMMERSLEY BECAME THE FIRST CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION PLAYER—MALE OR FEMALE—TO ECLIPSE 2,000 CAREER POINTS. AS A SENIOR IN 1991, SHE LED OLMA TO THE NEW YORK STATE FEDERATION CLASS D CHAMPIONSHIP. SHE FINISHED HER DAZZLING CAREER WITH SCHOOL AND LEAGUE RECORDS OF 2,048 POINTS; RECORDS THAT STOOD FOR 15 YEARS.

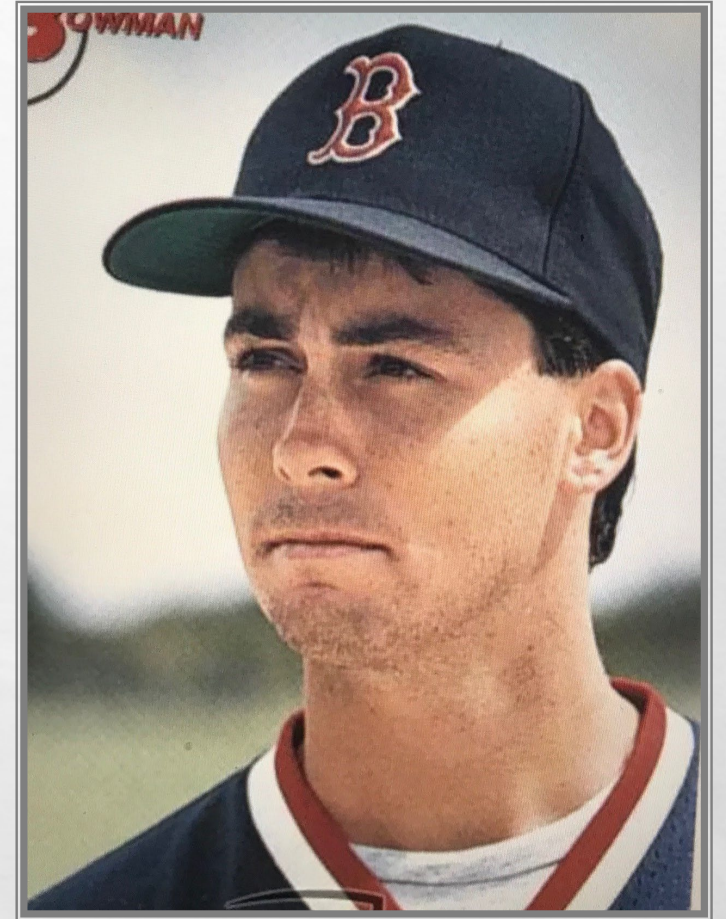
SHARON HAMPTON

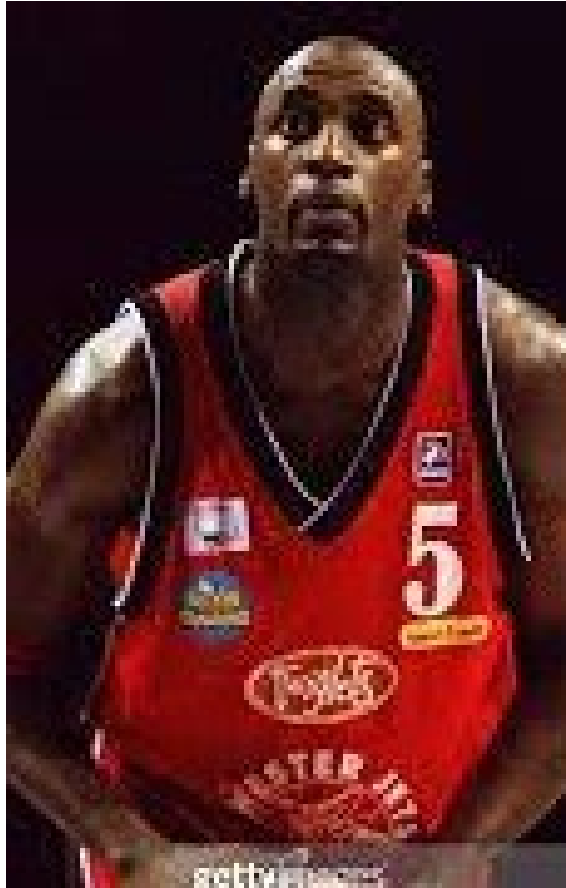
SHARON HAMPTON WAS A CRUCIAL PART OF THE GREATEST WOMEN'S BASKETBALL DYNASTY IN NASSAU HISTORY. THE NUMBERS WERE UNPRECEDENTED. SHE WAS THE TIGERS TOP REBOUNDER AND DEFENDER AND MANAGED TO SCORE 1,184 CAREER-POINTS. DURING THAT SPAN, HEMPSTEAD WON 71 STRAIGHT HOME GAMES AND BUILT A RECORD OF 92-4. BUT THE MOST IMPRESSIVE NUMBER WAS "ZERO." OVER THE FOUR YEARS OF HAMPTON AND HALL OF FAMER LISA SMITH, THE TIGERS NEVER LOST TO ANOTHER NASSAU TEAM. NOT ONE GAME. IT WAS AN ASTOUNDING FEAT THAT STILL RESONATES FOUR DECADES LATER.



DOUG HECKER

MACARTHUR HIGH SCHOOL'S HECKER COULD DO IT ALL. JUST LOOK AT THE NUMBERS DURING HIS SENIOR YEAR. HE BATTED .496, HIT 7 HOME RUNS AND HAD 28 RBI. WHEN HE WASN'T PLAYING THE INFIELD FOR THE GENERALS, HE WAS AN OUTSTANDING PITCHER WITH A 9-1 RECORD IN 1989. EVERY YEAR, THE AWARDS KEPT COMING. AS A SOPHOMORE IN 1987, HE WAS NAMED ALL-DIVISION. AS A JUNIOR, HE MADE ALL-COUNTY AND WAS THE LEAGUE MVP. HE WAS PICKED FOR THE DAILY NEWS ALL-STAR TEAM. AFTER HIS EXTRAORDINARY SENIOR SEASON, DOUG WAS NAMED NEWSDAY'S LONG ISLAND PLAYER OF THE YEAR AND THE NEW YORK STATE PLAYER OF THE YEAR.



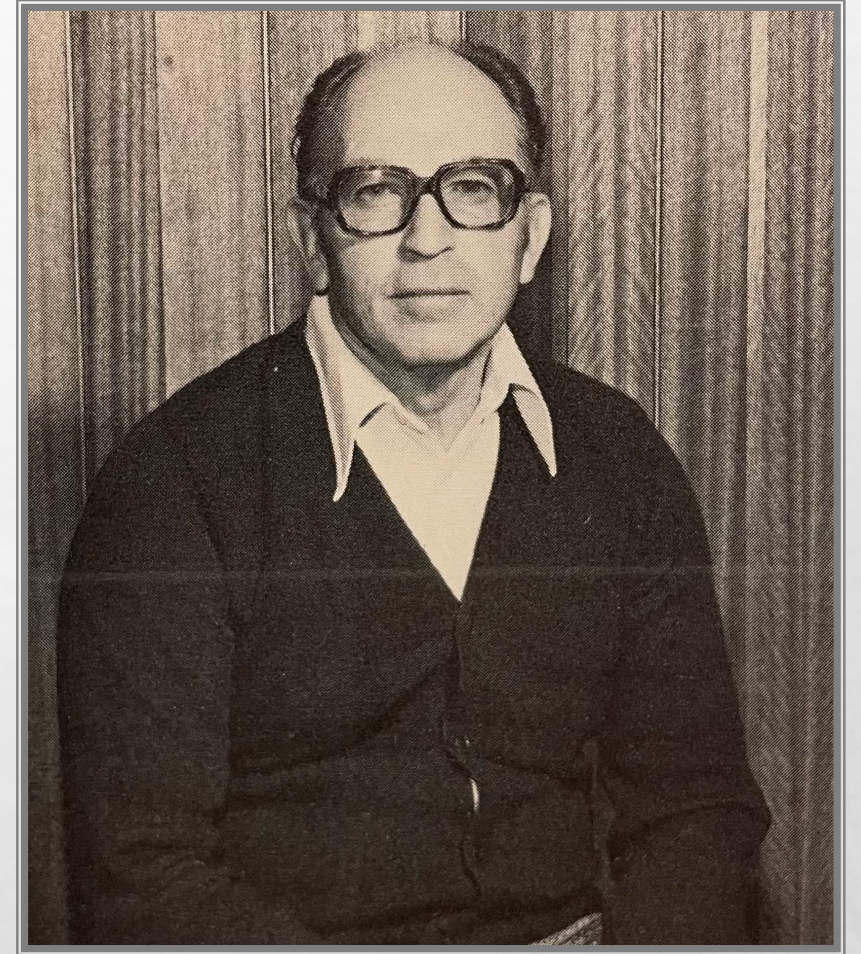


KYLE IVEY-JONES

THERE HAS NEVER BEEN ANYTHING QUITE LIKE HIM IN NASSAU BOYS' BASKETBALL HISTORY. IVEY-JONES IS THE ONLY PLAYER TO LEAD HIS TEAM TO FOUR NASSAU AND FOUR LONG ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS. THE ONLY PLAYER TO PLAY IN FOUR STATE TOURNAMENTS. THE ONLY PLAYER TO PLAY ON TWO STATE CLASS A CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS. THE ONLY PLAYER TO BE NAMED MVP IN STATE CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES TWO YEARS IN A ROW. BY THE TIME HIS HEMPSTEAD CAREER WAS FINISHED IN 1990 IVEY-JONES HAD SCORED 1,657 POINTS TO BECOME THE SCHOOL'S ALL-TIME LEADER, TOPPING HALL OF FAMER JOE BLOCKER'S MARK OF 1,433 THAT STOOD FOR 33 YEARS.

WARREN KING

WARREN KING WAS AN ELITE HIGH SCHOOL COACH OVER AN INCREDIBLE SPAN OF 61 YEARS AT GARDEN CITY HIGH SCHOOL. IN 37 YEARS AS THE TROJANS FOOTBALL COACH, HIS TEAMS WON 142 GAMES AND RECORDED FOUR UNBEATEN SEASONS. KING WAS THE FIRST NASSAU COUNTY FOOTBALL COACH TO BE NAMED COACH OF THE YEAR TWICE. HIS CAREER AS A TRACK AND FIELD MENTOR WAS UNPRECEDENTED. HE WAS NOT MERELY ADMIRER BECAUSE OF LONGEVITY. UNDER HIS TUTELAGE, THE TROJANS HAD 54 CONSECUTIVE WINNING SEASONS, WON 27 LEAGUE TITLES AND FIVE COUNTY TITLES.



FRANK LUISI

LUISI HAD BEEN A GOOD ENOUGH COACH TO NURTURE FUTURE MIAMI DOLPHINS QUARTERBACK JAY FIEDLER. BUT HIS WORK AFTER COACHING HAS BEEN LEGENDARY. LUISI RUNS CLINICS. HE TRAINS COACHES ON RULE CHANGES. HE SENDS OUT MATERIAL ABOUT THE LATEST MEDICAL AND ATHLETIC TRAINING INFORMATION. HE DEVELOPED A ROAD MAP FOR GETTING PLAYERS INTO COLLEGE. HOURS AFTER THE SCHOOL DAY ENDS, AND SERVING AS THE COLLEGE ADVISOR FOR ATHLETES, HE WORKS ON SOME ASPECT OF THE COUNTY'S FOOTBALL PROGRAM. LUISI IS REVERED BY HIS COLLEAGUES. "HE'S BEEN THE GLUE OF THE NASSAU FOOTBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION FOR 35 YEARS," SAID ROOSEVELT COACH JOE VITO. "NO ONE HAS COME CLOSE TO HOW MUCH FRANK LUISI HAS CONTRIBUTED."



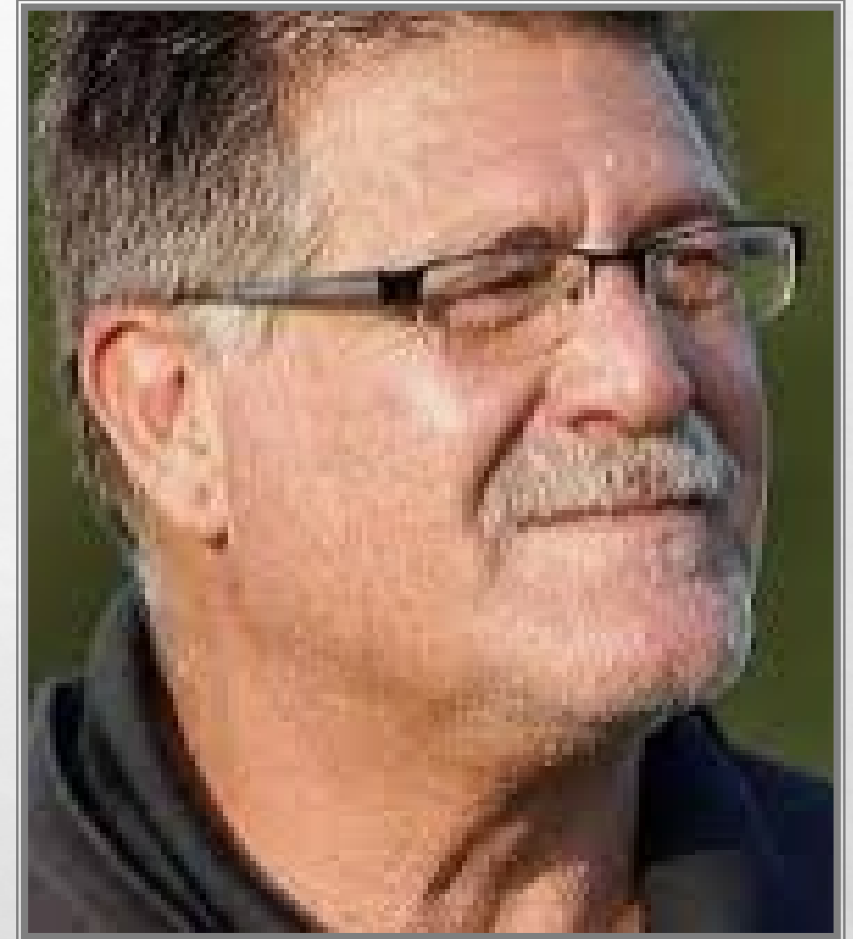


LISA MACCHIA

WHEN MACCHIA EARNED A SPOT ON THE VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM AS AN EIGHTH GRADER, IT WAS CLEAR THAT A BRIGHT FUTURE WAS IN THE MAKING. EXTREMELY BRIGHT! DURING FIVE YEARS AS A STARTER, SHE TURNED ISLAND TREES INTO A CHAMPION AND A TITLE CONTENDER. BY THE TIME SHE GRADUATED IN 2002, SHE HELD EVERY SIGNIFICANT SCHOOL SCORING RECORD WHILE LEADING THE BULLDOGS TO ONE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP AND TWO COUNTY FINALS. OVER HER CAREER, SHE HAD 2,047 POINTS, 1,562 REBOUND, 318 ASSISTS, 468 BLOCKS AND 166 STEALS. NO WONDER SHE WAS A 4-TIME ALL-NASSAU SELECTION A TWO-TIME ALL-LONG ISLAND AND TWO-TIME ALL-NEW YORK STATE CHOICE. SHE WAS NAMED NASSAU'S PLAYER OF THE YEAR IN 2001.

GARY MARANGI

GARY MARANGI WAS NOT MERELY A THREE-SPORT ATHLETE AT ELMONT HIGH SCHOOL. HE WAS A THREE-SPORT STAR. YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW THAT BASED ON HIS SUPERB FOOTBALL CAREER. BUT, IN FACT, HE WAS AN EXCELLENT BASKETBALL PLAYER AND A BRILLIANT LACROSSE PLAYER. BUT HIS HEART BELONGED TO FOOTBALL. MARANGI QUARTERBACKED ELMONT TO CONSECUTIVE CONFERENCE TITLES AND AN UNBEATEN SEASON IN 1970. HE WAS NAMED TO BOTH THE ALL-COUNTY AND ALL-LONG ISLAND TEAMS AND WAS A FINALIST FOR THE THORP AWARD AS NASSAU'S TOP PLAYER. GARY PLAYED FOR THE BUFFALO BILLS IN THE NFL.



AL PALACIO

THE FIRST TIME PALACIO SHOWED UP TO WRESTLE, LONG BEACH COACH PAUL GILLESPIE KNEW HE HAD UNCOVERED A GEM. IT DID NOT TAKE LONG FOR PALACIO TO BECOME ONE OF THE BEST WRESTLERS IN NASSAU HISTORY. IN 1979, HE WON THE 98-LB COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP AND PLACED 4TH IN THE STATE TOURNAMENT. AND HE WAS ONLY A FRESHMAN. IT WAS A SIGN OF THINGS TO COME. OVER THE NEXT THREE YEARS, PALACIO WON STATE CROWNS AT 98, 105 AND 112. IT WAS THE FIRST TIME A NASSAU WRESTLER WON THREE SUCCESSIVE STATE TITLES. PALACIO FINISHED HIS HIGH SCHOOL CAREER WITH A PHENOMENAL RECORD OF 133-4-1 THAT EARNED HIM A SCHOLARSHIP TO NORTH CAROLINA WHERE HE WAS A STANDOUT.



DAVE PIETRAMALA

EVEN BEFORE HE ARRIVED AT JOHNS HOPKINS, DAVE PIETRAMALA WAS A LONG ISLAND LEGEND. ANYONE WHO SAW HIM PLAY FOR ST. MARY'S OF MANHASSET CAME AWAY WITH THE SAME THOUGHT. "BEST HIGH SCHOOL DEFENSEMAN I'VE EVER SEEN." THAT WAS NO EXAGGERATION. PIETRAMALA WAS AT THE FOREFRONT OF MODERN DEFENDERS WHO WERE QUICK ENOUGH AND STRONG ENOUGH TO HANDLE SPEEDY ATTACKMEN OR MIDFIELDERS. HE REVELED IN THE CHANCE TO GUARD THE OPPOSITION'S BEST PLAYER. HE WAS A TAKEAWAY MACHINE. IT WASN'T UNCOMMON FOR A LACROSSE STICK TO FLY OUT OF THE HANDS OF AN OPPOSING PLAYER AFTER BEING CHECKED BY PIETRAMALA. HE BECAME A 4-TIME ALL AMERICAN AT HOPKINS.



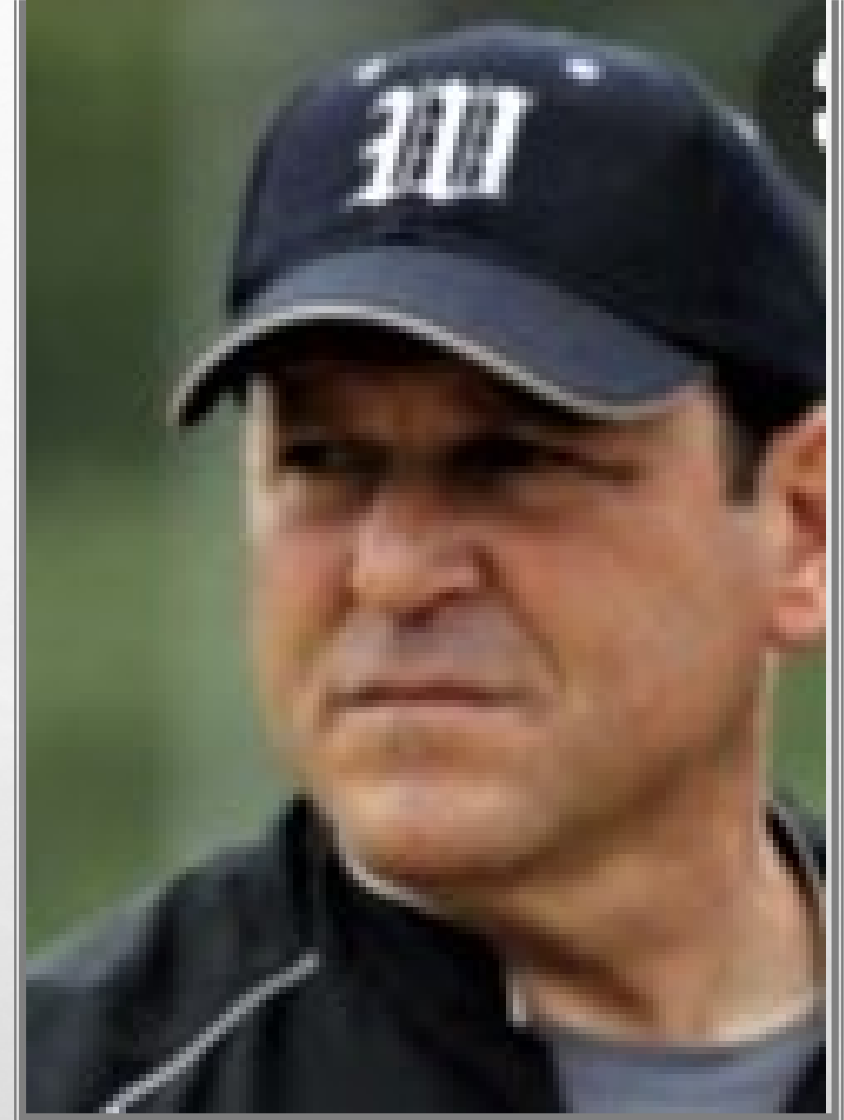
JOHN ROGAN

JOHN ROGAN'S FOOTBALL CAREER AT CHAMINADE IS THE STUFF OF LEGEND. HIS GRIDIRON SKILLS WERE SUCH THAT HE DID WHAT PREVIOUS FEW CHSAA PLAYERS HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DO. HE WON THE 1977 THORP AWARD, GIVEN TO THE TOP PLAYER IN NASSAU COUNTY. ROGAN IS ONLY ONE OF FOUR PAROCHIAL SCHOOL PLAYERS TO WIN THE AWARD SINCE IT WAS BORN IN 1942. ROGAN WENT ON TO BECOME AN ALL-IVY LEAGUE QUARTERBACK. YALE WON THREE SUCCESSIVE LEAGUE TITLES IN 1979, 1980 AND 1981 UNDER ROGAN'S LEADERSHIP. BY THE TIME HE GRADUATED, ROGAN WAS FIRST IN ALL TIME PASSING YARDAGE (2844) AND SECOND IN TOUCHDOWNS (26). IN 2014 ROGAN WAS NAMED TO THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY ALL-YALE BOWL TEAM.



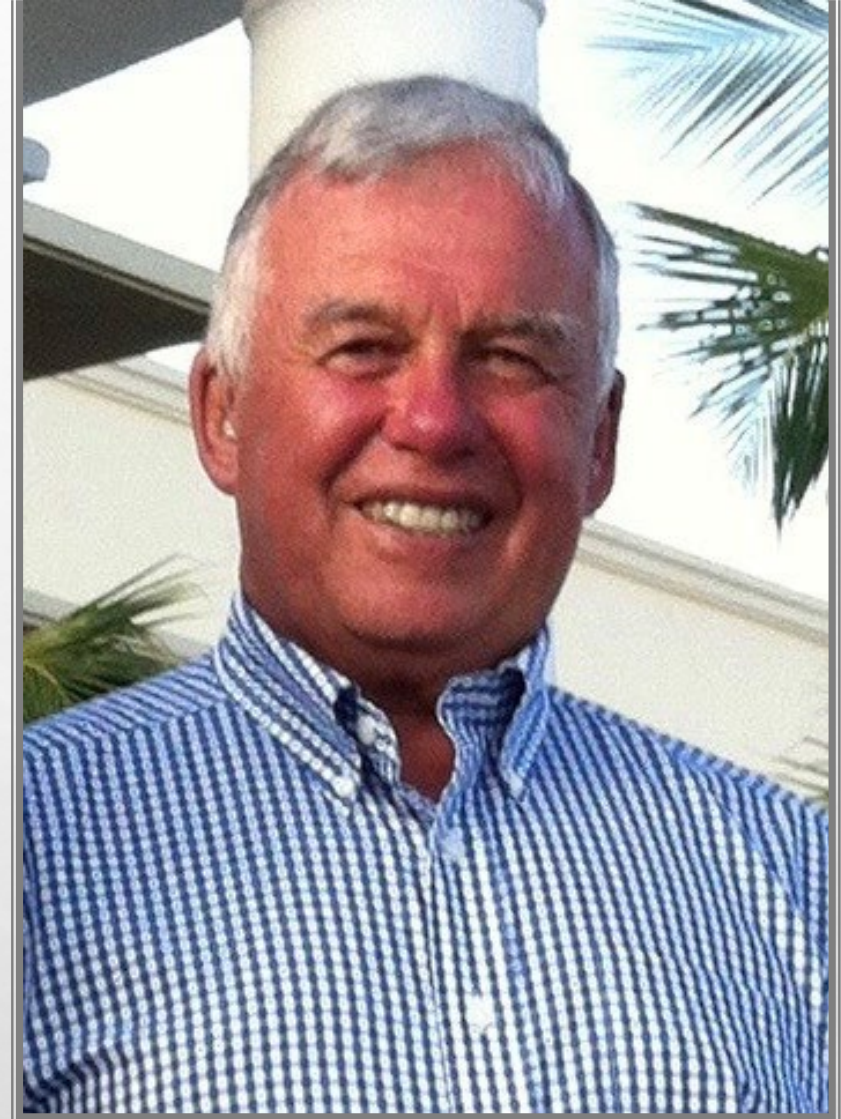
KEITH SACHS

IT IS DIFFICULT ENOUGH TO COACH CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS IN ONE SPORT. IT IS TRULY MAGNIFICENT TO COACH CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS IN MULTIPLE SPORTS. THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT KEITH SACHS HAS DONE. DURING HIS 27 YEARS AS WANTAGH HIGH SCHOOL'S BASEBALL COACH, HIS TEAMS HAVE FORGED A RECORD OF 484-169-6. SACHS, WHO IS STILL COACHING, HAS GUIDED WANTAGH TO 5 NASSAU CHAMPIONSHIPS. THEY'VE GONE ON TO WIN 5 LONG ISLAND TITLES. SACHS TOOK OVER A DOWNTRODDEN VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM IN 1992 AND TURNED IT INTO ONE OF THE TOP PROGRAMS IN NASSAU. HIS TEAMS HAVE FASHIONED A RECORD OF 186-93-2. THEY HAVE WON 21 BIG FOUR TITLES, 4 CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS AND TWO LONG ISLAND CROWNS.



JOHN SCHAEFER

BY THE TIME HE RETIRED IN 1995, AFTER 27 YEARS AS THE VARSITY WRESTLING COACH AT BELLMORE KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL, SCHAEFER HAD BECOME ONE OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL COACHES IN NASSAU HISTORY. HIS TEAMS FORGED A DUAL MEET RECORD OF 244-86-9. THEY WON 20 LEAGUE TITLES. HE DEVELOPED 73 INDIVIDUAL LEAGUE CHAMPIONS, 26 COUNTY CHAMPIONS—INCLUDING FIVE IN ONE SEASON---AND THREE STATE CHAMPIONS. HE ALSO COACHED 87 COUNTY PLACE WINNERS AND 13 STATE PLACE WINNERS.



LARA VON SEELEN

GARDEN CITY HAS PRODUCED A LITANY OF STAR ATHLETES OVER THE DECADES, YET BY THE TIME SHE GRADUATED VON SEELAN HAD ESTABLISHED HERSELF AS ONE OF THE GREATEST ATHLETES TO WALK THE HALLS OF HER HIGH SCHOOL. LARA WAS A THREE-YEAR STANDOUT AND CAPTAIN IN SOFTBALL. SHE WAS A THREE-YEAR STANDOUT AND CAPTAIN IN BASKETBALL. SHE SPENT SIX YEARS AS A VARSITY SWIMMER AND DIVER, FIRST EARNING A SPOT ON THE TEAM IN THE 7TH GRADE. AT THE CONCLUSION OF HER CAREER, SHE HAD EARNED AN ASTONISHING 12 VARSITY LETTERS, MORE THAN ANY FEMALE OR MALE ATHLETE IN THE SCHOOL'S HISTORY!



LEO SEXTON



LEO SEXTON WAS AN IMPOSING FIGURE BACK IN THE MID-1920S WHEN HE ATTENDED HEMPSTEAD HIGH SCHOOL. STANDING 6-4 AND WEIGHING 240 POUNDS, HE WAS BIG ENOUGH TO PLAY FOOTBALL, TALL ENOUGH TO PLAY BASKETBALL AND STRONG ENOUGH TO THROW THE SHOTPUT IN TRACK. AFTER GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL IN 1926, SEXTON ENROLLED AT GEORGETOWN AND SOON BECAME ONE OF THE TOP COLLEGIATE SHOTPUTTERS IN THE COUNTRY. HE QUALIFIED FOR THE 1932 OLYMPIC GAMES IN LOS ANGELES AND WENT ON TO WIN A GOLD MEDAL.



KEYON SOLEY

SOLEY WAS A TRACK AND FIELD ICON AT UNIONDALE HIGH SCHOOL. A GENUINE HISTORIC FIGURE.

SHE WAS THE BEST SPRINTER IN THE STATE FOR FOUR YEARS, SETTING THE 100 METERS STATE RECORD IN 1997 WITH 11.40, AND THE BEST LONG JUMPER IN THE STATE FOR THREE YEARS. SHE LITERALLY SET A TRAIL OF COUNTY AND STATE RECORDS IN BOTH EVENTS. SHE WON THE STATE 100-METER DASH FOUR TIMES. SHE WON THE STATE LONG JUMP TITLE 3 TIMES. SHE WON NATIONAL TITLES IN THE 100-METER DASH AND LONG JUMP. TRACK AND FIELD NEWS RANKED HER AS THE COUNTRY'S NO.1 LONG JUMPER AS A SENIOR. THE LIST GOES ON AND ON.



ROBERT ST. ONGE

ST. ONGE WAS THE TIGERS QUARTERBACK IN FOOTBALL. HE WAS SO GOOD THAT AT THE 1940 HEISMAN DINNER HE WAS PROCLAIMED THE TOP HIGH SCHOOL PLAYER IN THE TRI-STATE AREA. HE WAS ALSO A STAR IN BASEBALL AS THE TEAM'S CAPTAIN AND HARD-HITTING ALL-COUNTY CATCHER. HE NEVER DID PLAY QUARTERBACK AT WEST POINT. LEGENDARY ARMY COACH EARL BLAKE SWITCHED ST. ONGE TO CENTER ON OFFENSE AND MIDDLE LINEBACKER ON DEFENSE. A BRILLIANT MOVE. HE WAS A STARTER ON TWO UNBEATEN TEAMS. AND WHEN THE CADETS CRUSHED NOTRE DAME, 48-0, AT YANKEE STADIUM TO WIN THE NATIONAL TITLE IN 1945, ST. ONGE WAS NAMED THE GAME'S MVP. HE TOPPED OFF THE SEASON BY EARNING ALL-AMERICAN HONORS. WAS ON THE STAFF OF GENERAL DOUGLAS MACARTHUR DURING WWII AND RETIRED AS A MAJOR GENERAL.



STEPHANIE SMITH WALDEN

ASIDE FROM BEING ONE OF THE TOP 55-METER AND 100-METER SPRINTERS IN NASSAU, SHE WAS A KEY COMPONENT ON ONE OF THE GREATEST RELAY TEAMS TO STEP ON A TRACK IN NEW YORK STATE HISTORY. AS THE LEADOFF RUNNER FOR A TEAM THAT DOMINATED OPPONENTS, SMITH TRIGGERED VICTORIES IN THE EASTERN STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS, NASSAU CHAMPIONSHIPS AND MANY INVITATIONAL MEETS INCLUDING THE NEW YORK STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS. SMITH'S LEADOFF SPRINT OF 26.2 SECONDS LED HEMPSTEAD TO A TIME OF 1:41.84 IN THE 4X220-YARD RELAY AT THE EASTERN STATES MEET. IT WAS THE FIRST RELAY TEAM TO EVER RUN UNDER 1:42.00 IN THAT EVENT AND SET A NEW YORK STATE RECORD THAT STANDS TODAY, 39 YEARS LATER

NASSAU COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL HALL OF FAME

SEPTEMBER 28, 2022

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