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LEGACY TRIBUTE

1969-70 LINTON HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM

- Linton finished undefeated (22-0); Class "A" League Champions; Section II Class "A" and "A-B" Champions
- Coached by athletic hall of fame member Walt Przybylo; asst. coaches were hall of famers Bill Rapavy & Ed Catino
- Ranked #1 in New York (no NYSPHSAA Tournament or Federation Tournament at the time)
- Only one victory during the season was less than 10 pts. (vs. Newburgh, ranked #2 in New York at the time)
- Team averaged over 85 points per game (no 3-pt shot or shot clock)
- Led by 6'9" All-American center Sidney Edwards (member of the AHOF); led the team in scoring, rebounding & blocked shots; scored 50 pts vs. Mont Pleasant in the Section II "A" final; later played at U. of Houston & w/Harlem Globetrotters. Other starters were Chuck Abba, Bill Suprunowicz, Charlie Mack & Dave Modest.
- Walt Przybylo was NYS coach of the year; Edwards was First Team All-State; Abba & Suprunowicz Second Team All-State
- Edwards, Abba & Suprunowicz were WRGB Ch. 6 All-Stars
- Bruce Carrieri, Gary Leva & Barry Williams were brought up from JV team for Sectionals
- Several players, in addition to Edwards, went on to play college ball, including Modest (member of 1973 Providence Final Four Team; later played at Plattsburgh); Abba (Union), Suprunowicz (Syracuse) & Dave Denofio (Plattsburgh)
- Considered to be one of the greatest teams in Section II history

Team members & coaches listed on inside panels

1998

BILL EDDY , SIG MAKOFSKI , LARRY MULVANEY,
WALT PRZYBYLO, RAY VACCA

1999

BARRY KRAMER, BILL LEONARD, TONY PARISI,
PETE SHULHA

2000

ED CATINO, BILL RAPAVY, PAT RILEY

2001

TOMMY BRENNAN, BILLY CONNORS,
MACK SUPRUNOWICZ

2002

DOM DENIO, AL DESANTIS, NORM KITCHING,
STEVE SZUMACHOWSKI

2003

JIM BARBIERI, BILL KIRVIN, DICK SUPRUNOWICZ,
WALT SUPRUNOWICZ

2004

MIKE MAIETTA, 1954 SCH'DY LITTLE LEAGUE
WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONS

2005

BOB CZUB, JOE DEMEO, MARTY SERVO

2006

DON BLAHA, ABE FELDMAN, SHIRLEY MULDOWNY

2007

SIDNEY EDWARDS, BILL MANIKAS, RON OYER

2008

PETER FAMIANO, JOHN GRABOWSKI, JOE LOUDIS

2009

DICK BENNETT, MIKE MEOLA

2010

WARREN CROW, RAY TRAIL

2011

ARMAND FARINA, RHONDA PHILLIPS SCOTT

2012

JOE DONATO, LOU JORDAN, SEVERINO POPOLIZIO

2013

ED BARNOWSKI, BOB DELUCA, LEE WALLARD

2014

MURRAY MELTON, RON PAGE, ED RIMKUS

2015

RICK DICAMILLO, TOM MOSSEY, DOT HOYT NEBEL

2016

ART ALLEN, RANDY CROSS, JACK MEADER

2017

PAUL DELLA VILLA, JOHN MAURICY, MECHELLE SMITH

2018

PAUL BRICOCOLI, GARY DINOLA, JOHN PARILLO

2019

WILLIE DEANE, GALE KNULL, BILLY PETROLLE

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

23rd Annual SCHENECTADY City School District

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MONDAY, SEPT. 13, 2021
GLEN SANDERS MANSION

2021 INDUCTEES

- ED ALGER
- AL BURNHAM
- JOE ZELEZNIK

LEGACY TRIBUTE

1969-70 LINTON HIGH SCHOOL
BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM

ED ALGER

- Ran on Sectional Championship cross-country & track teams at Mont Pleasant HS; coached by hall of famer Ray Vacca
- 1952 State Intersectional mile champion; finished 3rd in the 1951 State Intersectional mile
- Two-time Section II mile champion (1951 & 1952); finished 3rd in 1950
- Finished 2nd in the mile at the Utica Invitational (1951), Rye Invitational (1952) & Schenectady Interscholastic Sports Carnival (1951 & 1952)
- Two-time Section II cross-country champion; set course record in winning the 1950 title
- Finished 4th in the 1950 State Intersectional Cross-Country Race; MP was State runner up
- Finished 5th in the 1951 State Intersectional Cross-Country Race; MP was State champion
- Won the 1950 Watertown Interscholastic Invitational Cross-Country Run, setting a new course record
- Easily won the 1950 Poughkeepsie Road Race; finished second in 1951
- Won the 1951 Fordham Run
- Won the 1951 Utica-Proctor Invitational Cross-Country Meet; finished 3rd in 1949 & 2nd in 1950
- Finished 6th (1950) & 4th (1951) in the NYU Interscholastic Cross-Country Run; also finished 4th in the 1951 St. John's Invitational Scholastic Cross-Country Meet "A" Section
- Three top ten finishes in the Grout Run
- Norman Kitching Award recipient
- Recruited by more than 50 colleges; attended Syracuse University
- Finished 46th in the 1953 NCAA Cross-Country Championships at Michigan State (SU team finished third)
- Finished 41st in the 1954 NCAA Cross-Country Championships at Michigan State (SU finished second)
No track team at Syracuse when he attended

Head Coach: Walt Przybylo*

Assistant Coaches: Bill Rapavy* & Ed Catino*

Team Members

Chuck Abba
Paul Comley
Sam Croce
Paul DeLuca

Dave Denofio
Sidney Edwards*
Dan Lombardi
Charlie Mack

Dave Modest*
Jim Phillips
Bill Suprunowicz*
Henry Viallo

Managers

Jim Nagle & Larry Gordon

*deceased

AL BURNHAM

- Standout player on two undefeated Nott Terrace HS football teams; coached by hall of fame member Pete Shulha
- His 1953 team outscored its opponents 277-6; this team was inducted into the Capital Region Football Hall of Fame in 2019
- His 1954 team outscored its opponents 193-33 (abbreviated season due to polio outbreak)
- Scored 3 touchdowns as a junior and nine as a senior; scored four touchdowns in a 1954 game vs. Troy; All-County halfback in 1954; also a tough defensive back & linebacker
- Outstanding baseball player at Nott Terrace (lettered three years); coached by hall of fame member Walt Przybylo; batted .500 as a senior; his NT teams won two league championships
- Wrestled as a junior, losing just one match
- Member of the 1953 Niskayuna Post 1092 NYS American Legion Junior Baseball Championship Team
- 1955 Junior Chamber of Commerce Senior Athlete of the Year
- Signed by the Dodgers organization (catcher); played Minor League Baseball for parts of two seasons (1957 & 1958); hit a home run on the first pitch of his first at bat in pro baseball (playing for the Bluefield Dodgers in the Appalachian League)
- Supurb softball player; asked by pitching icon Eddie Feigner to play with "The King & His Court" touring softball team
- Schenectady Police Officer for 31 years



1969-70 Linton High School Boys' Basketball Team

JOE ZELEZNAK

- Lettered in football, baseball & track at Mont Pleasant HS; talented pitcher & All-County quarterback; played on two Class "A" League championship football teams; his coaches included hall of famers Tony Parisi, Larry Mulvaney & Ray Vacca
- 1969 & 1970 State shot put champion; also two-time Sectional winner
- Undefeated as a junior & senior in the shot put (indoor & outdoor)
- Still holds the official Section II shot put record (62'3"); tossed 62'10" in a dual meet
- Finished 2nd in 1970 State discus competition; two-time Sectional discus champion; set Sectional record (only public schools at this time)
- 1969 Eastern States shot put & discus champ
- Won the Eddy Meet shot put event twice & discus once
- Graduated as the 5th best shot putter & 8th best discus thrower in state history
- 1970 Norman Kitching Award recipient
- Successful career after high school; once ranked as the #1 shot putter in the Eastern U.S.; *Track & Field News* ranked him among the best weight men in the nation; competed against Al Oerter, Michael Carter & Brian Oldfield
- Set the shot put record in many meets, including the William & Mary Colonial Relays, UVM Christmas Invitational, Princeton-Adidas Invitational, Rutgers Relays & Iona Relays
- Won multiple Millrose Games & Dartmouth Relays shot put competitions; also won the St. John's Invitational
- 3rd place finish at the Olympic Sports Festival
- Competed for the New York AC
- Competed in the National Sports Festival; finished 5th in 1981
- Represented the U.S. in the European Indoor Championships (finished 5th); finished 2nd in a U.S. vs. England dual meet
- Set the Empire State Games shot put record; won 8 E.S.G. gold medals
- Pictured on cover of *Strength & Health Magazine*
- Finished 9th in 1981 "World's Strongest Man" competition
- 2021 Greater Capital Region Track, Field & Cross-Country HOF inductee