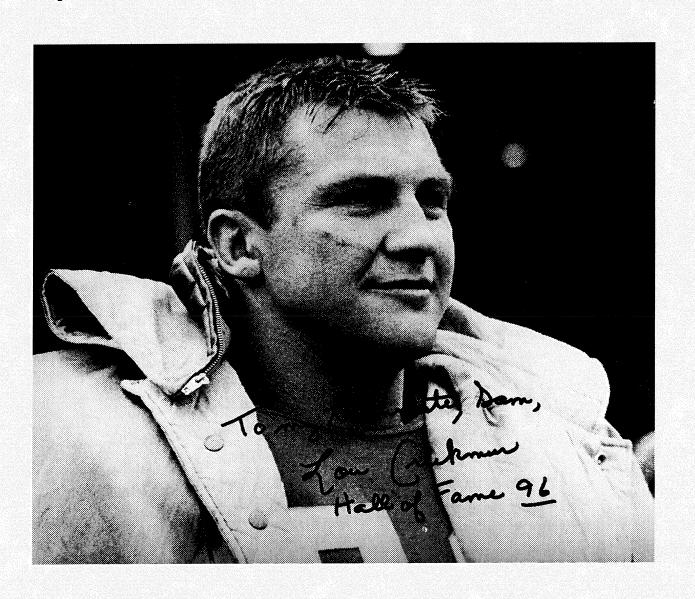
Woodbridge Township Athletic Alumni Association

1997 Hall of Fame Ceremony

The Pines Manor, March 2, 1997

Special Guest - Lou Greekmur



... Everyone's Hall of Fame

WTAAA 1997 PROGRAM

HALL OF FAME CEREMONY

March 2, 1997

Opening Remarks

Invocation

Proclamations

Dinner

Woodbridge High School Legend Inductees

Woodbridge High School Inductees

John F. Kennedy High School Inductees

Colonia High School Inductees

Team Honorees

Special Guest- Lou Creekmur

Concluding Remarks

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AS OF JANUARY 1997

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I remember Lou for: seeing television when he was with the Detroit Lions. I remember him on offense playing defense on a goal line stand. I also saw him play with the Wood. Golden Bears.

John W. Zullo

I remember Lou for: in 1955 Lou came to a football practice and Nick Priscoe had him demonstrate a "forearm Shiver". Lou in his coat & tie took on Lou Hagler at 260 pounds and lifted him off the ground

Walt Housman

"Quotables"

Twenty years from now we'll look back on this yearbook and recall our gay four years of Woodbridge High. Remember these "Quotables" of our faculty and classmates. Remember and smile.

Louis Creekmur: That's Dirty.

I remember Lou for: I enjoyed playing football with Lou at WHS. I remember that during the war years of gas shortages, we were driven to football games in a cattle truck. He's come a long way since then.

Paul P. Toth

Louis Creekmur, 402 Crows Mill Road, Keasbey. "Creek," the Sonny Tufts and W.C. Fields of Woodbridge High, is tall, blond, and has a gift of gab. All laughs in assembly may be traced to him – all the women love him and he loves all the women. Football, senior executive committee, class night committee.

It truly has been a rags to riches story for Creekmur, who was an allstar guard and tackle for the Detroit

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Lions of the National Football League from 1950 to 1959.

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lion years did think I would wind up in the pros ... let alone college,' Creekmur said from his. Plantation, Fla., home before leaving for Ohio.

"Things were very tough, financially, for my fam-

ily growing up," said Creekmur. "My father left the family when I was very young, and my mother had to raise three sons and a daughter. She drove a truck, delivering kerosene and we all had jobs.

"I delivered newspapers and was hicky to make \$10 a week," he recalled. "The big day was Sunday, selling the New York and Newark papers and making \$3-\$5 on that day alone during the war years of 1941, '42, '43. That was a lot of money."

At age 70, Creekmur speaks proudly of being able to help his mother and family members to survive tough times.

"I would give my mother the money from delivering the papers and she was able to buy a bedroom set, a linoleum for the floors and other bers, and we talked about possibly

things we needed in the house." Creekmur said.

Creekmur also used his earnings to buy a bicycle. He would peddle to Fords, where he had a part-time job at age 16 at a Fords liquor store near the then-Fords movie house.

"I would stock shelves and wipe the dust from bottles two or three times a week," he said.

Creekmur attended Keasbev Elementary School.

He used to ride his bike to school from Fords. There was no other form of transportation to football practice and games when school was not in session. It was either riding a bike or walking, and he did both many times.

"I must have gone through 10 bikes," said Creekmur, who graduated from Woodbridge High School in

Rags to riches?

When it came to sports, that pretty much tells the story of Lou Creek-

"We never had a new or good football to play. We would find a piece of leather or strong cloth and stuff it with rags. That was our football." Creekmur said.

he had playing football with Paul Toth, one of his closest friends.

"We played on a cow pasture in Fords, but we didn't want to fall down for fear of landing in the wrong stuff," he said with a laugh.

While at Woodbridge High School, Creekmur thought about becoming a certified public accountant.

"I took the commercial business courses, and Robert Trautwein, a business teacher, thought I might be successful as a CPA because I was good in math. I had a knack for numgoing to City College of New York," Creekmur said.

But all that changed after leading the Woodbridge football team in 1943. The then-rangy 6-3, 190-pound tackle served as captain and leader and drew the attention of scouts from the College of William and Mary in Virginia.

However, there was a commitment to the U.S. Army.

Creekmur spent the next year in the Army and it was a year in which he would grow to 6-4 and bulk up to

The College of William and Mary waited for Creekmur. He played football and studied education with the goal of becoming a physical education

Creekmur received his bachelor's degree from William and Mary and was named to the Look magazine All-America Team. Later, he returned to William and Mary and earned a mas- football over the year . . . you are in a ter's degree in education.

In his nine-year pro football career with Detroit. Creekmur became one of the all-time greats. He played in eight NFL Pro Bowls and was named an All-NFL All-Star six times. He also served as captain of the Lions.

Creekmur played football Sundays Creekmur spent whatever free time and worked for a trucking company the rest of the week when there was

> "I got \$1,000 per game and would have had to take a cut in pay to join the coaching staff after my playing days," Creekmur said.

> Creekmur parlayed three NFL championships (the Lions lost out in two other title games) into a position with Ryder Truck Rentals after his playing days. He stopped working for Ryder a few years ago but remains a consultant on a nationwide basis.

Creekmur also has become a popu-

around the nation. There are six cards of him, which he autographs, including his newest card as a new member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

He also does motivational tapes for Ryder and recently completed a Prudential Senior Care commercial. He's also been involved in commercials for Nike and Cadillac.

Creekmur also devotes time to charities, including the American Cancer Society and March of Dimes.

President of the South Florida Chapter of the National Football League Alumni Association, Creekmur is thrilled about being inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

"It's been like floating on a cloud," he said. "The elation couldn't be put into words. There are 185 players in the Hall of Fame and out of that about 140 or 145 are alive. Think of thousands and thousands who have played select group."

Creekmur, who said he has been interviewed on several radio stations the last week, arrived in Canton vesterday. The itinerary included a "Hall of Fame Big Ribs Burnoff," a band concert and fireworks.

The Hall of Fame fever is scheduled for today with a Mayor's Breakfast at which Creekmur and the other inductees were to receive jackets. On tap this afternoon is a fashion show and later the Canton civic dinner.

The agenda for tomorrow starts with a Hall of Fame Festival Parade at 7:30 a.m., induction ceremonies at 11 a.m. and then the Hall of Fame football game between the Indianapolis Colts and New Orleans Saints.

As Creekmur said, "It's the biggest, wildest 'Wow' of my life" ... and his friends and old neighbors in Woodbridge couldn't be happier for a more lar figure at collectible card shows deserving "local boy" who made good.

New kind of

homecoming

here just could be a Han of Fame coming to your neigh-

A growing phenomena in Central Jersey communities, local Halls of are, at long last, giving deserving individuals long overdue recognition for accomplishments while in high school.

There's the Perth Amboy Hall of Fame, which made its debut in 1984. And there's the Woodbridge Township Athletic Alumni Association Hall of Fame, which recently held its eighth annual induction ceremony banquet. St. Patrick's of Elizabeth is staging its fifth Hall of Fame program April 28. Last year, Bishop Ahr in Edison began the tradition.

New Brunswick is the latest to establish a Hall of Fame, and the first class will be inducted April 27.

Other communities are talking about establishing their own Hall of Fame.

While Woodbridge and New Brunswick but the focus on athletics, the wher halls of fame feature individuals who have excelled in scholastics or made significant contributions during their high school careers.

Interestingly, the Hall of Fame banquets have become homecomings of sorts. They are genuine reunions, as honorees come from near and far. bringing with them some outstanding success stories.

Take the Woodbridge Township Hall of Fame, which honored 16 former athletes or those affiliated with athletics at Woodbridge, John F. Kennedy (Iselin) and Colonia high schools. Last year, the Woodbridge Township of Fame inducted 32, with a rettendance of 175.

Bert Brodkin, one of the gants of the beverage industry in the United strates, returned from California for

Halls of fame gaining By EMERY KONICK IP DOPULarity with area high schools

A graduate of Woodbridge High School Class of 1959, Brodkin has received many honors during his time, but he said the induction into the Woodbridge Hall of Fame was one c, the most rewarding.

"It truly was a great honor being selected to the Woodbridge Township Athletic Hall of Fame." Brodkin said "Nostalgically looking back, I had the good fortune of playing and lettering three years of basketball, baseball and one year of football. Although I loved basketball, baseball provided me with the opportunity to attend Penn State on a baseball scholarship. I became the starting second baseman my sophomore year. During my senior year. we had the opportunity to represent the East at the 1963 NCAA College World Series in Omaha, Neb."

Brodkin added: "I would like to believe that the values of leadership. teamwork and competitiveness learned at Woodbridge High School have had a great deal to do with my business success."

And success and Brodkin scenago hand-in-hand. Brodkin is al. and chief executive officer of 701/RC Bottling Companies of Southern California with headquarters in Los Angeles. The company is the largest 7UP bottler in the world and among the largest bottlers in the United States. It markets nationally branded trademarks including 7UP, RC Cola, A & W Root Beer, Sunkist, Welchs. Evian, Perrier, Hawaiian Punch and Schweppes throughout southern California, Las Vegas, Albuquerque, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

It was Brodkin who was instrumental in establishing the company in September 1990, when he finalized the acquisition of the operation from Westinghouse Electric Corp. with other key members of his management team and outside investors.

Interestingly, Brodkin probably would have been in some other endeavor if it were not for baseball legend Billy Martin.

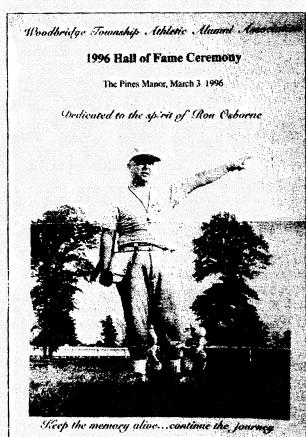
Martin was scouting for the Minnesota Twins during that 1953 College World Series. In between games,

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• Aldrage B. Cooper, Joe Marino and athletic director Pat Daly, above, discuss the inaugural New Brunswick Hall of Fame induction to be held April 27. The Woodbridge Township Athletic Alumni Association ceremony was dedicated to the late Ron Osborne, below left. Attending the event were Bart Brodkin, who flew in from California, and Joe Peters, left, being inducted by his brother, Bob.



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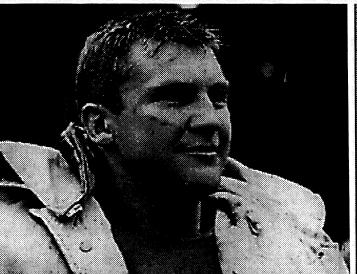
He's everybody's all-American

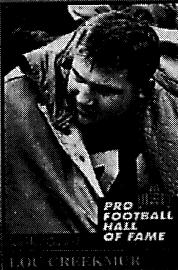
Woodbridge grad to enter hall of fame

By EMERY KONICK JR.

T's the biggest, wildest 'Wow of my life!" That's how Lou Creekmur, captain of the 1943 Woodbridge High School team, describes his induction tomorrow into the Professional Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio.

Creekmur has vivid memories of his neighbors and the neighborhoods in Woodbridge, so important in the formative stages of his life.





• Lou Creekmur, as a Detroit Lion, has been busy attending sports collectibles events. His newest trading card was produced for his induction into the Professional Football Hall of Fame



Mayor James E. McGreevey And the Township Council

Cordially invite you to join 1944 Woodbridge High School graduate And U.S. Army veteran Lou Creekmur At the dedication of

Lou Creekmur Plaza

in honor of his induction into the Pro Football Hall of Fame Saturday, March 1, 1997, at 11 a.m. Woodbridge Municipal Building One Main Street, Woodbridge, N.J.



Special Guest-Lou Creekmur

Lou Creekmur grew up in Keasbey, NJ, the son of James and Rose (Kaminski) Creekmur. His father, a delivery service owner, moved the family to Woodbridge where he played tackle in high school. He won a letter at tackle as a freshman for the College of William and Mary in 1944 and then joined the U.S. Army for two years. After returning to William and Mary in 1947, he started for the conference championship team. William and Mary finished 9-1 before losing 21-19 to Arkansas in the Dixie Bowl. As a junior, Lou played in the Dixie Bowl and scored the only touchdown of his career, running 70 yards after an intercepted pass. The recipient of the Jacobs Blocking Trophy in 1949, he played in the Senior Bowl and College All-Star Game. A track letter winner, he set a school record in the shot put and threw the discus.

When Lou's original class graduated in 1948, the Philadelphia Eagles (NFL) and Los Angeles Dons (AAFC) drafted him. He decided, however, to stay at William and Mary. After completing his eligibility, he was placed in the frozen player pool because the AAFC had disbanded. The Detroit Lions selected him from the pool. He became their regular offensive guard as a rookie in 1950. Following that season, Lou made the Pro Bowl squad, the first of eight consecutive seasons. He was named All-NFL from 1951 through 1954 as an offensive guard and tackle. He also played defense in key situations and spent part of the 1955 season at middle guard.

During his pro career, Lou played on three NFL championship teams and made All-NFL offensive tackle in 1956-57. He temporarily retired in 1959, but rejoined the Lions when they experienced injury problems...finally retiring permanently after playing the last eight games.

He has been named to the *Football Digest* All-Time All-Pro football team, has been selected for Hall of Fame induction for the Detroit Lions, the College of William and Mary and at Woodbridge High School.

He has had a long career with Ryder Truck and is currently director of customer and community relations. Lou has also served as a color commentator for the Miami Dolphins radio network in 1972.

(Information extracted from the National Football League Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony Program in July 1996...written by Jay Langhammer)

1997 WTAAA HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Woodbridge High School Legends

Edward (Buster) Johnston '38

555 New Brunswick Ave., Fords, NJ 08863 Tel.908-738-8597

Primarily a defensive back in high school, Buster remembers his game against arch rival, Perth Amboy, as the best game of his career.

He was also a charter member of the Woodbridge HS track team, created by Steve Werlock, as a pole vaulter and quarter miler.

Following graduation from high school, Buster played two years for the Hopelawn Greyhounds...scoring against the Woodbridge Golden Bears on the last play...with the help of Steve Cipo catching the pass.

Walter Launhardt '38 1000 Kings Highway # 35, Port Charlotte, FL 33980 Tel 908-735-8597

Walter played 3 years of football at Woodbridge, and after graduation was an outstanding lineman for the Woodbridge Golden Bears.

Angelo J. Pellegrino '40_ 2 Stafford Drive, Colonia, NJ 07067

Angelo played for 3 years as a tackle on the Woodbridge High School football team.

He followed this playing football with the Seventh Air Force (Hawaii) during World War II...playing a game against the "All Americans" during his 1940 season.

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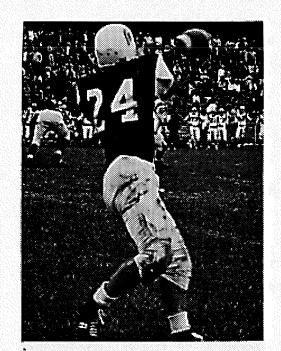
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"Another completed pass for the Green and White." Joe Croasdale is in the clear, waiting to receive the ball.

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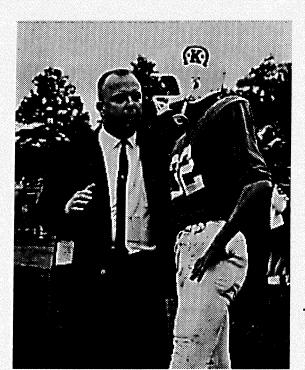
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Edison	0	7
East Brunswick	1f	18
Colorsia	0	41
John P. Stevens	0	14

"Hail the conquering hero." Coach Osborne leads the way home from another victory.





VARSITY TEAM—First rose: F. Carniglia, T. Carbonaro, J. Creasdale, A. Pope, R. Soporowski, G. Stevenson, Second rose: M. Sloan, M. Wood, L. Jaskewicz, D. Pajak, S. Kmiec, R. Thompson, Third rose: J. Dotoli, F. Carr, V. Fairchild, D. Bradbury, P. Handerhan, N. Toyas.



Victorious, emotional, exciting, fantastic—all are words which have been used to describe the 1967 football season. Yet no words could ever really capture the spirit of this season. Doing the impossible became commonplace for our Mustangs as they rolled on to an undefeated season, the first in Woodbridge Township in 37 years. Highlights in the string of 9 victories were an 18-14 win over East Brunswick, a 41-0 smash over Colonia and a rewarding 14-0 victory over J. P. Stevens.

Ball control and strong defense, attained through hard work by the boys and excellent instruction by the coaches, were the keys to Kennedy's success. Indicative of this success are the honors which have been bestowed upon the school and the team. Some are: Kennedy was rated second in the state; Joe Croasdale, Ray Soporowski, and Al Pope were chosen for the All-County Team, while all three also made All-State; and Head Coach, Ron Osborne, was chosen Star-Ledger Coach of the Year.

"Ji word of advice." Coach Ron Osborne counsels Gary Massicel.

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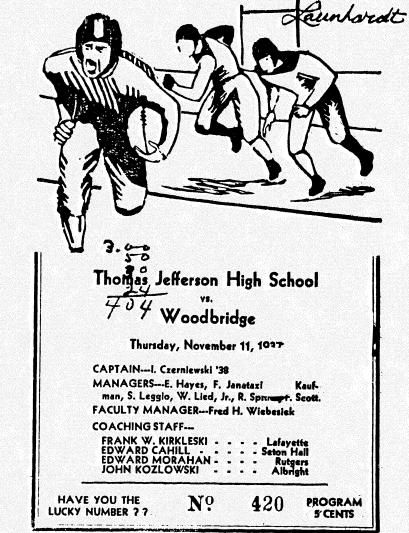
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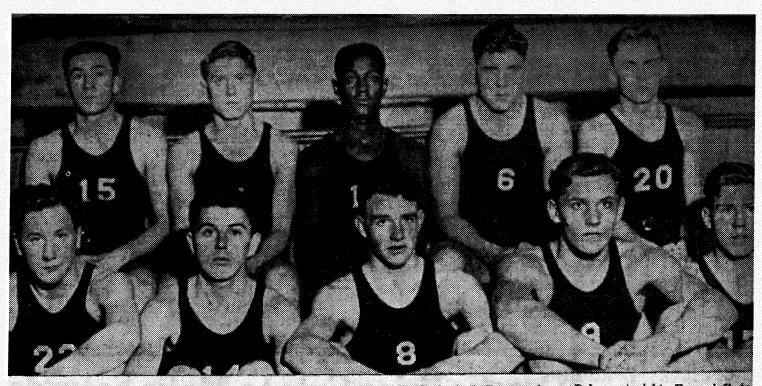
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WOODBRIDGE:

Faculty Manager Steven K. Werlock
Captain Appointed each game.
Senior Manager Robert Drummond:



OFFICIAL PROGRAM



Outpointed by Keyport in their first start, Woodbridge High School's basketball team plays at Rahway tonight. From left to right here are, Back row: Captain Leonard Buddy' Campbell; Lyman Peck, Arthur Barnes, John Wukovets, Alfred Tyrell; Front row: Charles Hinkle, Francis Burke, Oakley Blair, Oliver Neilsen and George Krumm.

Paul P. Toth '44

13 First Mate Way, Salem, SC 29676 Tel. 864-944-0746

Captain and center of his Woodbridge HS basketball team, Paul earned All County and Honorable Mention All State awards.

In football, Paul played left end on both offense and defense. He was recognized with the "Blocking and Tackling Trophy" as well as Honorable mention All State.

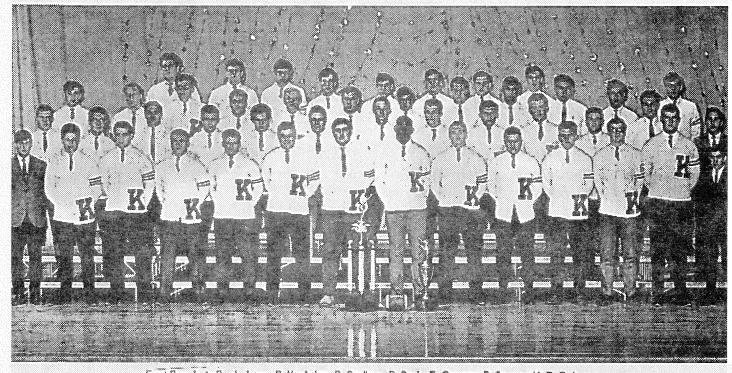
As a first baseman and right fielder in baseball, he played 3 years of varsity ball.

Following HS graduation at the University of Pennsylvania, he played football and basketball on scholarship. His play earned a tryout with the Sheboygan Redskins of the NBA. In the Navy, Paul played on the 12th Naval District Champions in 1945.



1967 John F. Kennedy High School Football Team

John F. Kennedy Memorial Fligh School CENTRAL JERSEY AND CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS 1967 9-0



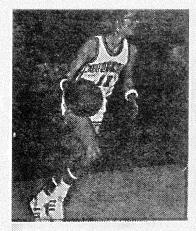
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Basketball Team



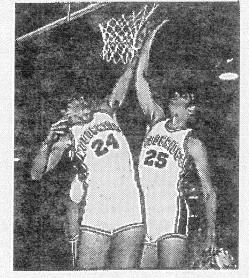
TIM OLAH
Guard
Captain
First Team Christmas Tournament
First Team All County
All County Tournament Team
Group IV All Stars
MVP — Group IV Central Jersey Fireis



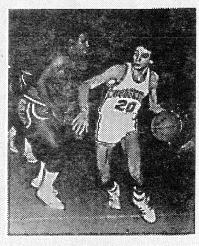
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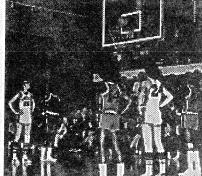
I'm Tim Oloh, fly me.

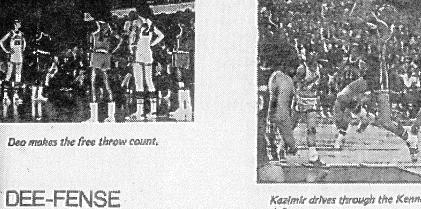


Barrons look for rebound.

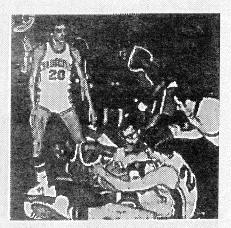


MARK DI DONNA
Forward
First Team Christmas Tournament
First Team All County
First Team Group IV
Second Team All State

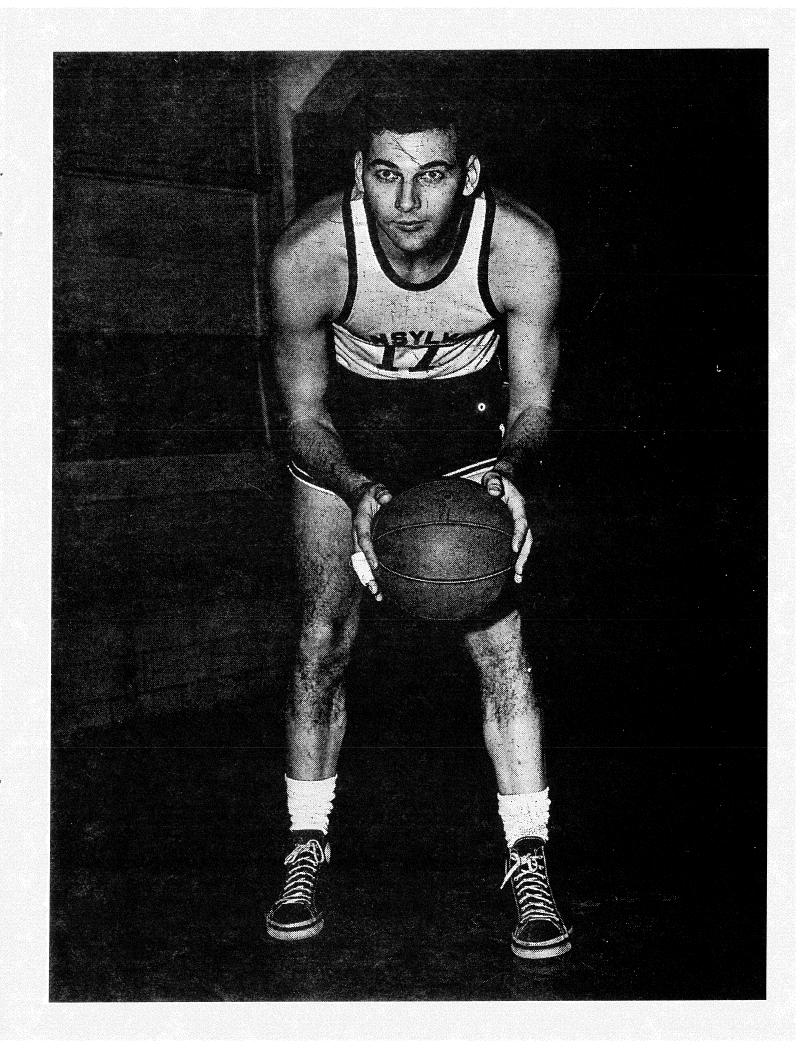




Kazimir drives through the Kennedy defense.

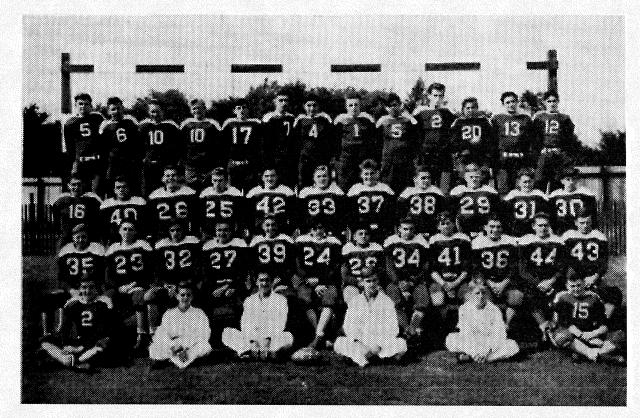


R.J. lights for the ball.



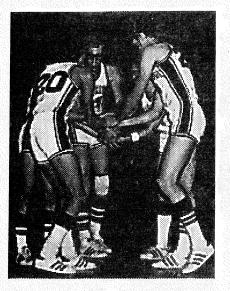
1975 Woodbridge High School

Football Team





Cheerleaders



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Basketball

S T A T E C H A M P



The 1974-1975 varsity basketball team, coached by Joe Flaherty, became the first team in the school's history to capture a state championship. The season commenced In December of 1974; however, in reality it began in the fall of 1972 when the most talented group of players to enter the school in one year teamed up on the Junior Varsity Level to complete an outstanding season. The team continued its winning ways in the 73-74 season on the Varsity level, winning more than twenty games. With two years of winning basketball behind them, the seniors on the squad, captain Tim Olah, Richard Kazimir, Randy Adleman, Edmund Etzold, Mark DiDonna, Stephen Orlick and Junior Stephen Lucas, had an appointment with destiny for greatness. While compiling a 29-2 season, the Barrons reached the apex of their drive to basketball excellence when they captured the Group IV Championship by handily defeating the Ghosts of Paterson Eastside at Brookdale Community College. Besides winning the state championship, the team also set a school record for victories while becoming one of, if not the most, feared defensive club in the state. The team also set a standard for other schools by excelling academically, by displaying unequaled sportsmanship, and by playing with intensity and guts that will undoubtedly insure them a place in the

hearts and minds of those people who

followed and supported the team.

STEPHEN ORLICK



T.N.T.'s Coach of the Year, Jae Flaherty



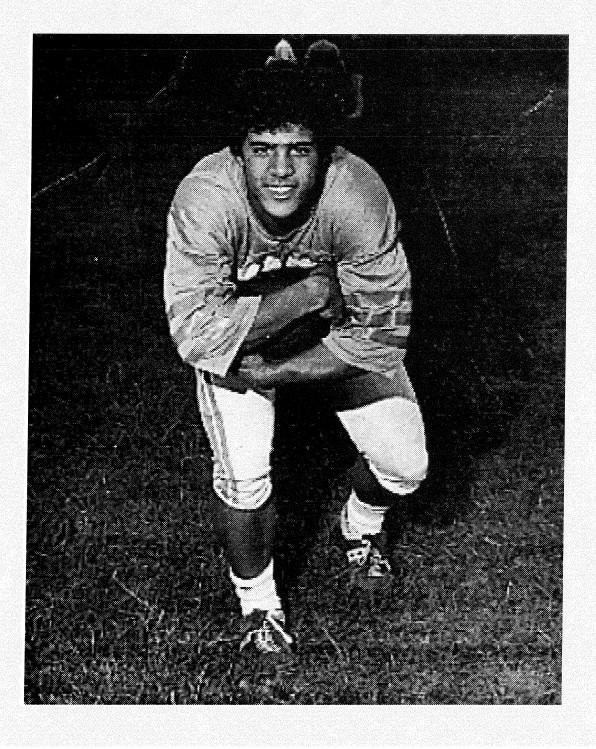
Assistant coach, Harry Zmijewski

Donald Oshiro '76

980 Skyway Drive, Reno, NV 89503 Tel. 702-746-3423

As Co-captain of the 10-1 football team, Don lead the team with 14 TD's, 870 yards rushing, 4 fumble recoveries and 2 blocked punts. He earned All Conference, All Metro, 3rd team All State and NJ All Star recognition.

In college, his football play earned him a 3 time ACAC Played of the Week recognition, 2 time All MAC and offensive MVP (1979).



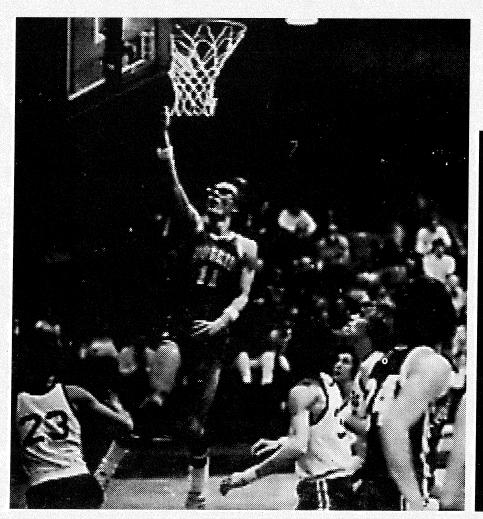
Woodbridge High School

Timothy V. Olah '75

2036 Wentz-Church Road, Lansdale, PA 19446 Tel. 610-584-4655

Tim was the captain of the Woodbridge Group IV state basketball champions. He earned MVP honors in the Group IV Central Jersey finals as well as All County, Scholar Athlete and Kantor Memorial Awards for his play.

After graduation from Woodbridge, Tim went to Princeton University and played basketball for four years. His 1976-77 team won the Ivy League Championship.





James (Jerry) Miller '60

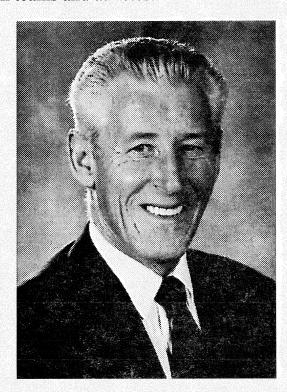
PO Box 628, Pocono Lake, PA 18347 Tel. 717-643-1182

Jerry was a punter on the Woodbridge HS football team, and also played basketball.

He was best known, however, for his pitching success with the Barrons, where he earned All State honors in 1959. To prove that it isn't always the winning team that is remembered, Jerry's two best pitching performances were in losing efforts. In 1959, (a game many called one of the greatest ever) he pitched a no-hitter against Rahway only to lose 1-0 in the 10th inning. Jerry also pitched 13 innings in the Group IV title game against New Brunswick, which was lost 7-6.

In professional baseball, he played for the Chicago White Sox, Pittsburgh Pirates and Cincinnati Reds...with the likes of Pete Rose, Tony Perez, etc.

As TV Sportscaster for 28 years (currently Sports Director at WBRE-TV in Wilkes-Barre), he has covered every major sporting event and produced over 500 TV specials on teams and athletes.





JIM MILLER

MUNICAY, DECEMBER 2, 1996 THE HOME NEWSCHELD NO.

HOME NEWS & TRIBUNE FALL COACHES OF THE YEA

Girls Tennis =

J.P. Stevens upholds its reputation under Pisano

There were a few question marks how-eving over the J.P. Stevens High School girls tennes team when practicul commenced in early September.

After the graduation of their top two players from last fall's 13-4 squad and the retirement of veteran alapper Des Miller, the Hawks' proud terms tradition seemed to be at a crossroads.

Hader now coath Ellen Pisano, the hare cleared up rather quickly.

The Harks opened their sesson with a commanding 5-0 win over highly-touted Old Bridge and embarked on an 11-3 campaign that included a strong second-place choosing at the Greater Middlesex Conference Tournament.

For blending a linear of new laces and much innerved veterans into a vinning unit in her first season, Pisano is The Home News & Tribune Girls Teacis Couch of the Year.

"I came into a program that already had the reputation, said France, who conched tennis at Woodbridge High



PISANO

1979-85 before leaving to be home with bot three caldres. "To maintain that reputation is really a clubleage.

What sweetened her return to coaching. Fesom said. Wes the chemistry and camaraderia between the players.

They're a tight-init group. That really makes a difference," she said. "They were very coachable."

And Pissoo did coach. To fill the holes in the singles positions, she helped dereion two of the GMC's most improved players --- suphomore Julia Pu at that sin

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gles and senior Carolyn Figurald at third singles.

For who didn't play has fall, finished 13-5 as the top spot, including a semi-final showing at the GMCT. Figurati, who had played doubles for three years, finished 15-3 and won the GMCT third studes title.

Combined with sessoned second singles player Ellyn Polonck and a pair of quality doubles tendents, the Hawks were playing super-compen-nive tennis — Pisano-style.

"Tay a teaching coach," she said. "I used bansor a lot and tried not to make things a pressure situation."

After a brief period of adjustment, the players began to raily around their new mentar and the wire continued to

And win J.P. Stevens did, except against arch-rival East Branswick tich dealt the Hawke all three of air passes and topped there in the

Dethroning the Bears will be Pisano's mission for next fell, but she's already begun thinking about it.

"We could possibly be a little more of a challenge to them," she said, noting that six of her seven starters will return. "A lot of times it's whether you believe in yourself

After one season under Pisano, the J.P. Stevens tesnis faithful are believ-

Ellen Baureis (Pisano) '74

44 Kentnor Street, Metuchen, NJ 08840 Tel. 908-549-1690

As a Colonia High School athlete, Ellen was the Captain of the 1974 tennis team (playing first singles), was MVP of the first varsity basketball team at Colonia, and was C0-captain of the 1974 Middlesex County Cheerleading Champions.

At Montclair State, Ellen continued her tennis, playing singles and doubles...as well as gymnastics.

At Woodbridge High School, Ellen has taught physical education (1978-1985), coached the girls' tennis team to Middlesex and Central Jersey Conference Championships (1984 record was 21-1) and coached the boys' tennis team as well. At J.P. Stevens, her 1996 awards include division and Home News and Tribune Coach of Year recognition.



One guy who's been there

By DAVE SHULTZ Press-Enterprise spirit

If there's one guy who can claim he's been everywhere, it's WBRE-TV sports suchor Jim

WBRE's Jim Miller even the big leagues someday. He was not was them on the big leagues someday. He was not was them on the big leagues someday. He was not wastern on TV every nips, the story is proposed Teeley, meet Jim Miller, the story is the fix of an occasional series of profile of Steal TV spons por some of the story is the fix of an occasional series of profile of Steal TV spons por some of the story of the story is the story is the story is the fixed of the story of the stor

The 47-year-old sportscasler rubbed elbows with future baseball greats in the minor leagues. His broadcasting work liss taken him from Newport, R.I., to Oklahoma City, Okl family moved to New Jersey, where the hard throwing left-

nander lighed with the Chicine heds after gradualing from Woodbridge High School. Eventually, he wound up pitching for the Reds' Tampa, Fis., farm club, playing and rooming with some other than Pote Seas.

"We used to sit on the back

for triples."

Miller says Rose was
"cocksure" and leved to gamble,
even in the minors.

But his most vivid memory Places see MILLER page 22



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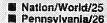


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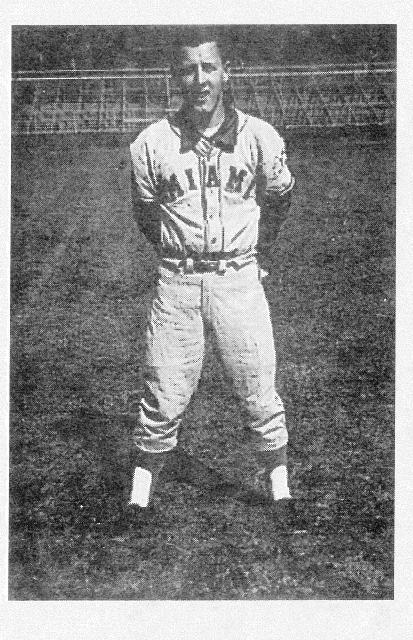
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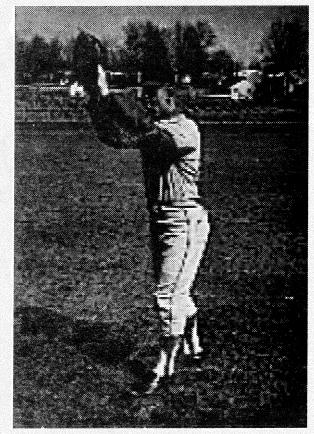






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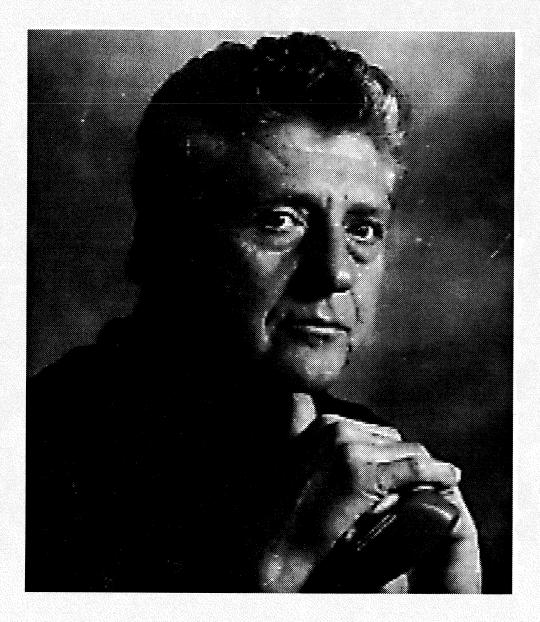
Tom Ulozas '61

C/O 38 West George Place, Iselin, NJ 08830 Tel. 908-906-9198

Perhaps Woodbridge High School's best match golfer, Tom lost only one match in high school competition. He was the youngest club champion ever at Metuchen Golf Club at age 17.

In 1961, Tom won the American Junior event, followed by the state PGA Championship. From 1976-1979, he was the "Player of the Year". Tom played the regular PGA tour for several years. One year, he lost to Yancey in a playoff at the American Golf Classic.

Tom also played the Senior Tour for 3 years, finishing 29th.



Thomas R. Confer '71

359 Cypress Drive, Colonia, NJ 07067 Tel. 908-388-4763

Tom's primary sports at Colonia HS were cross country and track. His 800 (1:58.2), Mile (4:23) and 440 (52 sec) best times are impressive...especially if he could duplicate them today.

Tom was the first Colonia athlete to earn 9 varsity letters (participated each season). He was awarded All County and Sectional Champ recognition.

Colonia High School

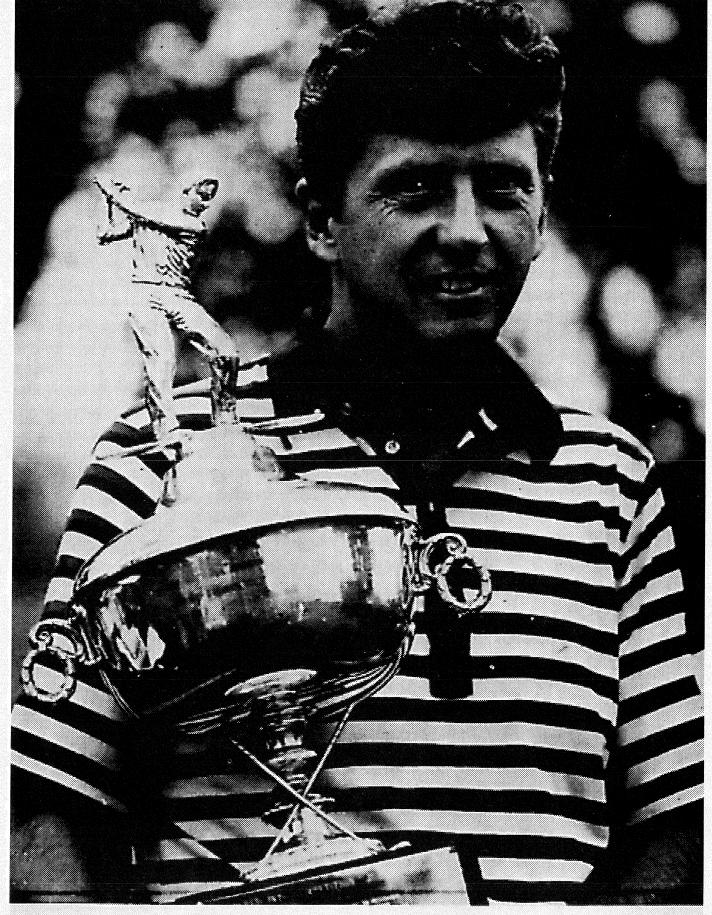
John Baldante '76

16 West Bells Mill Road, Chestnut Hill, NJ 19118 Tel. 215-242-8234

A First Team All Stater and a High School All-American quaterback at Colonia, led his team to outstanding records in each of his 3 years at the helm. Known for his high accuracy passing statistics on the field, he was also accurate in his school work, earning NJ Scholar of the Year in high school and All Atlantic Coast Conference Academic honors at the University of Maryland...plus a Rhodes Scholar candidate nomination.

John shared the ABC "Player of the Game" award with Penn State's Chuck Fusina in a nationally televised game (as a safety), and played in the Cotton and Hall of Fame Bowls.

In high school, John also wrestled and ran track...earning letters in both sports.



Defending NJSGA Open Champion, Tom Ulozas.

Joan Wataha

11 Simpson Place, Metuchen, NJ 08840 Tel. 908-549-6790

A Westfield High School graduate, Joan has contributed greatly to Woodbridge Township sports as a teacher and coach for 16 years.

She played basketball and field hockey in high school, but is best known at in Woodbridge as the head softball coach for 12 years. During her tenure she compiled many accomplishments:

- State Group IV Championship
- State Group IV runner-up
- Central NJ Group IV Championships
- Middlesex County Athletic Championship
- Coach of the Year Awards

Joan is in the NJ Interscholastic Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

Woodbridge Girls Just Super Enroute to State Title

That's the way Coach Joan Watsha viows the super season of the Woodbridge Senior High School girls solitisal team which startled the New Jersey sports scene by capturing the state softball championship.

The Woodbridge girls accomplished what many considered to be an impossible mission late in June when they won the New Jersey State interscholastic Athletic Association Group IV state softball title.

For a varsity sport in existence only lour years in the district, that was a truly remarkabio accompilahme

But the wonder of it all was that Woodbridge defeated previously unbeaten Westfield, 3-1, to gain the crown. Westfield had won 25 games and the best pitcher in New Jersey on the liring line. Coach Wataha's Young Woodbridge

team compiled an overall record of 24 wins and only four losses caroute to winning the Central Jersey Group IV title and the state championship. think the mark of this team was the ability to come from behind. There were plenty of games when we fell behind but the girls never gave up and managed to fight back and win.

"They believed in themselves." Coach Watshe also cited the team's atensive play.

"We worked very hard all year on defense," Walaha stated. "If your detense is sound, you can be very hard

Koperwhals was named to the first team all-state squad at shortstop

in the championship round of the Middlesex County Conference

Middlessx County Conservation
Tournament, In a bit of enother crown.

Satte White was the No. 1 hurter for
Woodbridge, recording a record of 13
wins and three losses including the win
over Westfield. Maura Dilee won four
games without a loss as did Donna
Konservater, less Passeller use 3-1 Koperwhats, Jean Spangler was 3-1.

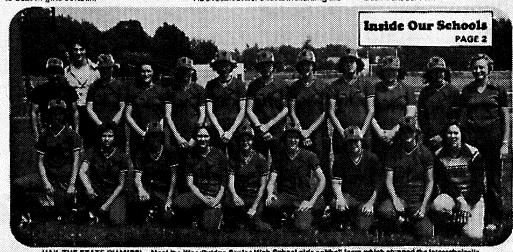
As a result of her afforts in molding the

Mrs. Watche was named "Coach of the Year" in Middlesex County.

Michael Yannazzo was assistan coach.

The girls and staff were honored at a year-and banqual at which time they received numerous awards including picture plaques from the Board O

P.S. Most of the team members will a back next season

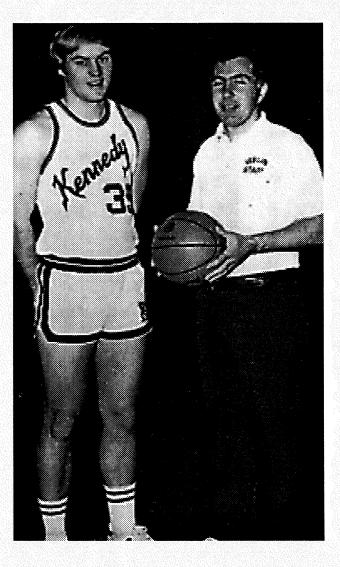


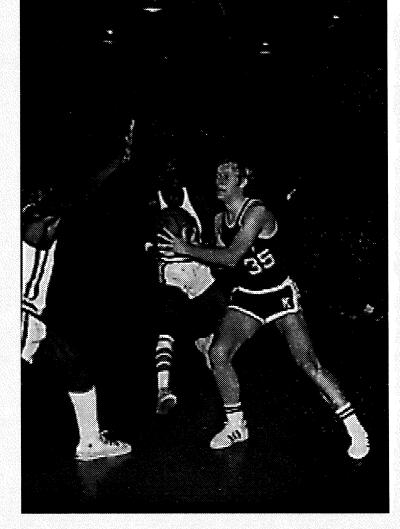
Richard Ullrich III '74

89 Westminster Road, Colonia, NJ 07067 Tel.908-381-2340

Rich's senior year basketball team at JFK finished 2nd in the state tournament and were Middlesex County and Central Jersey Champions. As co-captain, he lead his team to become the first basketball team to go undefeated in the Middlesex County Conference.

Rich also played baseball and ran cross country in high school... and played basketball in college.





Bill Miller '71

5 Myrtle Street, Brattleboro, VT 05301 802-254-6541

Bill was an All-County, All State and Middlesex County 1st team All Star performer as a 3 year member of the football team.

Following graduation, Bill went on to Norwich University and started for 3 years and was recognized in 1974 on the All New England Defensive team and received the "Most Dedicated Work Horse" award.

During his 15 year football coaching career at Gettysburg College, Norwich University and Brattleboro Union High School, he has enjoyed considerable success (much of which he attributes to his start with Ron Osborne).

As defensive coordinator at Gettysburg (8 years coaching), Bill's 1982 & 1983 defensive teams ranked #1 & 2 in all divisions.

At Brattleboro Union High School for 7 years, he was named Coach of the Year in 1993 when his team went 9-0. In 1994, he was named to coach the Shrine All Star Football team in a game played at Dartmouth College.

Wataha guided Woodbridge High to two championships

Home News photos by Nat Clymer

1979



John F. Kennedy High School

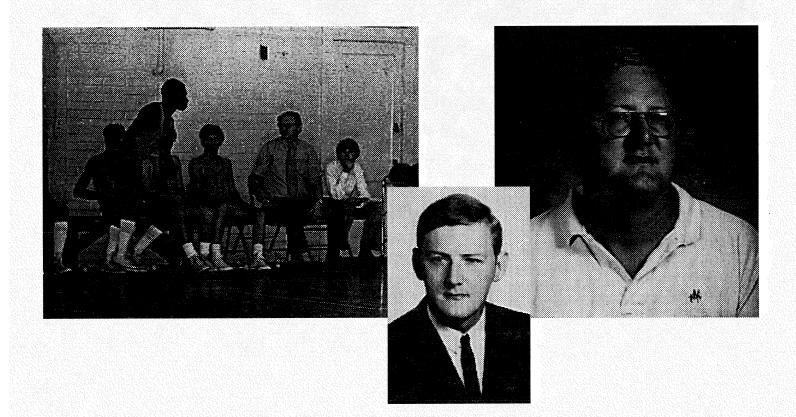
George Burbella '65

2706 One Iron Street, Morehead City, NC 28557 Tel. 919-240-1261

George was a mainstay during 1962-1965 on the JFK track team. He ran the 880 on the undefeated indoor track team and ran anchor on the mile relay championships at the Queens-Iona Relays as well as the Central Jersey Championships.

George is the former record holder for the 1,000 meter indoors, and the 880 yard outdoor track at JFK. He was the most improved in 1965, and earned 3 letters at Woodbridge and John F. Kennedy high schools.

At East Carolina University, he continued his track and cross country efforts as a member of the championship cross country team, and ran the 400 & 800 in track.



Thomas (Skip) Garley '71

70 Winding Road, Iselin, NJ 08830 Tel.908-283-2095

As a three year letterman and captain of the 1970-71 JFK football team, Skip was voted the outstanding back and nominated for All County. A halfback on offense, he was also a defensive halfback, cornerback and safety (with 6 interceptions and 7 TD's).

On the baseball diamond, Skip lead the team in homeruns and was also nominated for All County. In track, he was a member of the mile relay team which finished 3rd in the state.



JOHN F. KENNEDY 14 THOMAS JEFFERSON 0

ELIZABETH - John F. Kennedy High School (4-5), behind the pitching of Ted Jenscik and Skip Garley's hitting, annihilated Thomas Jefferson, 14-0. yesterday afternoon.

Jenscik, who spun a four-hit shutout, received all the offensive support he needed from Garley who collected four trips in five at bats including a home run. He also had five runs batted in and boosted his batting average to the .438 mark.

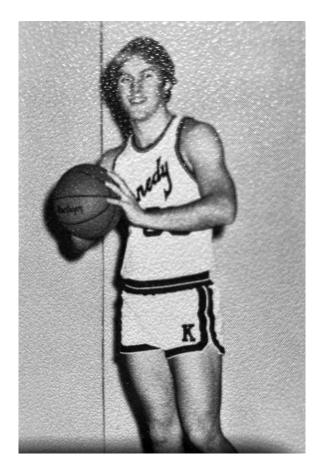


Kennedy Captains: Bill Miller; Bill Fairchild; Coach Ron Osborne; Skip Garley; John Kennedy.

Supplemental Athlete Photos

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John F. Kennedy High School



Rick Ullrich, JFK