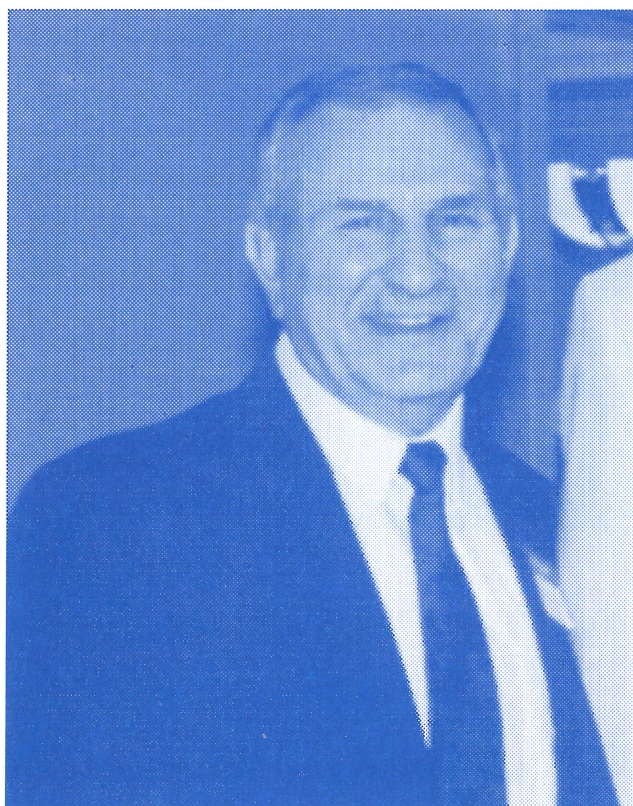


Woodbridge Township Athletic Alumni Association

1998 Hall of Fame Ceremony

The Pines Manor, March 1, 1998

Dedicated to Samuel A. Lupo



...Tributes To A Gentleman

WTAAA 1998 PROGRAM

HALL OF FAME CEREMONY

March 1, 1998

Opening Remarks

Invocation

~~Tribute to Sam Lupo~~

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Dinner

Johnnie Royle

Woodbridge High School Legend Inductees

Woodbridge High School Inductees

John F. Kennedy High School Inductees

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Remembering Sam

“Always Be A Gentleman”

That expression was a primary principle in the life and times of Samuel A. Lupo, storied coach, respected educator and beloved by family and friends.

Sam arrived in Woodbridge in 1963 bringing with him a fistful of football titles garnered from his coaching at Lincoln High School in his native Jersey City.

This was the start of a perfect blend of life in time for Sam because he came to a town steeped in a winning tradition in football but more importantly he came to a town where generations of young men had drilled into them the importance of proper conduct, being a gentleman.

Sam continued to raise the consciousness of gentlemanly behavior as he raised some of the great football teams in Woodbridge High School history and his personal life bore fruit as well through his marriage to Annabelle Dunfee and the children they would share together.

Sam was a product of the streets of Jersey City made hard by the despair of a depression, the personal tragedies of a world war and the loss of his father when Sam was in the very bloom of his youth.

To anyone knowing Sam back then it was clear that he was his mother's son. He carried himself always with dignity, never allowing the hitches and rubs of life to diminish his soft side or challenge his strength of character in an unbecoming fashion.

A boyhood pal who shared those tough times in Jersey City recently lamented, “all of us have lost one of the world's last knights.”

During his nine years as a coach before becoming Athletic Director, Sam's teams pounded out victory after victory and hung up championship banners while Sam continued to pound into any young man who came his way, the importance of being a gentleman.

As Sam's teams rang up victories, he continued to ring up a parade of honors stretching back to his Alma Mater, William & Mary College. Again and again he was inducted into Halls of Fame and his winning ways while prowling football sidelines resulted in statewide and regional recognition as Football Coach of the Year.

While Sam treasured this recognition, it continued to take a back seat to his most important role of all, his most prized accomplishment of instilling the proper ingredients of character in the young men who came his way.

Barron football player, now educator, Kevin Barnes had to have summed up the thoughts of all the young men whose lives were influenced by Sam Lupo, when he reflected, "Coach Lupo always stressed to all of us how difficult it can be to do the right thing but also how fulfilling it is to set goals, goals that we always designed to slightly exceed our grasp. In that way we would never expect anything less of ourselves than our very best effort."

Barnes concluded, "he showed us how to be gentlemen by example, he made it always the best medicine for what ails us. I will miss him."

The magnitude of the reach of Sam Lupo into the lives of others was always apparent but never more so than in recent time through the collection of written remembrances delivered to his wife Annabelle from friends dating back to childhood, colleagues and former players and students. In addition there was the swift action of the Woodbridge Board of Education to honor his contributions by re-naming the entrance road to Woodbridge High - Sam Lupo Place.

But the greatest tribute of all will continue to happen for decades to come because Sam Lupo continues to live on in the hearts and minds of those who knew him for a short time or many-many years.

To each and every one Sam Lupo gave something of himself, leaving a deep and lasting impression, starting with his credo:

"Always Be A Gentleman"

TRIBUTES TO A GENTLEMAN

- Sam was a special person, an individual who conducted himself as the best human beings in our country are expected to behave. His attitude was always positive and he was a man of integrity and compassion. In single terms he set the example for all the teachers, administrators and students with whom he worked throughout his career in education. As a parent, I would love to see my son emulate the characteristics found in Sam Lupo.

Dr. Frederick Buonocore, former superintendent of schools, Woodbridge Twp.

- Sam was always more mature than the rest of us, a tribute to the strength and guidance of his mother. He never acted like a tough guy because he didn't have to. We all admired him, kids on the block, kids in the neighborhood. He had the strength of character and set an example for all of us.

Larry Zacche, Boyhood Buddy

- Sam was one of the nicest individuals anyone could ever meet. The only people who thought differently were our opponents in football because Sam was as tough a guy in my time as ever roamed the grass between the chalk. He was certainly a credit to Dickinson High in so many ways as well as our success in football and we won with regularity.

Joseph Brunner, Dickinson '46

- What a swell guy! What a wonderful man! Anyone who knew him had to admire him, like him as a person. To me he was a Nick Priscoe type of man and I hold Nick in great admiration. Sam was always straight-forward and honest and he helped so many people in their careers and goals. I will admit I always got "chills" when JP Stevens teams went against the Barrons because of my ties to WHS.

Ed Adams, JP Stevens AD, retired, WHS '54

- We often referred to Sam Lupo as, "Sam the Man,"because he was truly a man for all people. Sam always put the emphasis on human relation skills. He was firm when he had to be but always fair in his mild mannered way that earned the respect of one and all no matter their age in life.

Emery Konick, Home News Tribune - WHS '51

- It was always good to be in Sam's company. I deeply appreciate his commitment to supporting and forwarding the growth of the WTAAA right down to taking tickets at the door to the banquet when we were first getting started. There was never anything too great or too small for Sam to attach himself to when it came to kids and athletics and education. He had one "hell" of a memory too because on Thanksgiving Day in 1963 we beat him and WHS with a surprise play. He never forgot that play and we never beat him again!

Dr. Vincent Caparo, Superintendent of Schools, Edison Twp. & WHS '56

Sam was some guy! Another in the list of people we at Woodbridge revere because of notable contributions in education and athletics. Through Sam I learned what it took to be an Athletic Director and even after his retirement, he was always there to help and counsel. Sam had a great attachment to Woodbridge High and continued it by being so supportive of the Athletic Alumni Association. I'll never forget that when we won the championship in 1980, Sam was the first person on the field to celebrate the victory with the players and coaching staff. We suffer the loss of his presence but we are all better for his having been among us.

Frank Capraro, Athletic Director WHS - '45

1998 WTAA HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Woodbridge High School Legends

John Kish '49

18 Webb Drive, Fords, NJ 08863-1028 Tel. 732-225-2199

One in a long list of outstanding receivers and defensive stalwarts during his playing days at WHS during the 1947 and '48 seasons. His stellar play in 1948 resulted in his being named to WTCT Radio's All Central Jersey squad.

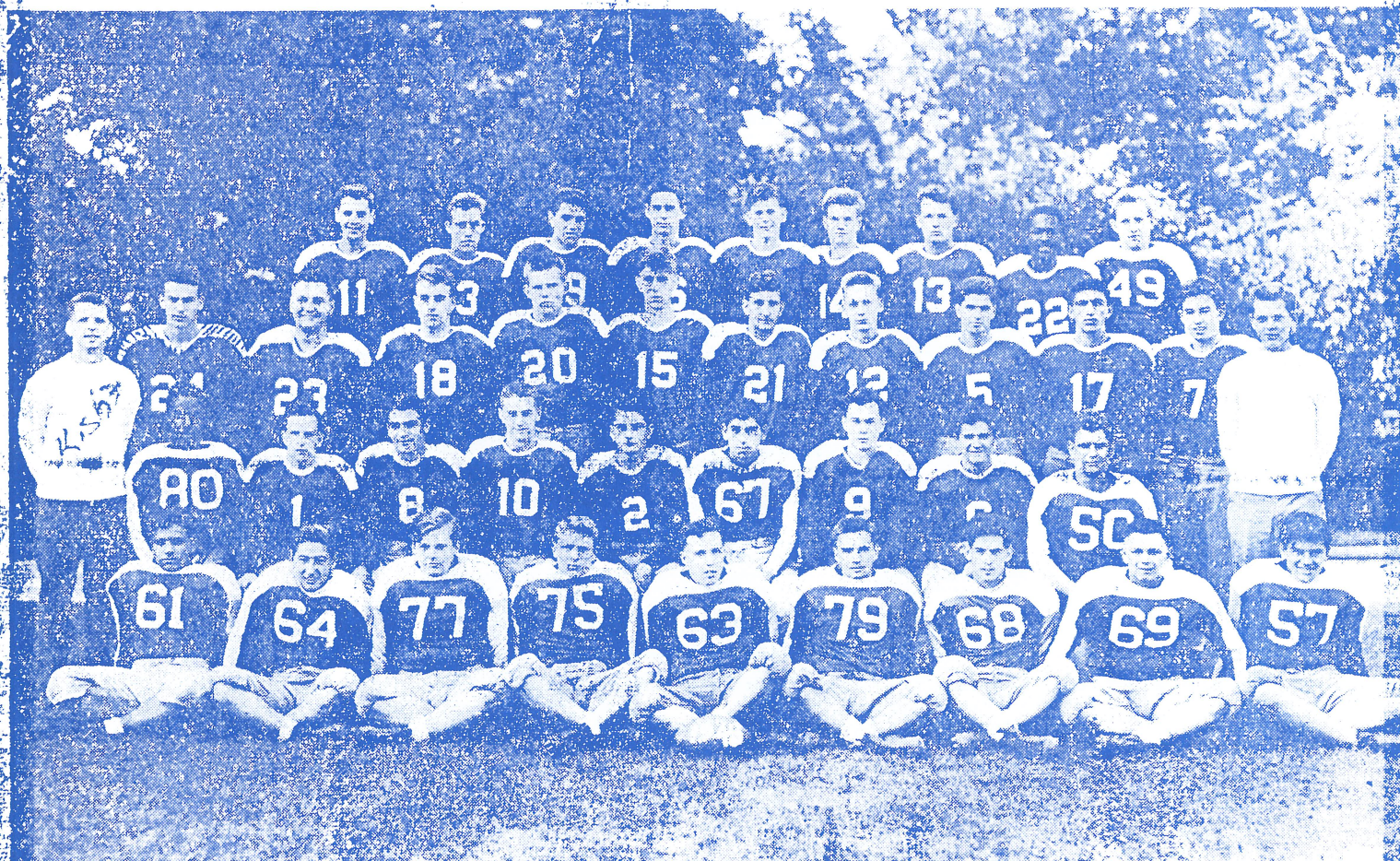
In addition, he earned two letters in baseball as a first baseman for the Barron varsity.

John went on to gain honors as a lineman while serving as co-captain of the University of Chattanooga eleven and later became another in along list of Barrons who contributed to the continued success and outstanding national reputation of the semi-pro Woodbridge Golden Bears.



UO CAPTAIN—Big John Kish, 210-pound tackle, leads the University of Chattanooga Moccasins, who open their home campaign at Chamberlain Field Friday night against Memphis State. The veteran lineman was elected alternate captain last year and is serving as captain with Billy Ray Brown, who is answering a call from Uncle Sam today.

Carrying Woodbridge High's Football Hopes



Bottom row, left to right: DiTamasso, Scarpelletti, Simon, Ilg, Kotten, Balogh, Farley, Darosi, Santora. Second row: Hall, Stockel, Ottaviano, Hodan, Williams, Bonacore, Moskowitz,

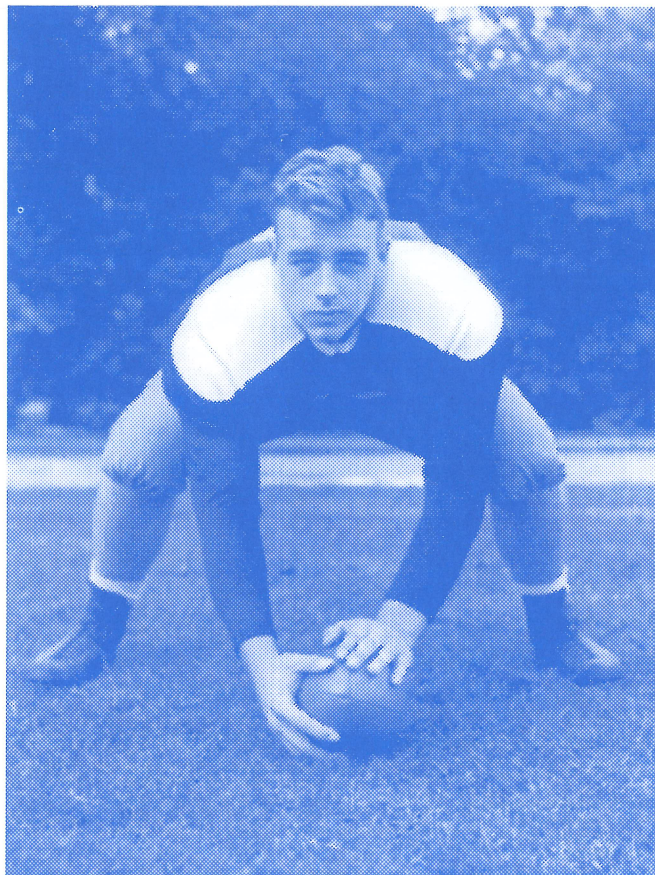
LaBruno, Izso. Third row: Manager Dances, Kish, Dalina, Etzold, Christensen, Olsen, Demish, Johansen, Sabo, Mazza, Sullivan, Manager Bosze. Top row: Pichalski, Grzyb, Deryn, Melnick, Nelson, Kjeldson, Ambrose, Cherry, Rosenmeier.

Edmund Etzold '51

1012 Ellis Parkway, Edison, NJ 08820 Tel. 732-388-8487

Ed Etzold was introduced to varsity football at Woodbridge High as a freshman when the starting center was lost for the season due to an injury. Over the next four years Ed became a tower of strength on several of coach Nick Priscoe's top defensive teams and earned Ed a bevy of county and regional honors for his play.

When not intimidating opponents across the line of scrimmage, Ed participated in field events on the track team, throwing the shot put and javelin and notably, he was Woodbridge's one and only 240 pound miler.



Dominick Scutti '37

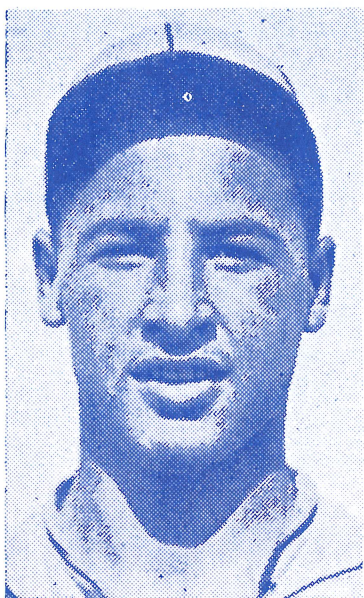
1925 West Woodcrest, Fullerton, Calif. 92633

Since the advent of athletics at Woodbridge High, the town of Port Reading has been an over-achiever in providing athletes whose talents spurred Woodbridge sports to championships.

Among the earlier individuals to make significant contributions to various programs was Dominick Scutti who starred on a championship baseball team as a catcher and played a vital role as a halfback and quarterback on the varsity at a point in time when Woodbridge was emerging as a football power to be reckoned with. It was also in this same period that a transition was taking place with Woodbridge changing its nickname for sports teams from the Red Ghosts to the Barrons.

Dominick Scutti, in baseball parlance, carried a "mean stick" to the plate and in the championship year of 1935, led the squad in hitting with a 346 average. In that year and '36 he was recognized county-wide and state-wide as an outstanding baseball player.

When people from Woodbridge or Port Reading think of student athletes and their contributions through the years, Dominick Scutti's name is right up front.



Dominick Scutti
Catcher

All-State Selections

FIRST TEAM

FIRST BASE.....GEORGE CHOBORDA, HILLSIDE
SECOND BASE.....WILLIAM MATUSZ, WOODBRIDGE
SHORT STOP.....FRANK TRYECIAK, NEW BRUNSWICK
THIRD BASE.....IRVING KAPLUS, VERONA
LEFT FIELD.....ANDREW BARCELLONA, WOODBRIDGE
CENTER FIELD.....WILLIAM LUZANSKY, TRENTON
RIGHT FIELD.....HENRY POWERS, EAST SIDE (NEWARK)
CATCHER.....LEO INTRABARTOLO, HILLSIDE
PITCHER....."CHICK" BALDYGA, BLOOMFIELD
PITCHER.....HENRY BOROWY, BLOOMFIELD
PITCHER.....HOWIE ANDERSON, HILLSIDE
PITCHER.....ANSON PERINA, IRVINGTON
PITCHER.....PERCY WUKOVETS, WOODBRIDGE
UTILITY.....WILLIAM ZISKO, EAST SIDE (NEWARK)

SECOND TEAM

FIRST BASE.....JOHN COMBA, CARTERET
SECOND BASE....."CHIPPY" DE SOCCIO, WEST NEW YORK
THIRD BASE.....EDWARD TURECKI, PASSAIC
LEFT FIELD.....TED MAZUR, BLOOMFIELD
CENTER FIELD.....FRANK STEINITZ, HILLSIDE
RIGHT FIELD.....CHARLES LANNING, HAMILTON TOWNSHIP
CATCHER.....MIKE BLAZO, PLAINFIELD
CATCHER.....BOB SMITH, PATERSON EAST SIDE
PITCHER.....EDWARD BLACK, DICKINSON
PITCHER.....WILLIAM CARUSO, BARRINGER
PITCHER.....STAN KOSEL, CARTERET
PITCHER.....PAUL MELBLOM, NEW BRUNSWICK

THIRD TEAM

FIRST BASE.....WILBUR ZUEST, IRVINGTON
SECOND BASE.....JAMES ROLLO, WEST SIDE
SHORT STOP.....RAY LEVENDUSKY, NUTLEY
THIRD BASE.....NEWT FREUND, COLUMBIA
LEFT FIELD.....LOU DOURA, PATERSON EAST SIDE
CENTER FIELD.....OZZIE NELSON, BLOOMFIELD
RIGHT FIELD.....FRANK BILANE, IRVINGTON
CATCHER.....MICHAEL FIZER, PERTH AMBOY
CATCHER.....DONALD SCUTTI, WOODBRIDGE
PITCHER.....ROBERT TROCOLAR, HACKENSACK
PITCHER.....JIM PERKINS, PLAINFIELD
PITCHER.....MIKE DI BELLA, VERONA
PITCHER.....JOHN SLECKITIS, KEARNY

Ernie Barany '43

675 Ridgedale Ave., Woodbridge, NJ 07095 Tel. 732-634-6033

He was a barn-burner with speed to spare. An apt description from anyone who ever saw Ernie Barany blaze his way through a hole in the line.

Ernie's mercurial feats with the ball tucked under his arm were highlights of the 1942 Barron season and in the Perth Amboy game in particular with Panther tacklers grabbing at thin air.

During his playing days, Ernie was part of a Barron eleven that featured numerous Hall of Famers to be including future All Pros, Lou Creekmur, (Lions), and Tucker Thompson, (Browns), as well as another of Woodbridge's finest Ernie Dubay.

Those gridiron performances brought All County and All State recognition to the fleet-footed Barany who when he wasn't playing football streaked through sprints in track played baseball.

He served in the Submarine Service in WWII and married his high school sweetheart Anne Pappas.

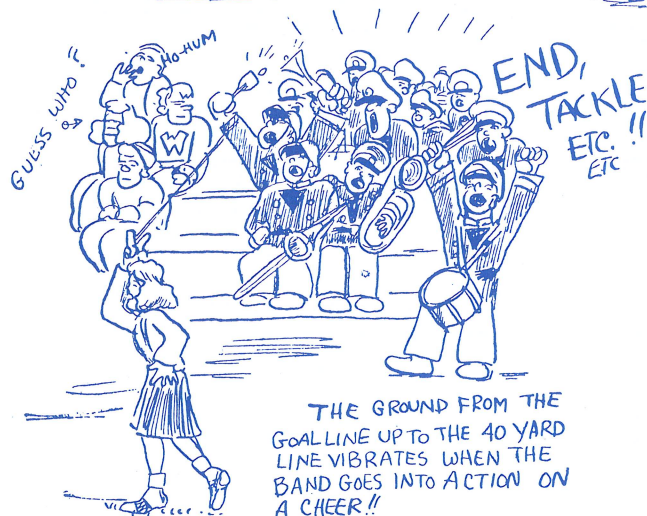
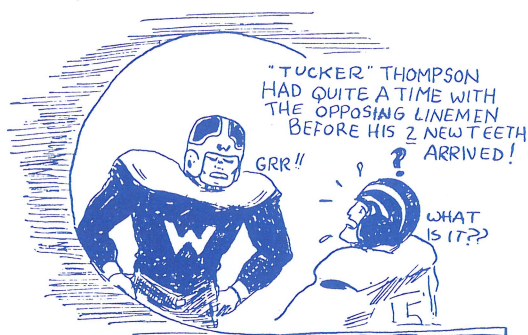




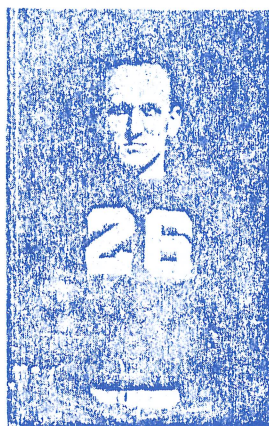
SATURDAY NAPSHOTS



54
-Art Rouchman



All-County



Ernie Barany

Ernie Baranay, hard smashing Barron fullback, was selected by the county sports writers as the first-string back on the All-Middlesex football team. He was the only choice from the Red and Black squad to attain the honor this year. Last year, "Ghost" received All-state honorable mention. Although he only weighs 160 pounds, Ernie gained 489 yards rushing, losing only twenty-four, ran back punts 809 yards, and scored twenty points. He truly earned this coveted selection.

Robert "Ace" Adams '49

497 Union Hill Rd., Englishtown, NJ 07726 Tel. 732-536-3907

Bob Adams exploits in sandlot baseball before reaching high school, he played JV ball as an 8th grader, triggered his nickname of "Ace." That and the fact that at the time one of the top relief pitchers in baseball was Ace Adams of the Giants.

In high school, Woodbridge's "Ace" Adams continued to star in baseball as a third baseman. He was a classic hitter, average and power, which led to All State honors.

He quarterbacked the Barron varsity in 1947 and '48, a year in which the Barrons went 8 and 2, losing only to South River and Perth Amboy. Ace still laughs when recalling an event in the Perth Amboy game of '48, when coach Nich Priscoe sent in a play. Ace remembers that there was near mutiny in the huddle as none of the players wanted to run Priscoe's play. So instead, they passed and gained 20 yards. Priscoe was infuriated and called time out, motioning the team to the sidelines where he bawled them out and they yanked Ace from the game.

After completing his formal education at St. Benedict's Prep, Ace played in the minor league systems of both the Giants and Yankees, but childhood injuries to his legs cut short a budding career.

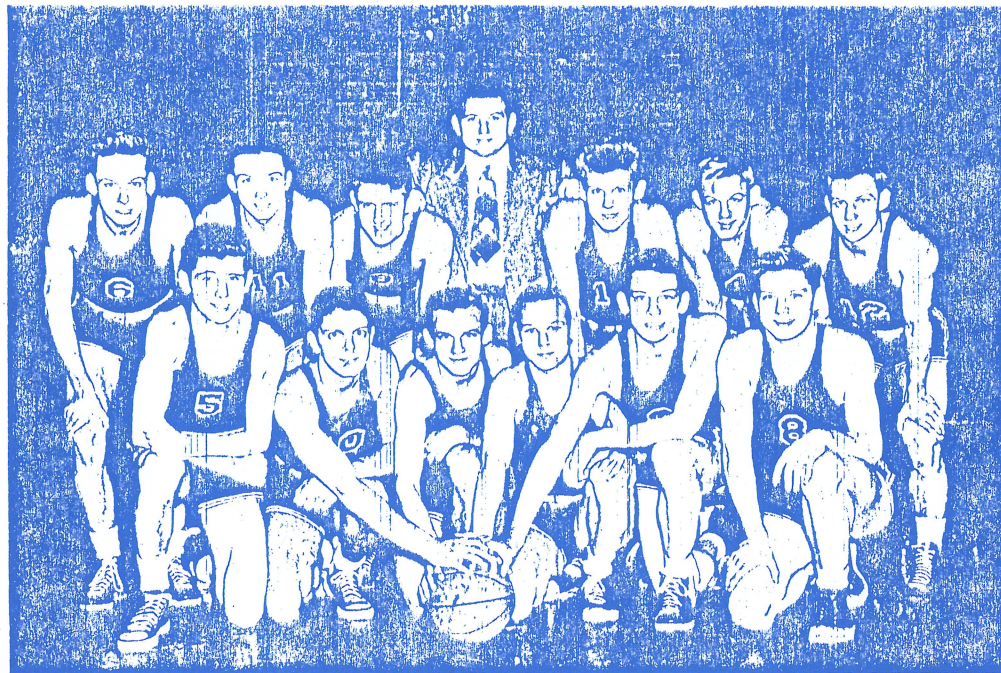
Among those joining Ace today is his high school sweetheart and wife Joan Bartos.



ATH-LIGHTS

This month, we travel to Fords to pick up a Junior three-letter man. This could be none other than Bob Adams. In case you don't know "Ace," as he is universally called, he is five feet nine inches tall, weighs one hundred and forty-five pounds, has blond hair, and two sharp eyes. He can usually be found batting clean-up for the champion Fords Silverstreaks. "Ace" is perhaps the

smoothest swinging baseball player in Fords; and, in consequence, has set professional baseball as his immediate goal in life. Although "Ace" is only a Junior, this is his last year in Woodbridge High. His athletic eligibility will expire in August through no fault of his own. He will then move up the ladder to some lucky prep school. In addition to being a good athlete, "Ace" is a better than average mechanic and house painter. Among "Ace's" personal likes are the Colonia baseball field, the Forked River pitching, and that Fairfield Avenue girl. His dislikes, which are few and far between, range from change of pace curves to being kidded on certain personal subjects. "Ace's" future looks very bright because of his varied skills. His name will not soon leave the public eye.



WOODBIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

Joe Juhasz '59

8 Beechwood Dr., North Haven, Conn. 06473 Tel. 203-288-2951

Like so many of his predecessors, Joe Juhasz was a dual sports star at Woodbridge High. In entering the Hall of Fame this year, he joins his teammate and fellow co-captain, Matt Fratterolo.

Joe started for the Barron varsity for three years at guard and linebacker, gaining All County acclaim and as a senior was awarded the Outstanding Lineman Trophy. When he wasn't opening holes in the defense to help the Barrons score, he was plugging them on defense to stop scores.

In those same years, Joe's talents helped the baseball team. When he wasn't patrolling left field he was on the pitching mound where in 1958 he tossed a no-hitter.



WHS Spotlight Beams On Joe Juhasz

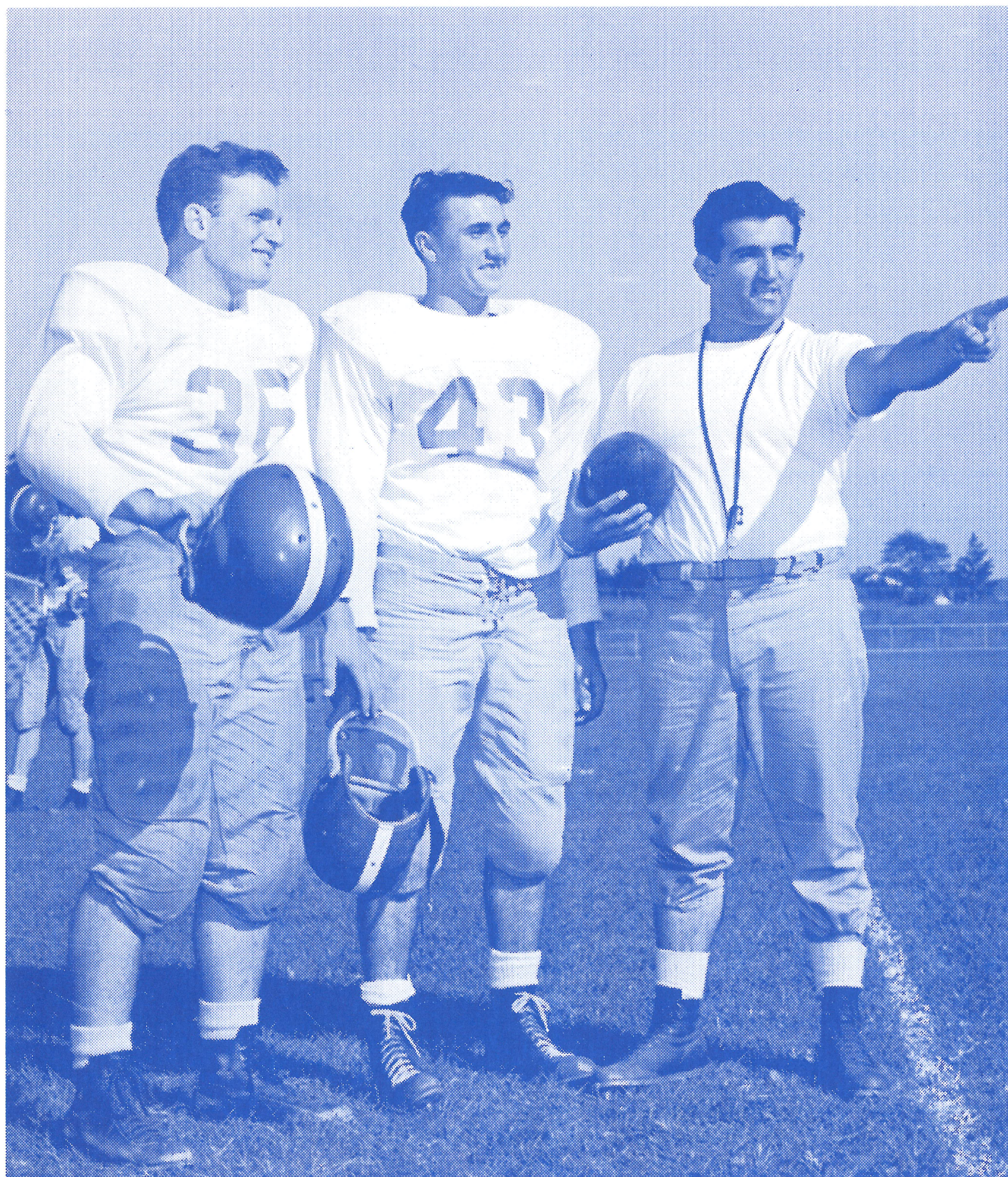
Joe Juhasz has been chosen by the All-Hi sports staff as the Celebrity Spotlight. Joe, a senior who hails from Hopelawn, has been playing football since his freshman year. This year, a right guard, Joe has fought the opposition "tooth for tooth."

Out of school, Joe is a member of the Holy Name Society and has been an altar boy at Our Lady of Hungary Church for eight years. Popular hobbies with Joe are hunting and fishing. When it comes to school work, Joe enjoys math and science; last year, he was a member of the Science Club. When it comes to food, it's the popular pizza and hamburger, while listening to platters of Nat King Cole.

Joe has played varsity football for three years. He has also earned two letters in baseball; he is a pitcher, and batted a .363 last year.

As captain of the line, he has proved to be a vital guard. Joe can be found with his good friends Matty Fratterolo and Ken Kosloski.

As for Joe's future plans, he would like to attend the Newark College of Engineering, after graduation, to become a chemical engineer. Good luck, Joe!



Mark DiDonna '75

84 Midvale Ave., Millington, NJ 07946

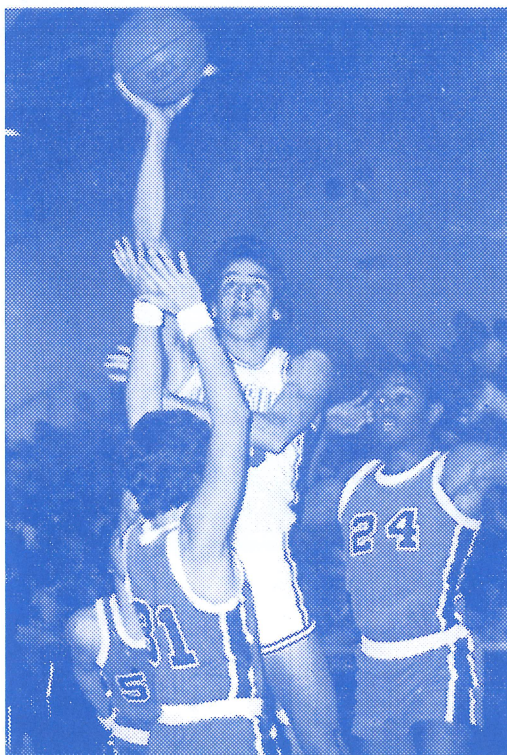
Mark is considered to be the best pure shooter in Woodbridge High School basketball history.

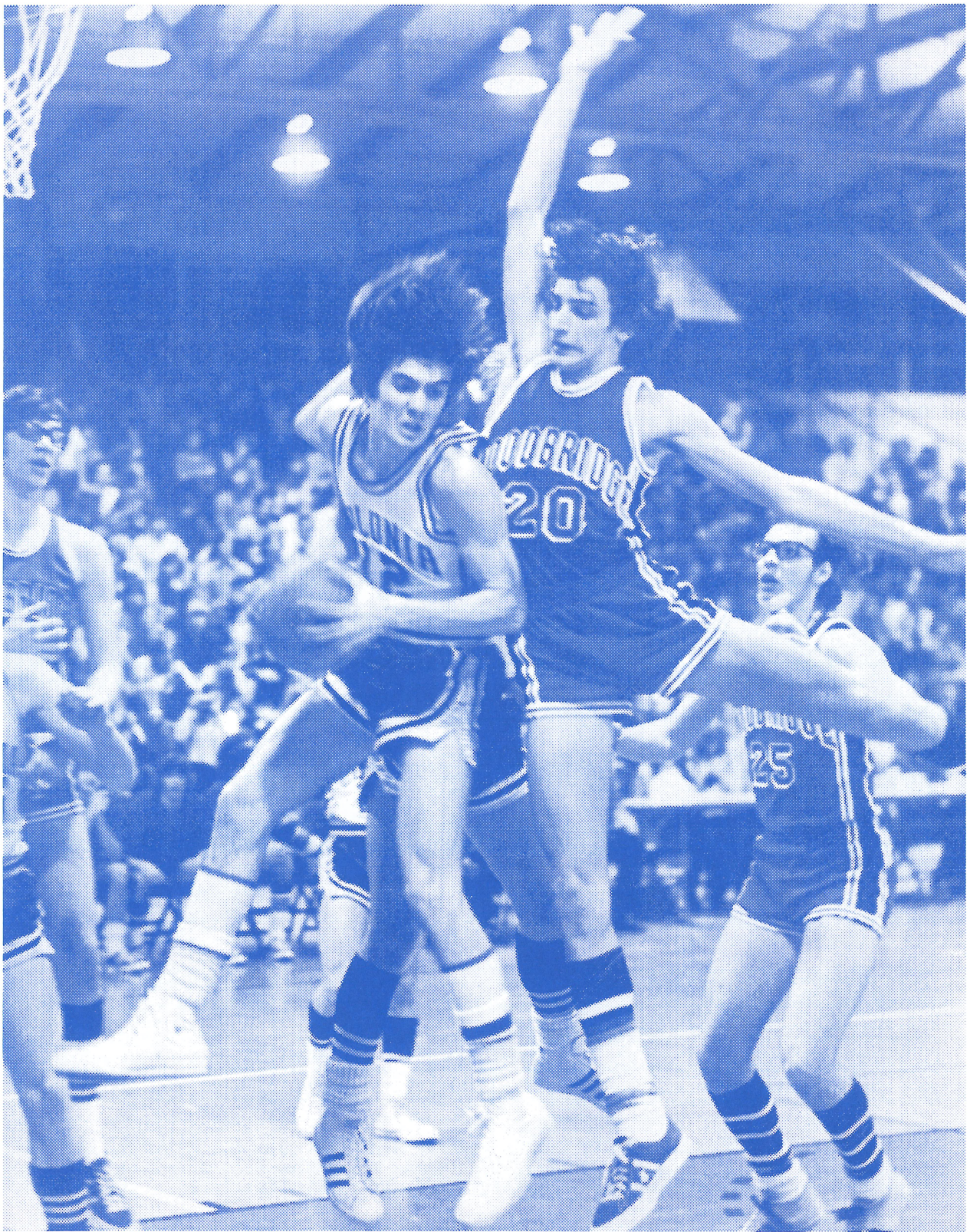
Anyone who ever witnessed his talent on the court came away knowing they'd just seen someone with a "golden touch".

It was never more apparent then against Camden in the semi-finals of the Group IV Tournament in 1975 when in a critical point of the game, Mark pumped in six straight baskets to shove the highly touted Camden Five out of contention. Days later DiDonna and his fellow Barrons would win the state title against Paterson Central.

Mark's prowess on the court earned him multiple honors during his high school years, ranging from All County to All State selections, including first team recognition in the Group IV Tournament, the year he led the Barrons in scoring.

After high school graduation, Mark played for Wagner College where he was captain of the 1979 team and last year was named to the Wagner Basketball Hall of Fame.





Ken Tyrrell '63

436 Crows Mill Rd., Fords, NJ 08863 Tel. 732-738-0959

Few people in the course of the decades of this century have devoted more time and energy to the betterment of Woodbridge High School and its athletic programs than Ken Tyrrell.

In being inducted into the Hall of Fame, Ken joins his father, Al and brother, Dick.

Ken was WHS's 1st 4 year student athletic trainer and earned 8 varsity letters. His dedication not only benefited Woodbridge High and its championship teams of 1960 and 1962-'63, but served as a trail blazer as well, paving the way for fulltime athletic trainers at all three township high schools.

His expertise carried on after high school, earning him an Athletic Training Scholarship for undergraduate and graduate work at Bucknell University.

While serving a 2 year stint in the U.S. Coast Guard he became active as a trainer for their football and basketball programs. Ken also spent a preseason camp working for the Pittsburgh Steelers.

His continued endeavors have broadened the scope and goals of our Athletic Alumni Association.



"27 West Warren Street
Iselin, New Jersey

"Dear Mr. Lakis;

"I am a college student who reads your column regularly, both while at school and at home. I find that this is an excellent way in which to keep in close contact with the happenings in the town and the people I am familiar with.

"This is why I turn to you, for you are in a position to write about important news-worthy people. The person I am referring to is Kenneth Tyrrell, 11 Stafford Road, Colonia.

Ken recently graduated from Bucknell University, where he majored in Business Administration. For his four years in college, he was a trainer for football, basketball, and baseball, in which he received an excellent scholarship for doing so. Ken was a 1963 graduate of Woodbridge High School, where he also was a trainer in these three sports, winning eight varsity letters.

"I needn't tell you the importance of his position, especially on a college level. While the athletes are the ones who win the games, the trainer is the one who makes sure this can be accomplished. Besides being active in all sports at Bucknell, Ken was a brother of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, A Young Christian Athlete, and had outstanding grades.

"I feel that the people who know Ken, who are many, and others who intend to go to college, not to mention the community, would benefit greatly from hearing his story. I have a great deal of respect for this young man, for despite his size, he went on to be one of Bucknell's leading citizens and sportsmen.

"Sincerely,

Carol Bihler

High school trainers are front line medics for all teams year-round



Warren Luhrs ' 63

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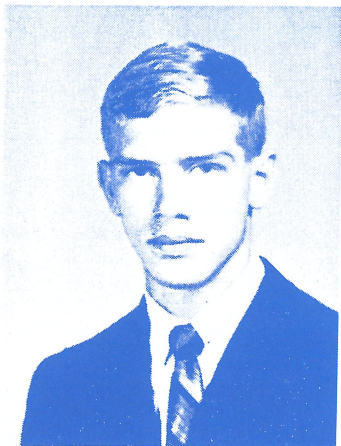
A basketball center with the size and strength of a present day guard in football with agility to spare. This best describes the presence of Warren Luhrs as a member of the Barron varsity from 1960 to '63.

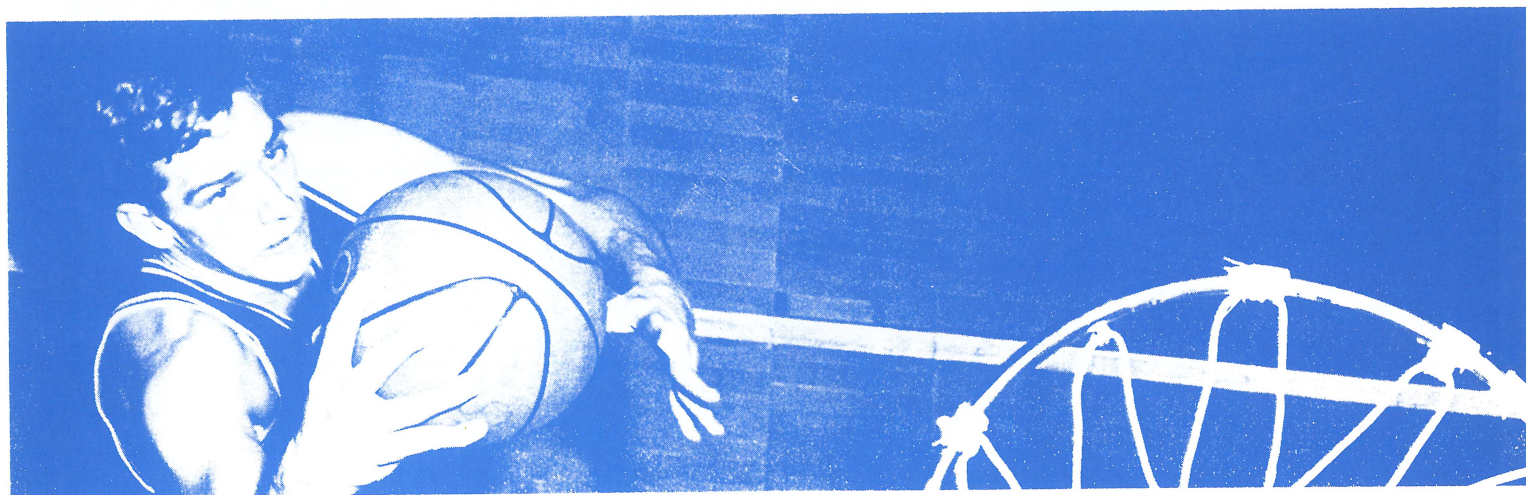
In this time his rugged approach to the basket combined with a deft touch made Woodbridge in that time frame of years a feared opponent and created for the very first time, the acknowledgement of a football power on the cusp of becoming basketball champions.

In his years in the paint, Warren set at that time, a single game high in scoring with 38 points and became in that same period of time the outstanding scorer in WHS basketball history.

Again and again in his senior year, Warren out-muscled and out-scored opponents in leading WHS to it's first county basketball tournament championship.

Warren Luhrs will always be a principle figure in the growth and success of WHS basketball.





JOHN F. KENNEDY

Marie Gardner - Coach

7 E. Francis Ave., Moganville, NJ 07751 Tel. 732-972-9375

Coach Gardner was the driving force in establishing the girl's varsity track program at JFK, heading it up for 13 years. Marie's squads produced a run of outstanding competitors who picked up county, group, sectional and state honors.

In 1978, Coach Gardner repeated her track endeavors by introducing soccer as a varsity sport for young women at JFK. In building a very successful program, it was not surprising that Marie's soccer teams from 1990 to 1993 went undefeated while bringing home a number of divisional titles.

Coach Gardner was elected in 1987 to the NJSIAA Hall of Fame.

Marie remains one of the most respected coaches in JFK's athletic history.



John Howard '73

40 Stephenville Parkway, Edison, NJ 08820 Tel. 732-549-6377

John has the singular distinction of being the first undefeated wrestler in JFK high school history. He lettered for three years on the mats while capturing a slew of regional and district honors.

When he wasn't pinning an opponent, he was levelling them on the football field or competing in winter track.

His notable achievements in wrestling after high school graduation drew national attention to the program at Middlesex County College.



ALL TIED UP—Wall's Dave Humeniuk appears to have top-seeded John Howard of John F. Kennedy helpless for a moment in NJSIAA Region 6 final match.

Home News photo by Hal Chrystal
They went into overtime before Howard was awarded the bout and crown on a referee's decision.

John Smythe '72

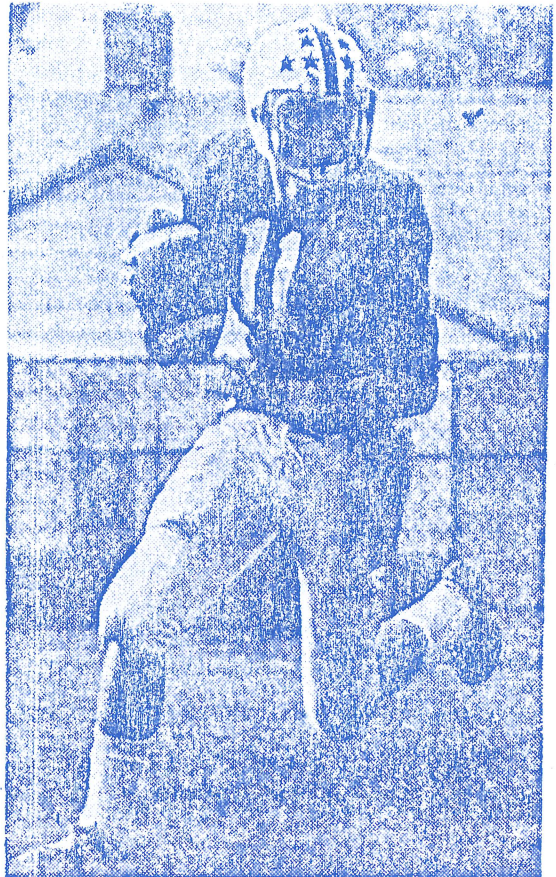
18 North Juliet St., Iselin, NJ 08830 Tel. 732-404-1031

John's athletic background provides two of the most notable accomplishments in JFK's sports legacy.

He quarterbacked the highly honored and undefeated Mustang squad of 1971, gaining All County recognition. In all, John lettered three times in football for the Green & Gold.

He also made his mark in track, as a member of the JFK mile relay team that set a new county record in 1970.

After graduation, he went on to play football at the Univeristy of Richmond.



Hoof beats

Quarterback John Smyth of the unbeaten John F. Kennedy Mustangs rolls out looking for receiver. Smyth paced JFK to a 27-0 whitewashing of Edison's Eagles on Saturday.

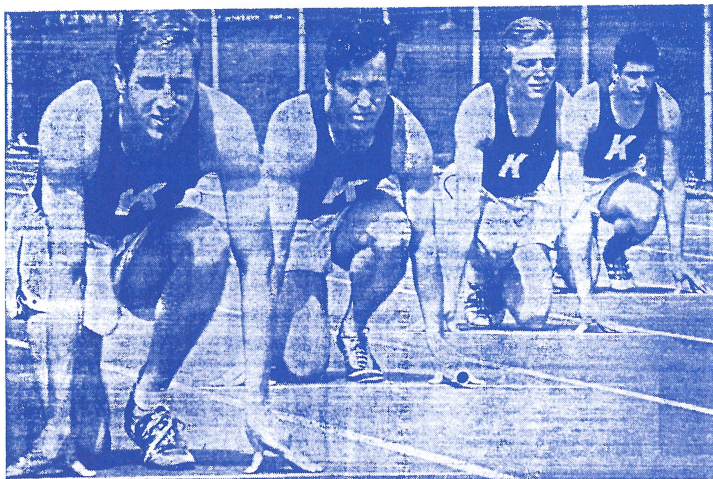
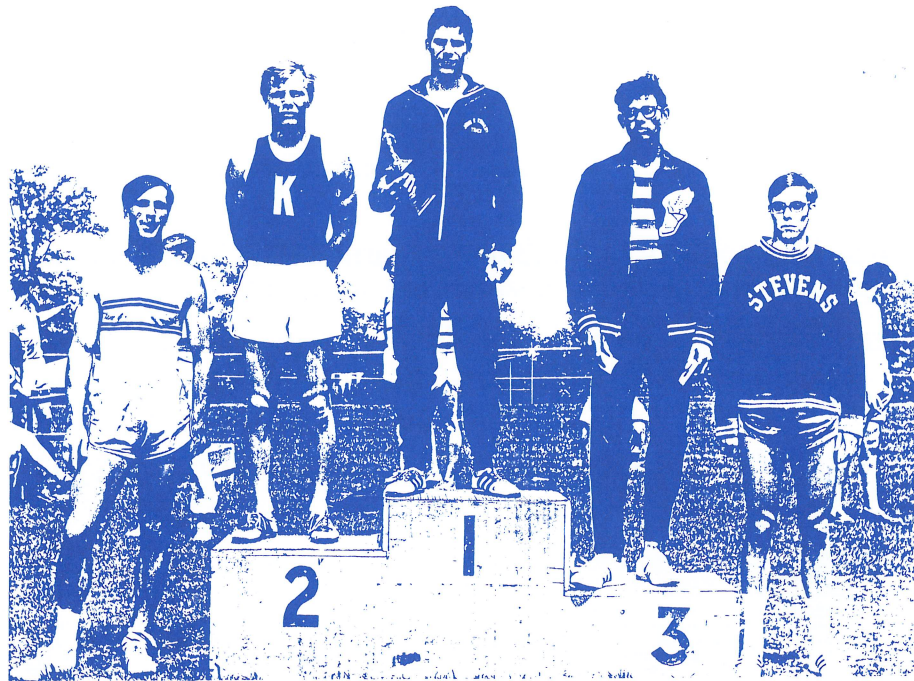
James Cimaglia '69

225 Milltown Rd., East Brunswick, NJ 08816 Tel. 732-257-4973

Jim took the fast track at JFK High School where he was named co-captain of the 1969 Mustang squad.

He is remembered for continual outstanding performances on the mile relay team and for his streaking executions in the 440, in county and state competition as well as individual meets.

Jim's 86 year TD reception against JP Stevens in a must-win game in 1969 remains a highlight of that season for JFK followers.



Kennedy Men

Ken Engle, Tom Burke, Jim Cimaglia and Steve Ricciardi, provide John F. Kennedy with high hopes in the Mid-County Relays.



Colonia High School

James Nardone '76

11 Jay Court, Colonia, NJ 07067 Tel. 732-388-6182

Gifted with a cannon-like arm and a batting swing that reined hits with awesome regularity against Patriot opponents, James is recognized as one of the stellar players in Colonia High School baseball history.

Over the course of three years his presence behind the plate spelled "big" trouble for teams facing the Patriots.

Besides twice gaining All State recognition as a catcher for three years he was a permanent member of the All County teams as well.

In those three seasons, James compiled a hefty .388 batting average and provided opposing pitchers with high concentrations of perspiration.

Kicking was his specialty in football and earned All County honors.

East Stroudsburg benefited from his baseball talents in college.



JIM NARDONE

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The husky Colonia football star was tremendous behind the plate as he cut down 28 potential base stealers with his cannon arm.

Nardone was just as tough at the plate. He compiled a .388 average that included five homers and four triples. Jim, who will be back for another year, also led his club by driving in 27 runs.

Susan F. Higgins (Lyster) '77

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It's unlikely that in her high school years Susan Higgins had much free time, so busy was she maintaining an active athletic schedule that resulted in her being named Most Valuable female athlete in her graduating class at Colonia High and there isn't any reason to wonder why.

In track Susan participated in the shot put, discus and javelin when not running in relays. She was named MVP of the track squad in 1976 and again in '77, the year she also captained the team. In that same year came recognition of All American in track and field, women's division.

Along the way, Susan captained the varsity cheerleaders for three straight years again being named MVP two years running, 1976 and '77 and therefore was part of the '77 squad that won the Middlesex County Cheerleading Championship.

There was no letup in college as Susan focused on crew, track, rugby, water polo and racquetball and while excelling for Rutgers on these various levels there was a first place finish in the Pentathlon.

Following in Mom's footprints isn't going to be easy for the Higgins-Lyster children.



SUSAN HIGGINS

"Sue"

Roger S. Barnhard '76

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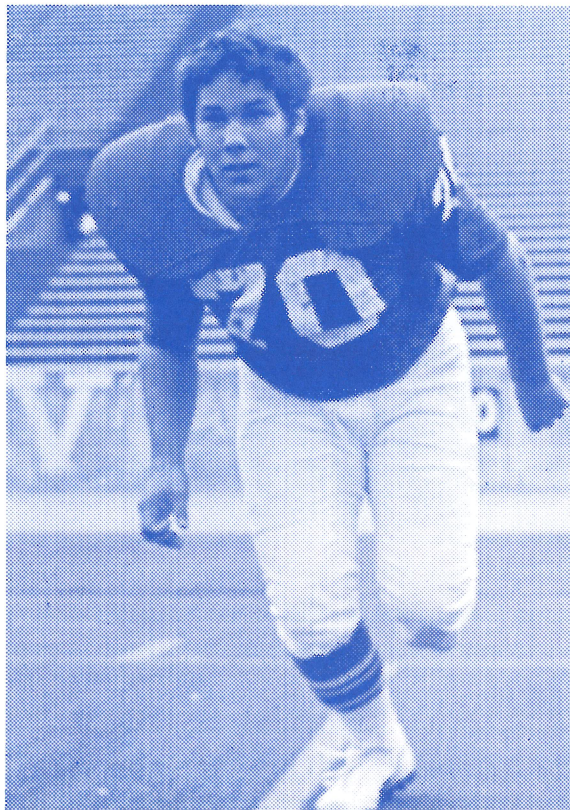
Athletically, Roger Barnhard set a standard for athletic supremacy at Colonia High School that will continue to challenge competitors into the next century. Maybe beyond.

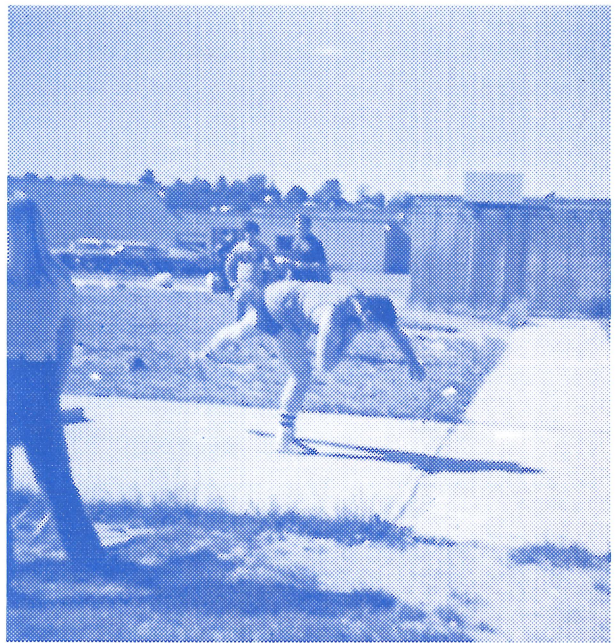
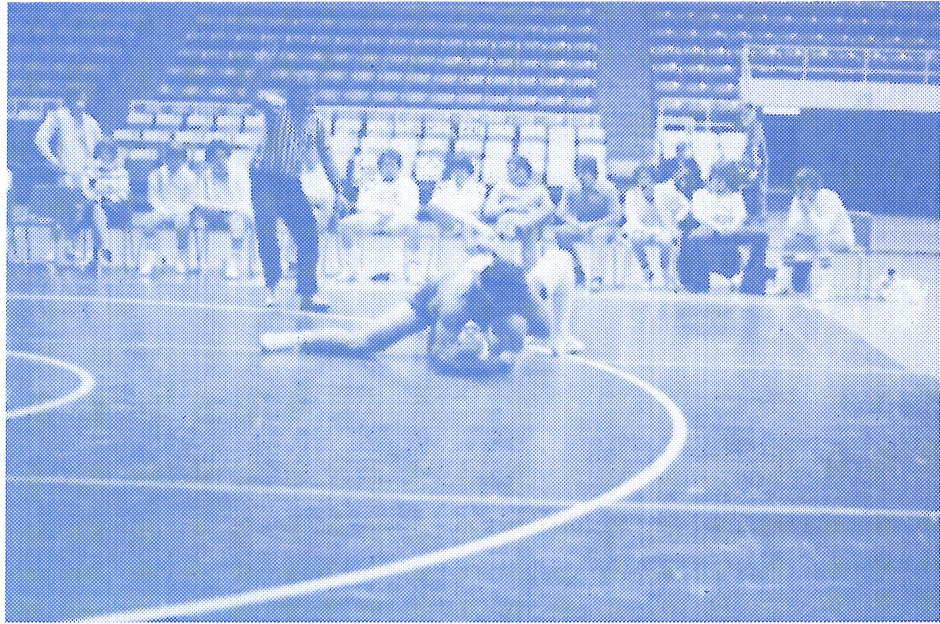
During three years of varsity football he did not allow a single opposing linemen to get in his way as he amassed through recognition of play multiple honors which included All County, The Daily News All Star Team, The Coaches All American Team, first team Metropolitan All Star, Touchdown Club Player of the Week and the outstanding athlete of his senior class at Colonia High.

As might be expected with his weight, size and athletic stamina, Roger won multiple honors as a heavyweight wrestler.

If that wasn't enough, he filled up his spare time in track field by tossing the discus and heaving the shot put.

No, high school did not exhaust Roger. He moved on after Colonia High School to distinguish himself on an athletic scholarship in football and wrestling at the Univeristy of Richmond.





Deborah Janowski '74

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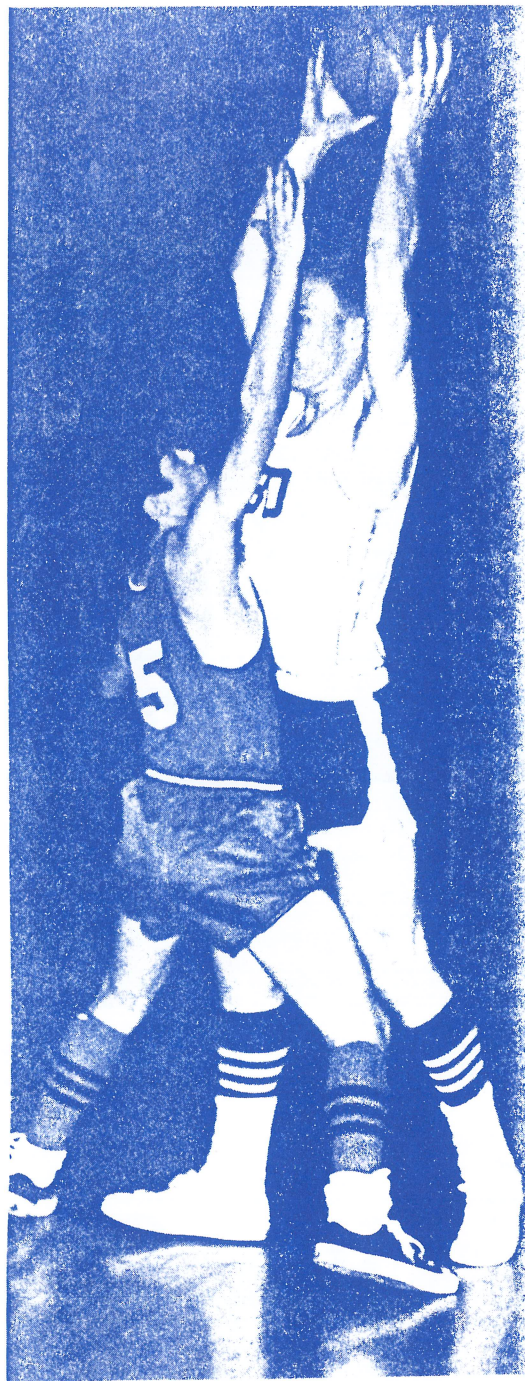
Debbie was anything but a “court jester” during her years as a Patriot. On the courts, whether tennis or basketball, she made her presence known and recognized.

As co-captain of the 1974 tennis team, Deborah was singled out for the Coaches Award. The precious season had brought MVP Honors.

When not earning letters on the tennis courts from 1972 thru 1974, Deborah was fast-breaking on the basketball court, winning three letters in that same time frame.



1969 Colonia High School Basketball Team



Colonia upsets P. Amboy, 81-77

Colonia High shot an almost unbelievable 18 for 22 in the second half last night and bounced the state's top-rated schoolboy team, Perth Amboy, from the semifinal round of the Middlesex County Tournament at Woodbridge.

The score was 81-77, and it stole the spotlight from another upset when South River tripped third-ranked New Brunswick, 68-61, at the Middlesex County College Gym in Edison.

Colonia's shooting in the first half was great — 16 for 28. But it allowed Perth Amboy, winner of 27 in a row, to pull out to a 48-38 lead. After intermission it was unbeatable.

It takes magnificent accuracy to beat the best, and 18-6 Colonia produced. Tim Kish was the hero with 30 points. The 6-0 junior bombed 14 for 17, nine of nine in the second half. And they weren't shorties. He threw them in from 30 feet.

He wasn't the high scorer.

Perth Amboy's Brian Taylor earned that honor with 34 and he has 899 for the season.

The last team to beat Perth Amboy was South River — in the big upset of the 1968 version of this tournament.

Some 1,200 turned out for the big game, and they saw Perth Amboy forge a 44-30 lead with 40 seconds to play in the first half — and it looked like another romp for Taylor and Co.

But Colonia started to shoot with remarkable accuracy in the second half, and fought into a 73-73 tie with 2:51 to go on a tap by Ben Rozzelle. Then Kish bombed for the lead.

LEAD CHANGES

Pete Marvokkas brought Perth Amboy back into a tie. Then it was Kish again from 30 feet with a jump shot. Taylor came back with a rebound for a 77-77 tie.

Mike McGuinness gained the lead for Colonia with 40 seconds to play by shooting two fouls. Then Kish sewed it up two seconds from the buzzer with two more fouls.

John Skarzynski, All-State in baseball and football, continued his great tourney play for 14-8 South River, throwing in 22 points and controlling the boards. With 4:45 to play, South River took a 56-55 lead on two fouls by Skarzynski and a jump shot by John Jackson. Vin Buscko added two layups to open a 60-55 gap.

Gary Brokaw hit for New Brunswick (16-6); he finished with 29 points. The Skarzynski dropped in another South River basket and it was over but for the final addition.



WOODBIDGE (52)				COLONIA (52)			
	G	F	P		G	F	P
Aquila	5	2	12	Kish	8	3	19
Zapoticzny	6	0	12	Fialk	2	0	4
Gluchoski	0	0	0	LaFrano	0	0	0
Morton	3	0	6	McNella	1	0	2
Daub	3	3	9	Frank	2	7	11
Hackett	1	0	2	McGuinness	8	4	20
Oliva	0	0	0	Rozelle	0	6	6
Frank	4	3	11	Brank	0	0	0
TOTALS	22	8	52	TOTALS	21	20	63
WOODBIDGE				18	14	10	32
COLONIA				13	22	13	63

MIDDLESEX COUNTY CHAMPS CO-CHAMPS GREATER JERSEY CONFERENCE



Kneeling, left to right: K. McNelis, B. Rozelle, M. McGuinness, D. Fialk. Standing: C. Frank, N. Shine, B. McGinnis, T. Kish, G. LaFrano.



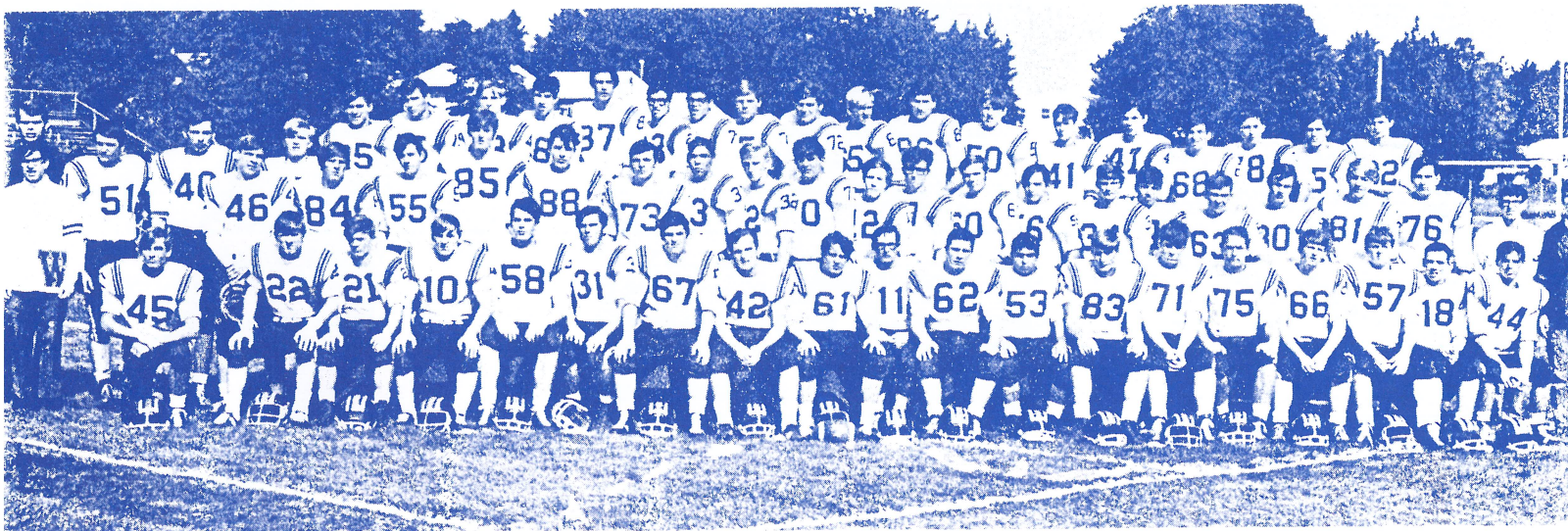
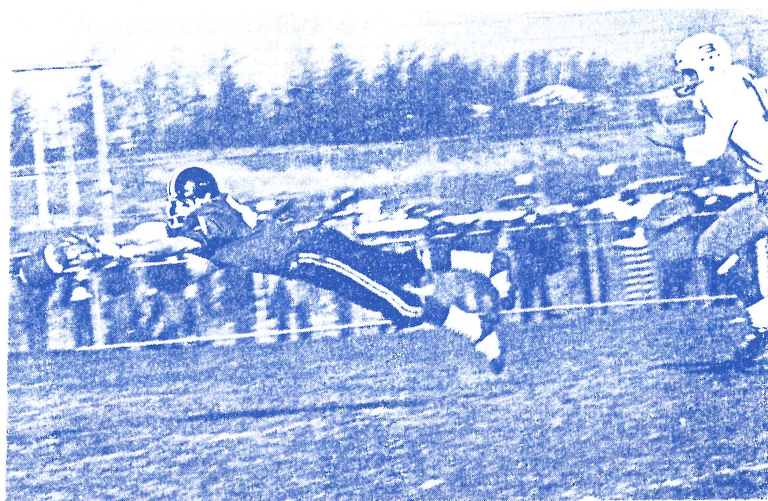
1969 Woodbridge High School Football Team

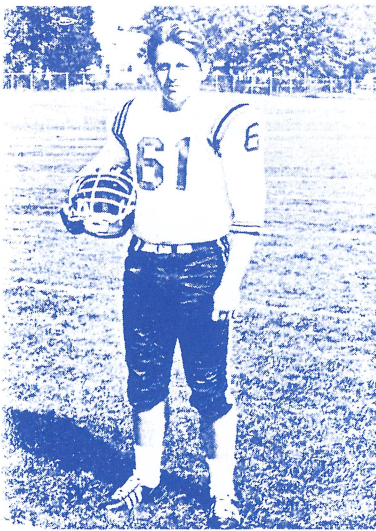
"To dream the impossible dream" — that's what everyone thought Woodbridge High School's football team was doing this year. They had lost 26 letterman through graduation and the outlook for the current season was bleak. By the time the first game arrived, the odds were heavily stacked against the Barrons. However, the outcome of that game, a 23-0 victory, was just an indication of things to come. This team would prove to be one of the best in Woodbridge football history.



As 1969 football ended, the Barrons found themselves ranked first in their conference and fifth in the state; their impossible dream had come true!

Woodbridge	23	Kennedy	0
Woodbridge	14	East Brunswick	8
Woodbridge	0	Colonia	0
Woodbridge	21	Perth Amboy	3
Woodbridge	27	J.P. Stevens	11
Woodbridge	21	Plainfield	0
Woodbridge	21	Carteret	0
Woodbridge	14	Thomas Jefferson	6
Woodbridge	12	Edison	7





JIM RUSSO
Linebacker
All County
Second Team All State



TONY RUSSOMANNO
Linebacker
All-County



MARK SMITH
Tight End
All County
Second Team All State

