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# The Loyal Son And A Royal Man

The dictionary describes loyal as someone who is, “constant and faithful in any relationship or obligation implying trust.” People long native to Woodbridge also know another way to describe it. “ **Royle** as in **Johnnie**.”

As Johnnie explains it, he fell in love with Woodbridge almost from the first day. His arrival came about through the transfer of his father from Massachusetts when Shell Oil began building its new plant in the Sewaren section. Before too long Johnnie began building a reputation for himself as a first rate athlete so it was not in the least surprising that he became a star player at Woodbridge High where the Barrons won football championships in 1938 and ’39 under the guidance of the late and great coach Nick Priscoe. This period of his life also provided a glimpse into the future for while excelling in sports, Johnnie also began devoting himself to the written word by becoming sports editor and then editor-in-chief of the high school’s All Hi-News.

It was during these years as a Barron that Johnnie Royle’s popularity with his classmates became clearly evident for he defeated fellow student Fred Adams in a run for the office of Mayor of Woodbridge in the Lions Club sponsored Boys Week program. Many years later, Fred Adams would be elected Mayor of Woodbridge. By keys of the typewriter in turning out his weekly column “Now Hear This,” while sports editor of the largest weekly newspaper in the region, The Woodbridge Independent Leader.

Years after Fred Adams left office, Johnnie was still making his column observations and continuing to contribute unstintingly to the furtherance of Woodbridge athletics. Over a period of more then two decades, the Independent Leader was singled out 16 time for general excellence of its sports section. This of course was in keeping with his **Royle** approach to accomplishment, “anything worth doing is worth doing well.”

When WWII stepped in, Johnnie stepped up, serving in the Army for three years in the European Theatre of combat and weathering the seige at the Battle of the Bulge. Upon returning home he shined for seven years as quarterback of the Golden Bears, Woodbridge’s contribution to semi-pro football which was filling stadiums back in those post WWII years. This was long before the pro game and television caused the demise of organizations like the Golden Bears.

The Bears were an elite team, considered one of the best on the east coast and populated largely by Woodbridge High grads, many of whom had been Johnnie’s teammates during those championship seasons of the late ‘30’s. As a matter of fact, one of them is being inducted into the WTAAA Hall of Fame today as a sports legend. In Royle’s words, Nick Semak was simply “a terrific football player of the era,” another reason why back then Golden Bear losses were few and far between.

It came as no surprise to anyone that Johnnie was elected to the All Time Bear’s Team in 1962. His heady play, deft ball handling, running and passing kept the Bears on a winning track few ever equaled.



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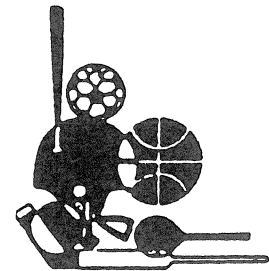
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As the years blended into decades Johnnie's involvement in things "Woodbridge" increased, ranging from aiding in the establishment of Little League baseball in the township, helping to form the first Elks Lodge in town, coaching football at St. James school, serving as Marshall of Woodbridge's Tercentenary Parade celebration in 1965, an Outstanding Citizenship acclamation in 1968 as well as serving on the U.S. Winter Olympics Committee in the '60's and then receiving an Award for Excellence in 1981 from the New Jersey Sports Writer's Association.

In recent times Johnnie's friends on Cape Cod have been getting an earful about Woodbridge and its people who he refers to "as the nicest and most sincere people anyone could ever wish to meet." As a lasting accolade to Woodbridge which truly sums up this love affair of his with the town and its people, "many-many times over I have thanked God and Shell Oil for leading my family to Woodbridge where despite the depression is was a wonderful place to grow up and provided a childhood I would not change for anything on this earth."

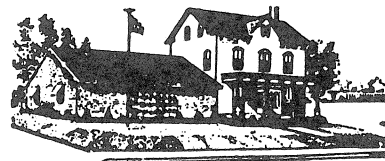
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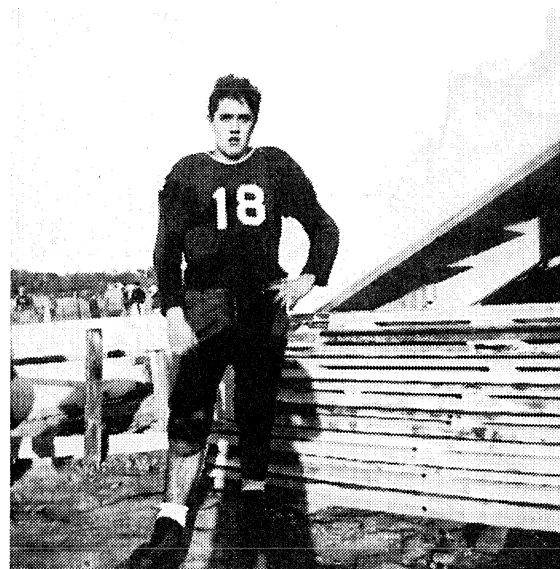
#### John Deryn '49

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John Deryn is one of those people who has become a legend in his own time. Today he strides forward into the Hall of Fame more than half a century after first donning the red and black and playing for the late Nick Priscoe. Deryn was a member of the first Woodbridge varsity to play at what was then the new stadium and today is named after coach Priscoe. That was 1947 and the Barrons rolled that year to a 7 and 2 record and was a team stocked with other future Hall of Famers.

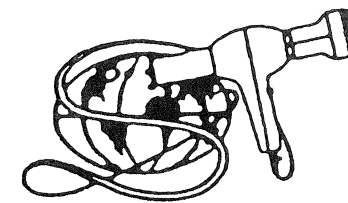
John lined up a right guard when Woodbridge had the ball and a linebacker on defense. He was co-captain of the squad.

In those days after three years of varsity football it was quite natural to graduate to the Golden Bears and play semi-pro ball and John was no exception although he had to cut short the experience when the Korean War began in 1950. Deryn joined the Navy and played on sailor teams while going to schools at Newport and Norfolk. After that it was riding the waves from the Atlantic and the Adriatic to the Suez Canal and Panama as well as the Med. During this time he was commended for helping to rescue burn victims during a flight accident on the Carrier Bennington. Such action in civilian life years later would earn him the nickname of "Iron John," when he helped to save the life of a co-worker at a construction site. Ironically, the co-worker was the son of Coach Nick Priscoe.



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*John DeNoia*



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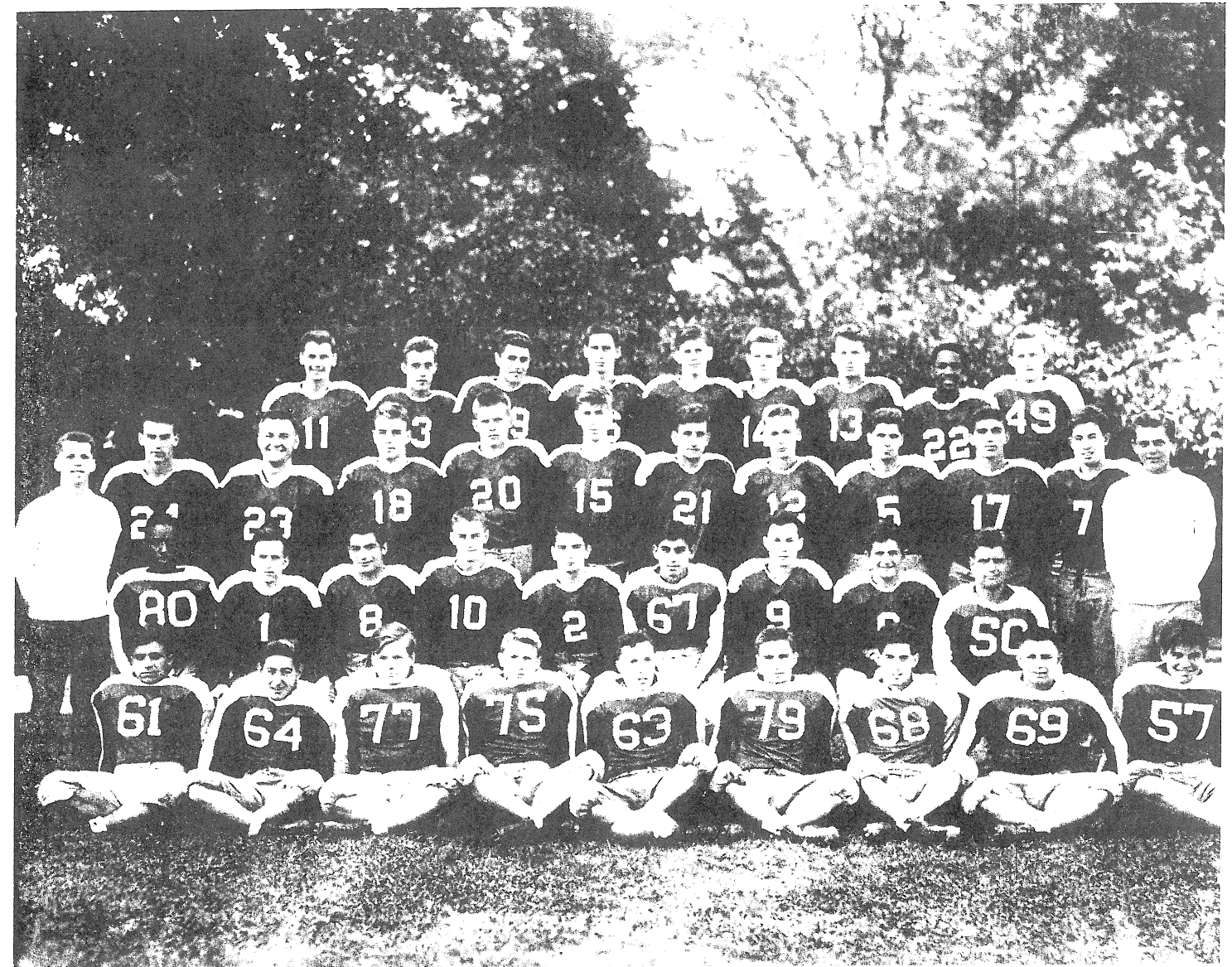
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### **Nick Semak '41**

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Nick is probably one of Woodbridge's best kept sports secrets. After all these years he is finally getting the recognition due him for his athletic prowess. One of his former teammates at WHS, Johnnie Royle, described Nick as being a tremendous football player and a devastating blocker.

He made the All County Team in '39 and repeated in '40, gaining All State recognition as well and was named the MVP of that Barron eleven, was its leading scorer and co-captain. Of all his touchdowns that autumn of 1940, none was bigger than the game winning TD pass he snared on the final play of the Perth Amboy game. When spring came, Nick's fancy turned to baseball where he played short stop and batted 346 for the Red & Black. After high school he had a short but notable stint with those remarkable Golden Bears before answering the call to arms as WWII began enveloping much of the globe. While he was a Naval Pre-Flight Cadet at RPI in upstate New York he made the All East Cadet Pre-Flight Team which was loaded with cracker-jack players back in those days. Nick became a carrier qualified fighter pilot and as a USMC Lt. flew his Corsair fighter in the Central and South Pacific.

After the war, Nick split his college education between William & Mary and Eastern Kentucky, playing first string at both schools before graduating in 1951.

In reflecting back on those WHS days, Nick recalled that both the football and baseball teams would play practice games on a shale field against the Rahway Reformatory prisoner's teams inside the walls. In the spring of '41 he ripped a home run that cleared the wall and as he rounded the bases, one of the prisoners said to him, "I'd sure like to be riding that ball right now."

Today Nick is riding his reputation into the Hall of Fame, no longer a sports secret and certainly a true-to-life legend.

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The Woodbridge co-champs 50 years ago were a team of stars.

There was George Wasilek, the 142-pound quarterback. The halfbacks were Johnnie Royle and Ernie Bartha. John Cipo was at fullback.

It was a team that wound up having end Nick Semak, center John Trosko and Wasilek making the Perth Amboy Evening News (now The News Tribune) first team all-county. Guard John Pochek and Cipo were on the second team while Alex Ur was a third team choice.

They were the good old days of area football, too, but they also were the good old days of controversy in terms of power ratings and football championships.

Sound familiar as the 1989 football playoffs reach the title round?



## WOODBIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

**Joann Matusz (McMillan) '79**

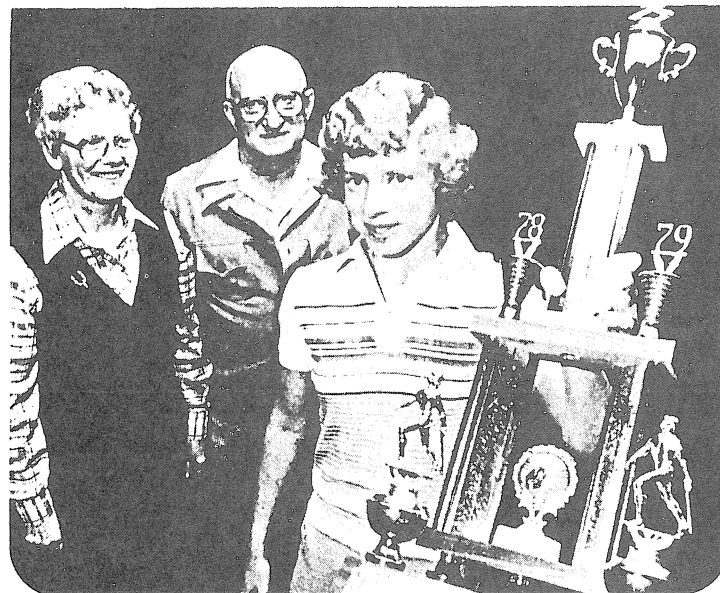
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There was a time when the cry commonly heard around Middlesex County athletic circles was, "Here comes Matusz again for another award." There is a criterion in sports that there are athletes and then there are ATHLETES! Joann belongs to that latter group.

Whatever the game, Joann left a lasting impression on the opposition. With bat in hand, she pounded out a better than 400 average for each of three years of varsity softball helping the Barrons to the state title in 1978 and as runners-up and CJ Group 4 Champs in 1979. That same year her talents with the racquet in hand served the tennis team well as it captured with county title with a spiffy 25 and 2 mark and still there was time to gain All County honors from the Home News Tribune and be an All State selection on the basketball court.

When the diversity and success of all these efforts were added up, it was only natural that Ms. Matusz would be named Middlesex County Female Athlete of the year.

After graduating from St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia where she majored in economics, Joann finally slowed down enough to get married and now has a two-year old daughter. If genetics work, some high school, somewhere, is going to get one heckuva athlete.



NO. 1 IN MIDDLESEX — Jo Ann Matusz of Woodbridge Senior High School accepts her award as Middlesex County's No. 1 "female athlete" at county coaches award dinner. Her parents were on hand for the award.

*Congratulations to all the*

*Inductees!*

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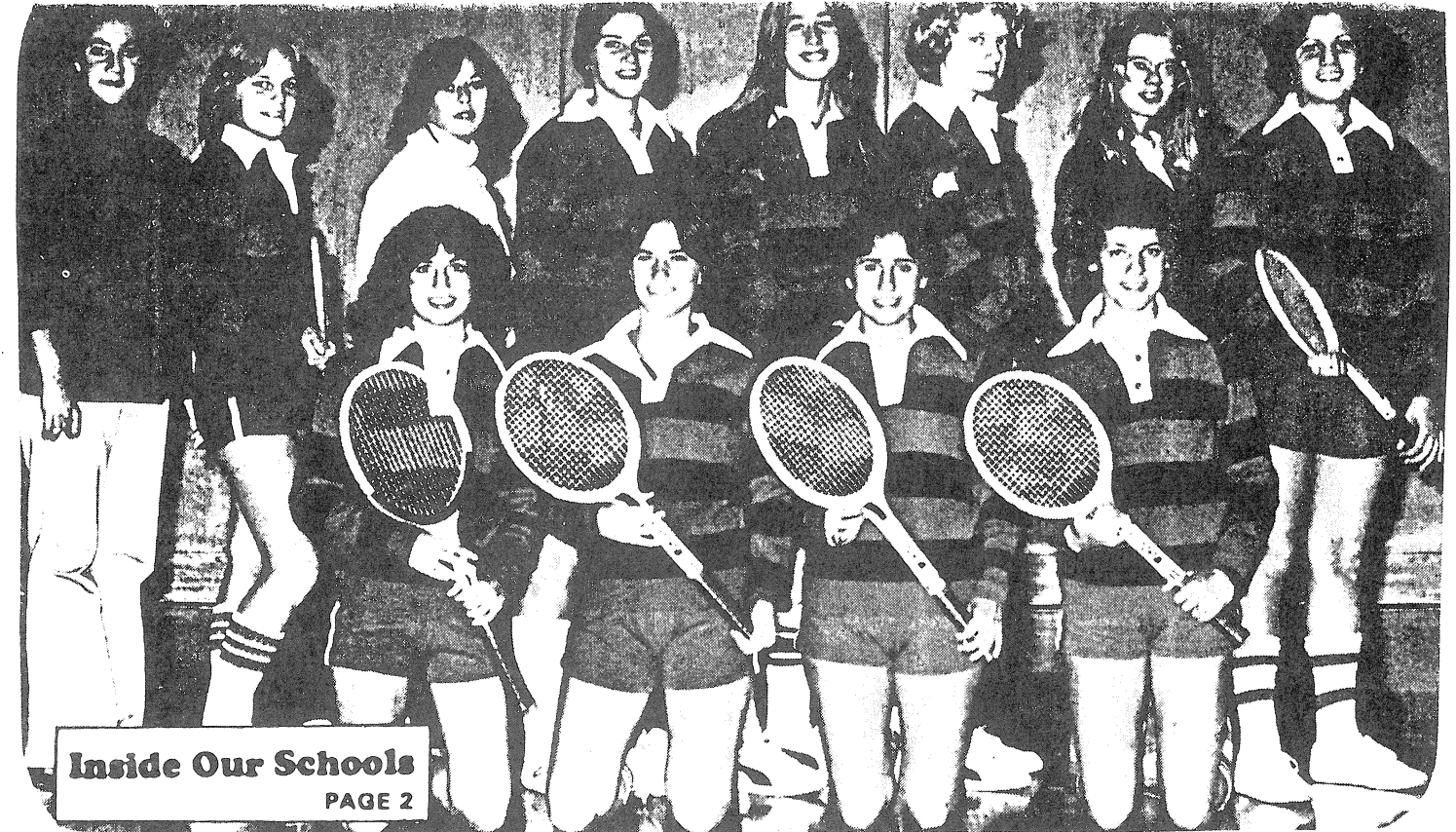
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## **Woodbridge: Court Queens**

Chalk up another title for the Woodbridge Senior High School girls. This time, it is tennis.

Coached by Ronnie Daniels, the Woodbridge girls won the Middlesex County Conference and Middlesex County Tournament championship's.

Enroute to the titles, Woodbridge compiled a snazzy 25-2 record.

Last June, the Woodbridge girls' softball team won the state Group IV crown.

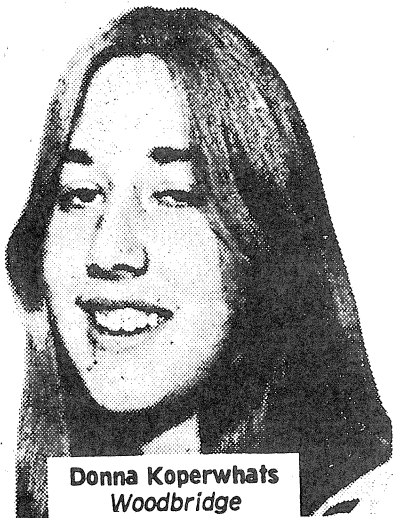
**Donna Koperwhats '79**

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In the Spring of '79 it was observed of this inductee into the WTAAA Hall of Fame, "Donna is one of the best female athletes our school has ever come across and probably ever will." So said Ronnie Daniel, coach of the tennis team that had just swept to a 24-2 record with Ms. Koperwhats leading the charge with a 25-0 mark in second singles play. That level of performance helped guide the WHS Net squad to winning the county title and for Donna making first team All County. Coach Daniel attributed Donna's success to positioning and control, two traits that were also exercised in softball which she played harder then most and basketball. In the latter there was county-wide honors and a 17-3 season which led to MCAC Crown.

However Donna saved the best, if that's possible, for the diamond game, the sport in which the name Koperwhats has been identified in Middlesex County going back to the 1950's. In softball, the Barrons rang the bell, winning the state Group IV Title with Donna prowling the short stop's turf, pitching in when needed on the mound, driving home 30 runs while amassing a 505 batting average.

In entering the Hall of Fame today she does so with classmate and friend Joanne Matusz. Together they were quite a combination and just perhaps provided each other with the stiffest competition of all.



Donna Koperwhats  
Woodbridge

**All-State softball**

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POS.	PLAYER	SCHOOL	HT.	WT.	CLASS
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P	Lisa Donohue	Ramsey	5-9	150	Senior
P	Sharon Hawk	Elmer	5-6	130	Senior
P	Bev Leach	Ramapo	5-5	130	Senior
C	Nancy Proctor	Hanover Park	5-7	145	Senior
C	Nancy Vacca	Queen of Peace	5-5	127	Senior
1B	Colleen McNamara	East Brunswick	5-8	145	Senior
2B	Vicki O'Connor	Phillipsburg	5-7	155	Senior
SS	Donna Koperwhats	Woodbridge	5-7	140	Junior
3B	Jessie Brubaker	Columbia	5-3	110	Junior
OF	Charlene Maxson	Middletown South	5-7	140	Senior
OF	Maryann Tarantino	Bound Brook	5-8	140	Junior
OF	Nancy Topoozian	Parsippany	5-2	114	Junior

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1969 – WOODBRIDGE FOOTBALL

1974/75 – WOODBRIDGE BASKETBALL

\*As of January 1999

**WTAAA NOMINATION PROCEDURE**

The 1999 WTAAA Committee is pleased to recognize the gifted township athletes selected to the Hall of Fame this year.

The selection process started with nominations from current Hall of Fame members as well as all dues paying members of the WTAAA. The Committee reviewed an especially large number of nominations this year. Candidates not selected this year will automatically be considered again next year.

Eligibility required that candidates have graduated from a township high school at least 20 years prior to the selection year. We had several nominations this year for candidates who will become eligible in subsequent years.

The Committee specially appreciates the excellent work the nominators did this year providing not only good (and accurate) information about their candidates...but their contact address as well. As you can imagine, our most difficult task is to find everyone after so many years.

Send your nomination to:

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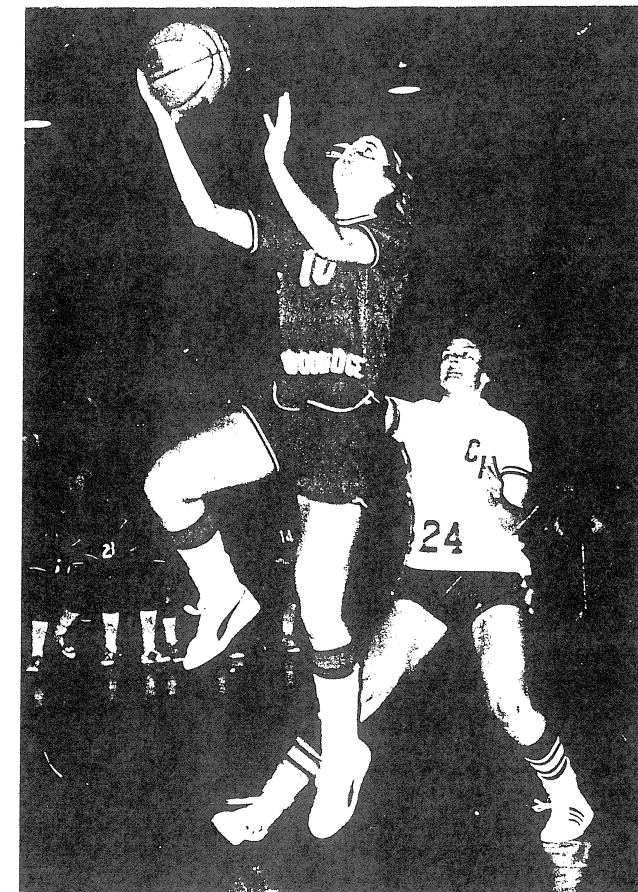
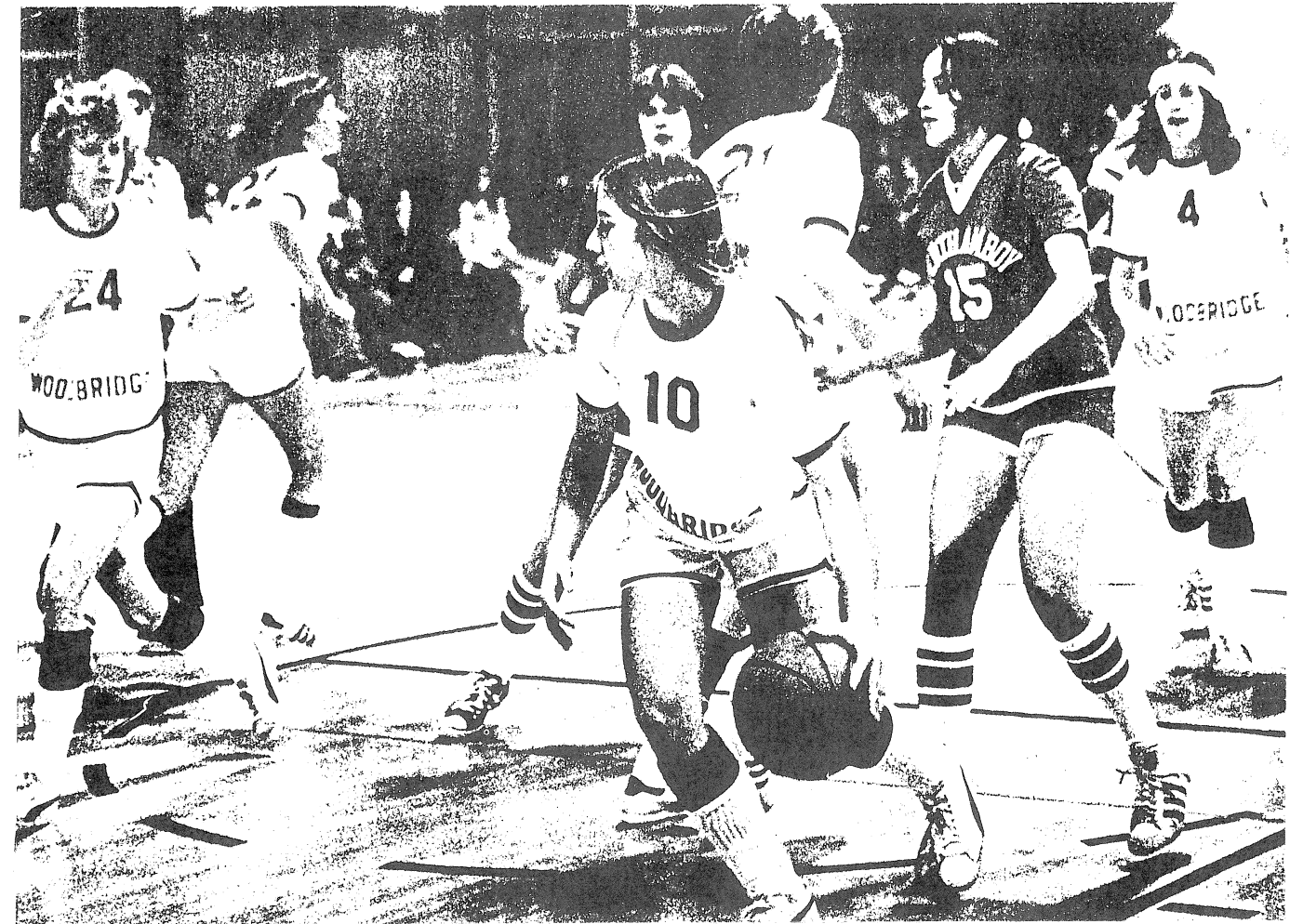
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 O'Brien, Michael  
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 Petty, Jack  
 Pope, Al  
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 Riccardi, Paul  
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 Stanley (Sustak) Lori  
 Stevens, Jim  
 Ullrich, Richard  
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Baldante, John  
 Barnhard, Roger S.  
 Baureis, Ellen (Pisano)  
 Blackman, Scott  
 Boris, Paul  
 Brett, Harry  
 Buzzi, Charles  
 Cilento, Michael  
 Confer, Pat  
 Coner, Tom  
 Couch, Sharon (D. Lonardo)  
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 Franken, John  
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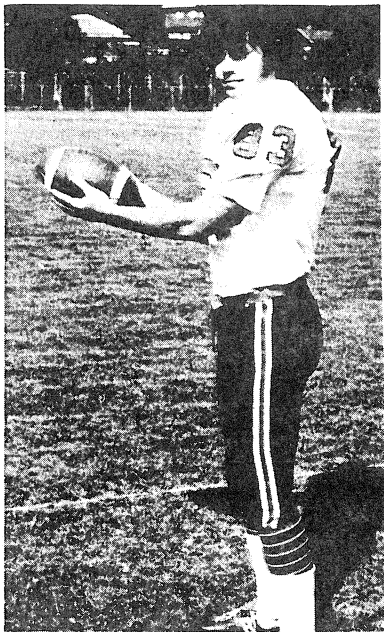
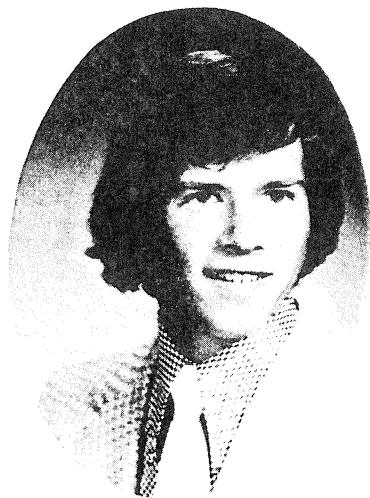
**Bernard Peterson Jr. '74**

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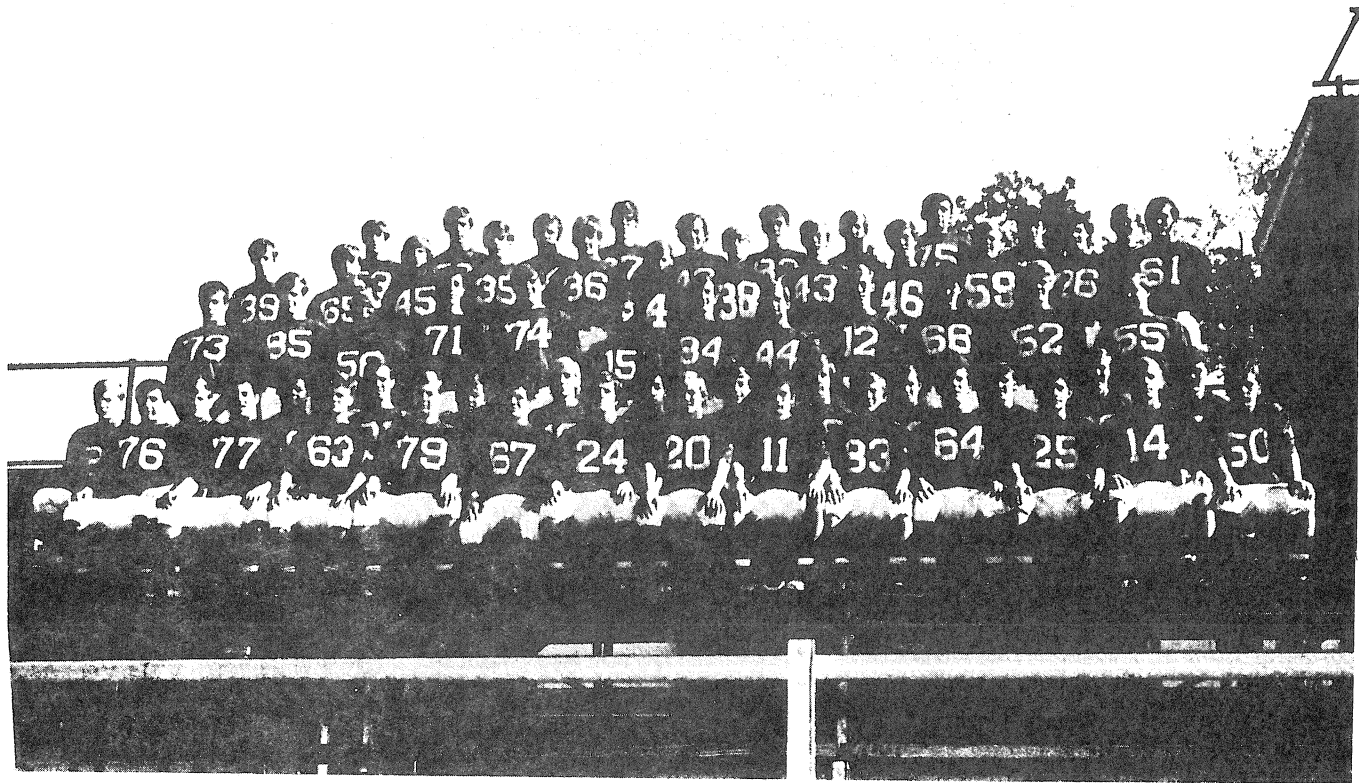
When Bernie Peterson entered Woodbridge High School he was carrying some excess baggage that most of his fellow classmates didn't have to deal with. Bernie's Dad had been an exceptional athlete and a highly popular member of the WHS student body in his time. So obviously the question was whether he would measure up to Dad. He sure did!

The tradition was carried forward as Bernie made his mark in football, gaining All County and All Metro honors at split end the position Bernie Sr. had played a quarter of century before. The honors were even heightened by the fact that the Barrons had in 1973 another highly successful season on the gridiron just as the previous two years. In addition Bernie Jr. took time for basketball and baseball and gained county recognition in the diamond game.

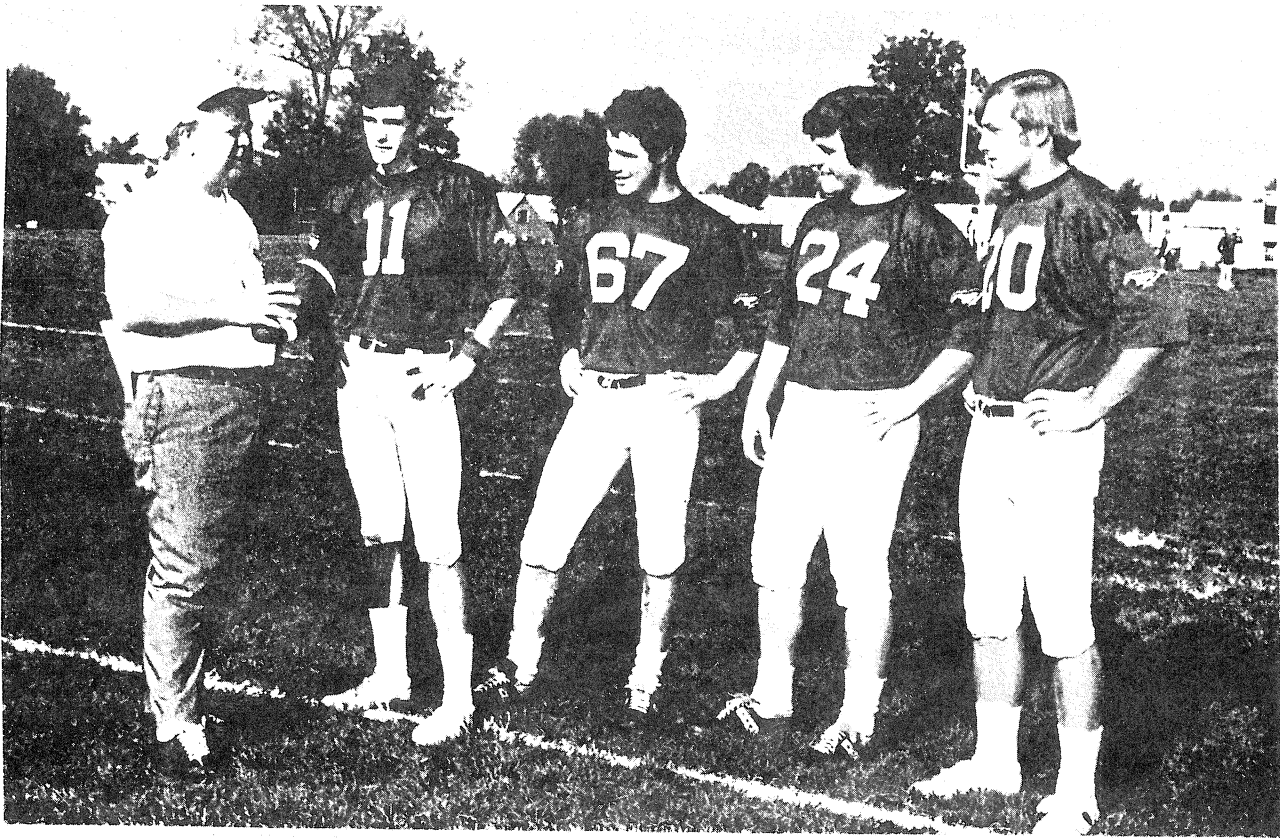
Today, he follows the legacy by joining Bernie Sr. as a member of the Hall of Fame and the only question remains whether he'll return to Woodbridge to allow an off-spring to carry it to the next level. He's now coordinator for Woodbridge's highly successful recycling program.



BERNIE PETERSON  
Split end



W. Nigro, R. Caleca, C. Cristo, D. Osborne, R. Moyer, M. O'Brien, A. Campana, J. Smyth, J. Petroski, J. McIntyre, K. Wahl, D. Egan, A. Rossetti, W. Kriston, J. Knoth, L. Jefferson, G. Ficcarra, R. Smith, R. Kistler, V. Terrell, A. Leffler, D. Allebach, K. Ligouri, C. Marchak, R. Johnson, J. Humenik, J. Piserchia, T. Curran, R. Alquin, W. DeCosimo, K. Mullaney, G. Kovacs, C. Kennedy, J. Murphy, T. Aromando, J. Clark, T. Barlow, T. Ellsworth, T. Perez, G. Risaldi, J. Kain, A. Keifer, V. Gibbons, N. Tolkoch, B. Francis, S. Johnson, R. Hendricksen, C. Kosty, E. Novac, R. Hanna, J. Miele, B. Szymanik, C. Kemanes, M. Bernoske, J. McCarthy, T. Schaefer, L. Wiggins, P. Abramo, A. Cirelli, D. Kendricks.



Coach Osborne with J. Smyth, R. Moyer, M. O'Brien, A. Campana

## 1971 JFK FOOTBALL TEAM

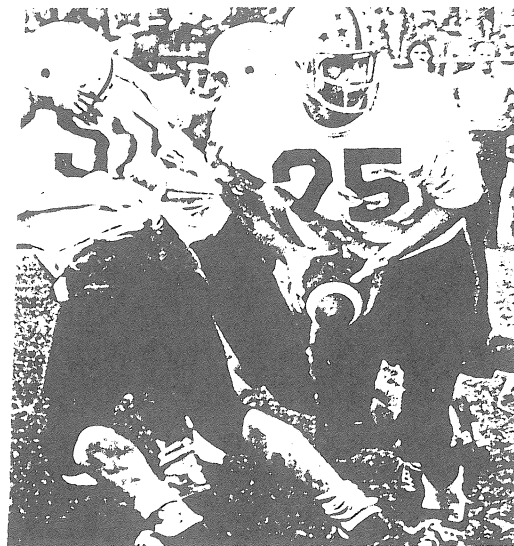
### MUSTANG MADNESS

### A DATE WITH DESTINY

The dawn of autumn 1971 found JFK High School in an envious situation as an air of anticipation and energy settled into place. The Mustangs, under the guidance of the late Ron Osborne, coach, were about to field an accomplished and seasoned team, many of whose members began playing together in Pop Warner Football and had continued doing so through middle school and junior high. Now most of them were seniors facing a challenging nine game schedule.

The opening game victory against township rival Woodbridge, 14 to 6, showed promise for this team of destiny and as the Saturdays marched by, Madison Township, Metuchen and Colonia all fell to the wayside as the names of Smyth, McIntyre, Egan, Caleca, Moyer, Campana, Osborne, O'Brien and Wahl became rooted in the minds of not just Mustang fans but opponents as well. By the fifth game a sense of a possible championship run was growing among the Green and White but the biggest run of all that weekend in the Perth Amboy game was provided by Jeff Petroski. Jeff's interception and 55 yard return resulted in JFK's lone score in a 6 to 0 victory and kept the Iselin squad in the number two spot of the Star Ledger's rankings of the top teams in New Jersey. Before the season ended, Petroski would again spell the difference between an undefeated title team or a squad that went unbeaten but tied. In the Thanksgiving Day bash against JP Stevens he scooted 85 yards on a punt return to put the Mustangs in front for good in an eventual 13 to 6 victory with Mike O'Brien providing the pivotal extra point.

So on a brisk and snappy Thanksgiving morning, the 1971 Mustang squad completed the task it had established back in September, going undefeated and winning the Central Jersey Group III Crown and holding onto second place in that Star Ledger poll. This team of destiny is not just remembered for its victories but the manner in which they were scored, teamwork and various people stepping forward at the right time. It was what they brought forward with them starting back in those Pop Warner League days.



Art Browne

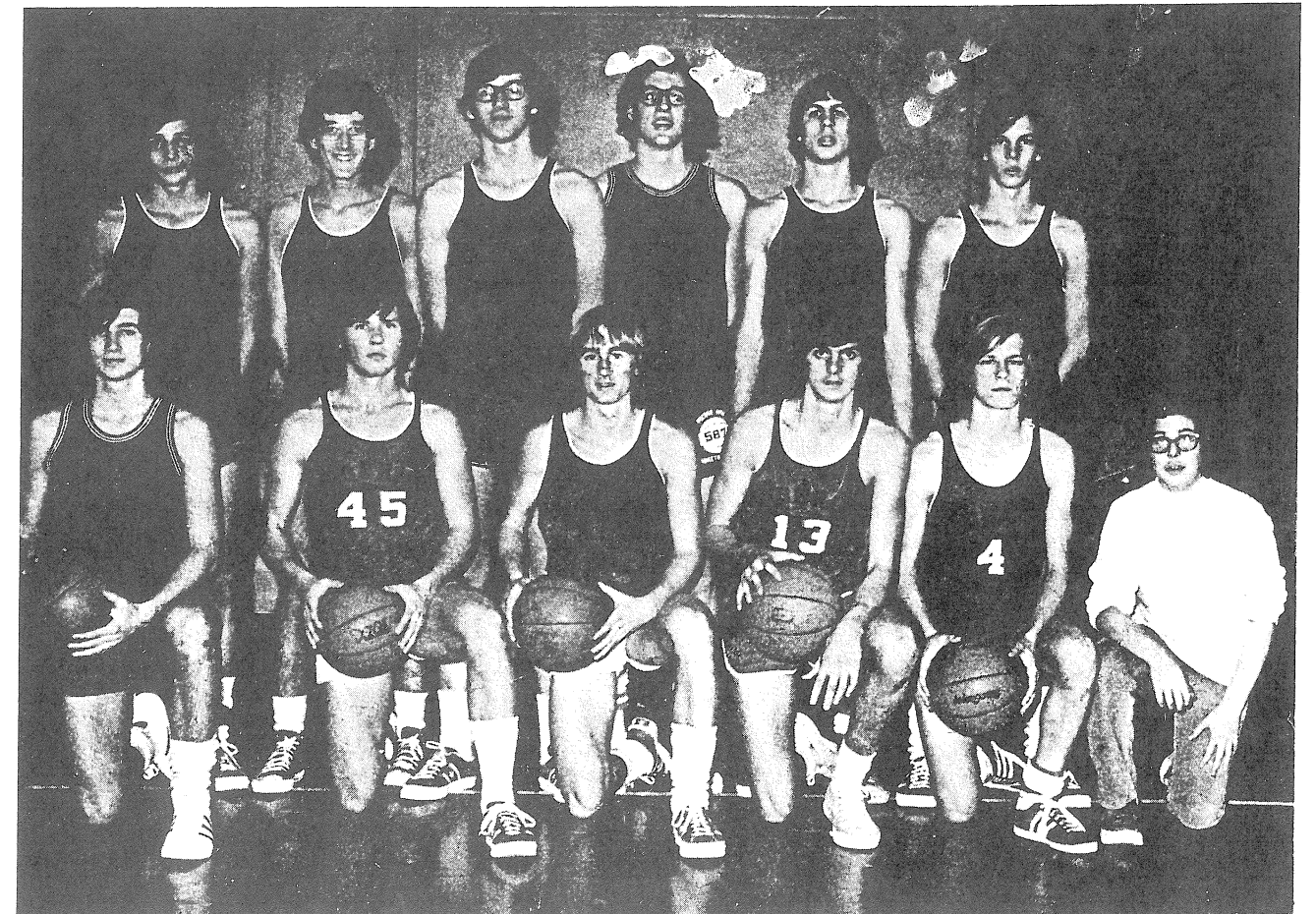


BERNIE PETERSON



BERNIE PETERSON  
Captain

Front Row: S. Orlich, B. Peterson, T. Olah, T. Rubino, R. Kasmir, D. Solomon; Back Row: M. DiDonna, R. Sweeney, R. Adleman, E. Etzold, S. Lucas, D. Papierowicz.





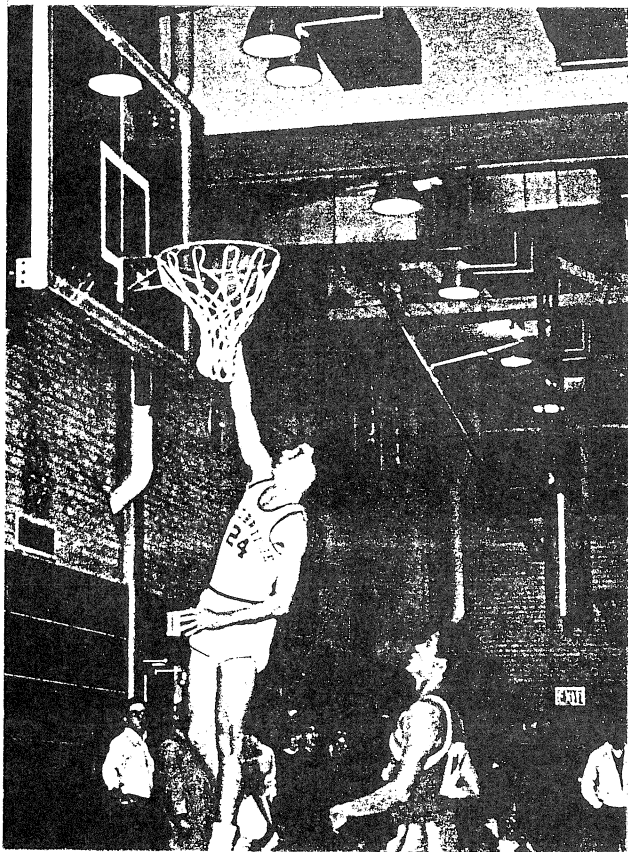
Ronald Zapoticzny '69  
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When Ron Zapoticzny was not running, he was scoring or charging around a baseball diamond for the Red & Black of WHS.

His focus in track were the dashes and the long jump. He was Greater Jersey Conferences 220 Champion, placed second in both speed based events at the county championships in 1969 and he also ran a leg of both the 440 and 880 county champion relay teams.

On a basketball court he was a two year starter for the Barrons and the team's leading scorer in his senior year. And then there was baseball in which he played for three seasons.

After graduation from Woodbridge, Ron ran up the Parkway to accept a track scholarship from Seton Hall University where he was the IC4A 400 meter champ. We're told he's running over from Edison to be with us today.



# Colonia mentor goes to bat for his players

By LEE ZEOLI

Bob Tisdale usually can be found in his office at Colonia High School making calls to college coaches around the country.

"I want to do everything possible to get my kids into college," he explains. "I build up quite a phone bill, serving as a type of public-relations man for my school and my athletes. We have so many great young kids in all of our sports here and I want to see all of them get a chance at playing in college. So I'll make as many calls as possible, in the morning, evening, whenever time permits."

Dedication to the youngsters in sports at Colonia High is a passion of the 57-year-old Edison resident, who took over as the school's athletic director last July after serving as a physical-education teacher and coach—in boys' and girls' basketball, track and field, girls' soccer and cross-country—at the Middlesex County school for 19 years.

Tisdale, who grew up in Elizabeth and coached under Ron Kelly at Jefferson High School, has always enjoyed working with kids. Among his players at Jefferson was John Shumate, who went on to a fine career at Notre Dame and then to the National Basketball Association's Phoenix Suns.

The Colonia job opened up this year when the Woodbridge school district decided to split the duties of the athletic director into two positions. Bill Gatyas, who had been the athletic director, took over the new position of director of physical education and health education. Tisdale was offered and accepted the athletic director's post.

Since taking the job, Tisdale has been busy promoting Colonia athletes.

"I just talked to a local coach about two of our fine track stars, Tawana Underwood, who runs the 100 and 200 and is on the 3,200-meter relay team, and Tawana Allen, who runs the



Bob Tisdale  
Ma Bell's friend

100 and the 400," he said with a smile. "I've also been calling schools about some of our fine football and boys' and girls' soccer players."

The genial administrator also enjoys the difficult challenge of setting up schedules and arranging for officials.

"It's all for a great group of kids and I'm glad to be able to help us to maintain and build on our reputation in sports and academics," he said.

Tisdale also is looking forward this winter to watching the boys' basketball team, which he coached for the past 19 years.

"We have a fine group of seniors who are ready to blossom," he predicts. "We went 23-2 in 1986-87 and all of those starters went on to earn college scholarships. The next year, we brought

up a whole group of sophomores to the varsity and allowed them to learn on the job. It should pay off this year. The kids also have the benefit of a fine new coach, Jack Krieger, who has been an assistant for me almost since I began coaching here."

The new athletic director proudly lists the names of this year's senior standouts, 6-2 guard/forward Sean Overton, 6-5 forward Bob Farrell, 6-5 center Omar Bailey, 6-3 forward Scott Chesky and 5-11 guard Bob Timinski.

"Jack and I are on the phone constantly with coaches interested in these players," beamed Tisdale, who concluded his basketball coaching career with an overall record of 286-170. "I expect this team to challenge for the Greater Middlesex Conference overall championship this season."

A love affair with basketball helped bring Tisdale to his current position.

Tisdale attended Elizabeth High, when it was known as Thomas Jefferson, but played in YMCA and other local basketball leagues, not for the high-school team, where he concentrated his efforts on playing the clarinet for the band.

He then joined the Army Signal Corps and was stationed in South Korea for close to two years. Upon returning to the states, he competed in the Policemen's Benevolent Association PAL basketball league in his hometown, where he caught the attention of the scouts from Delaware State, who offered him a scholarship. At 6-2, Tisdale played both guard and forward for four years. He was graduated with a bachelor's degree in physical education.

"I always wanted to teach, but I had it in my mind to be an administrator someday," he recalled.

He coached the junior varsity and assisted the varsity under Kelly at Elizabeth before taking over as the Rahway High School head coach for two years in the mid-1960s. During that time, he

would coach games and practice in the afternoon and then travel to Trenton State College in Ewing, some 70 miles away, where he continued work on completing his master's degree in physical education. He also took courses there to earn his supervisor's certificate.

He took over the Colonia boys' basketball team in 1970 when the school was just three years old and the student body numbered close to 1,800.

"We have about 1,000 kids here now, but our sports programs—particularly those available to girls—have increased dramatically," he said. "I'm proud to say that I have helped to coach just about every one of them."

"My goals now are to keep the programs moving as smoothly as possible and continue to emphasize academics," he said. "And I'm going to keep contacting every college program around, by mail and by phone, to promote our kids."

He keeps track of his family and friends as often as possible through the same sources. He and his wife of 29 years, Dolores, have raised three children, Robert, Tracy and Nicole, and all went on to do well in their college studies.

"Robert lives in California, but we keep in touch with him just about every day, by phone," he said. "It's another big bill I have to worry about, but it's worth it. We're a very close-knit family."

The sense of family is also evident at Colonia, where Tisdale often calls on Gatyas, Woodbridge Township physical education director Ron Osborne and school principal Bob Sanislow for advice and assistance.

Tisdale's efforts are paying off for Colonia in a big way.

"Most of the people in college I call already are familiar with the fine overall program we have at Colonia. That speaks a lot about the quality of this school."

## 1973 IC4A Mile Relay Champions

### **Robert Tisdale - Coach**

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Mention of the name Bob Tisdale is bound to prompt a smile on the faces of Colonia High School basketball enthusiasts. It should for Bob Tisdale's coaching abilities put the Patriots on the basketball map in a big way. During his years at the helm, Colonia was a force to be dealt with on the hardwoods in both Groups 4 and 3.

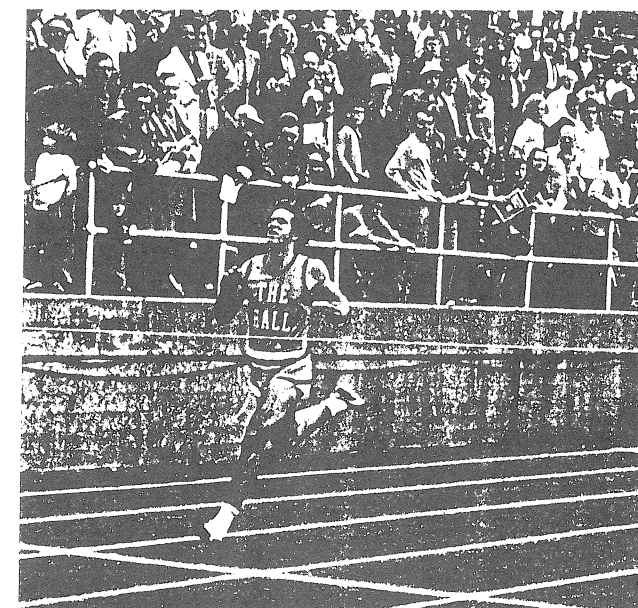
He's gained recognition multiple times from the media as coach of the year as his teams piled up trophies and titles in conference and state tournaments with regularity starting back in 1972 and carrying forward to the mid-1980's. During one span of time Patriot quintets racked up four straight seasons of 20-plus wins and during his career at Colonia, Tisdale's teams won enviable 298 games.

But his accomplishments didn't stop with basketball. There were citizenship awards along the way including one for distinguished service from the New Jersey Jaycees.

Coach Tisdale was a performer too after graduating from Thomas Jefferson High School. He played basketball at Delaware State, made an All Star Army Team while in the service and played with the semi-pro Cranford Clippers. Today he is retired from teaching but not coaching as he introduces his "winning ways" to students at Immaculate Conception High School in Montclair.



**Mike Tyson, Ron Zapotichny, Ken Goglas, Howard Brock, John Moon**  
WHS                      WHS                      Coach





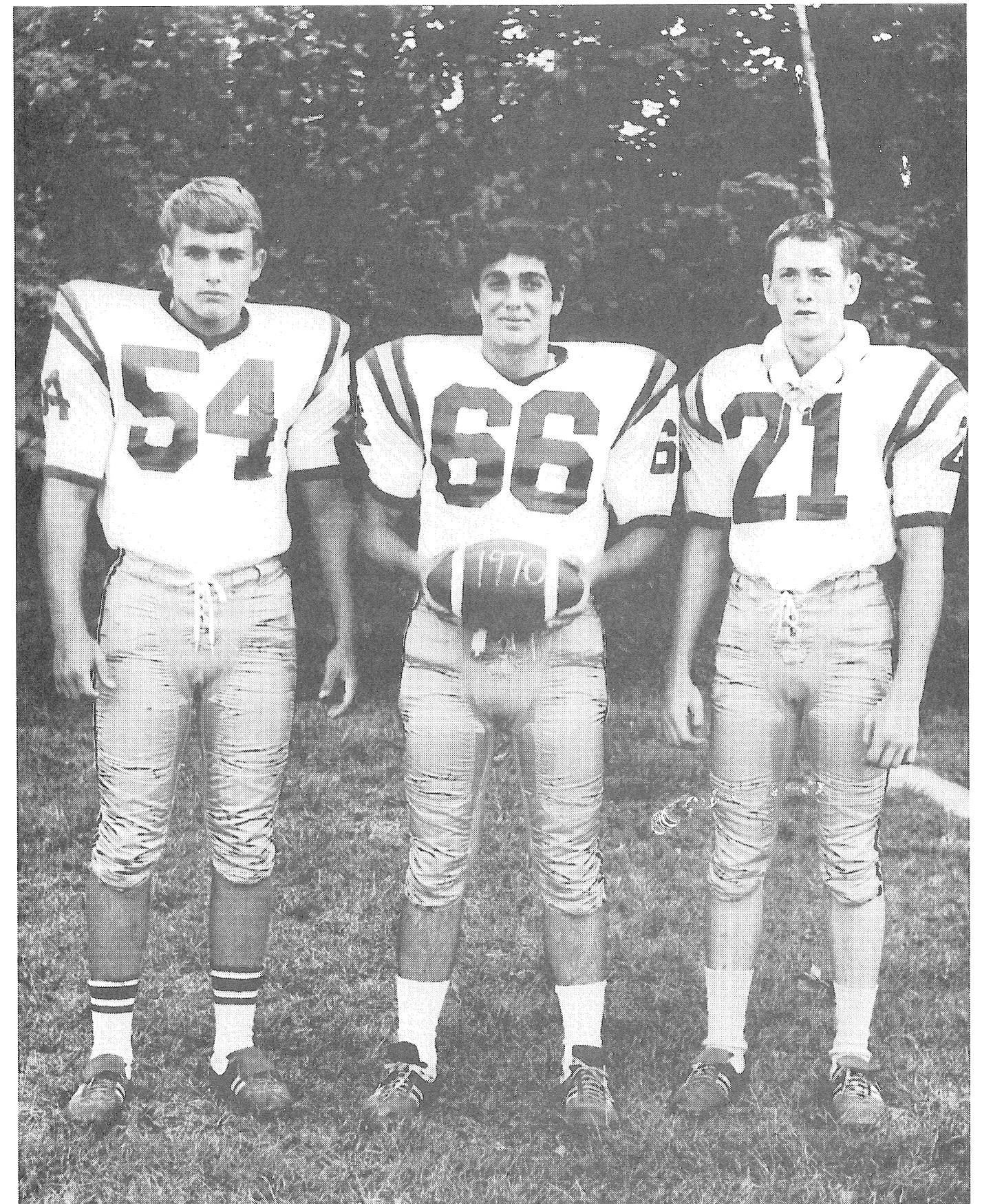
### **Vic Schwartz '55**

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As opponents of Vic Schwartz soon learned, the near constant grin on his face was not a sign of friendliness but more that he was savoring in advance the fury with which he was about to hit and flatten them.

This member of the class of '55 is another in a line of rough and tough football linemen who earned the respect of the opposition under the watchful guidance of coaches Nick Priscoe & Frank Capraro. In the Autumn of the year he lined up over the ball and when on defense moved into a linebacker slot from which the expression was coined, "all the better to hit you from." Vic was All County and All State on the gridiron and when Spring rolled around was a savvy catcher and solid hitter on the Barron baseball nine. He also threw his weight around in track with the shot put.

After high school he played at Bordentown Military Institute gaining all prep honors on an undefeated team that allowed just one touchdown, joining a fellow Barron and Hall of Famer "Moose" Barlund. From BMI it was onto the University of Maryland and All Atlantic Coast Conference honors during a three year varsity career of playing both ways for the Terrapins. By the mid-60's he was back in Maryland at Bowie High School where he introduced scholastic football and brought it for several years to the level of state championship play and through it all, that grin stayed in place.



**Football Captains – R. Draina, M. Rosenbaum, J. Crilly**



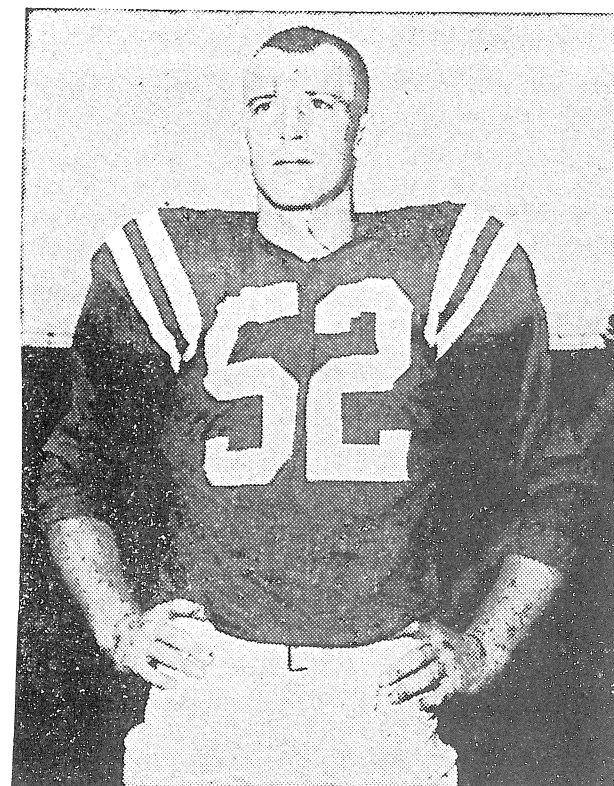
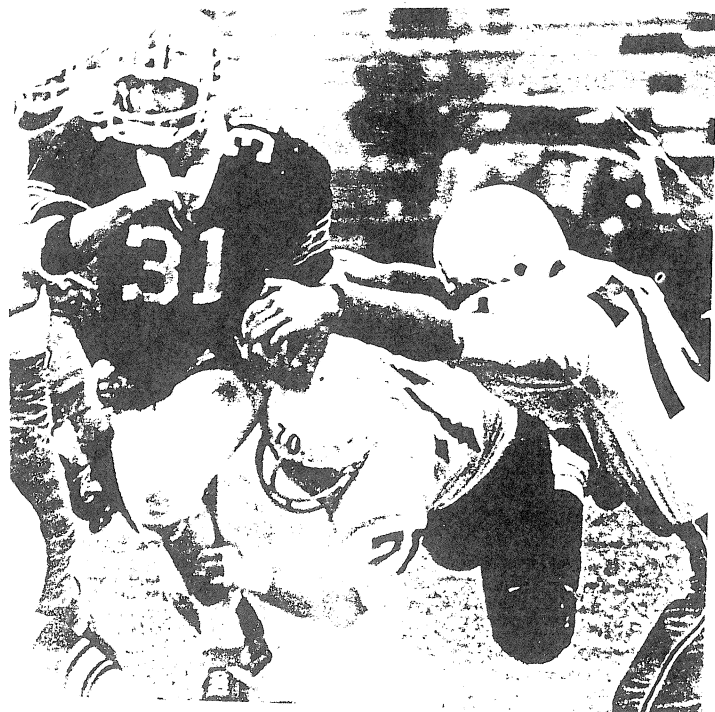
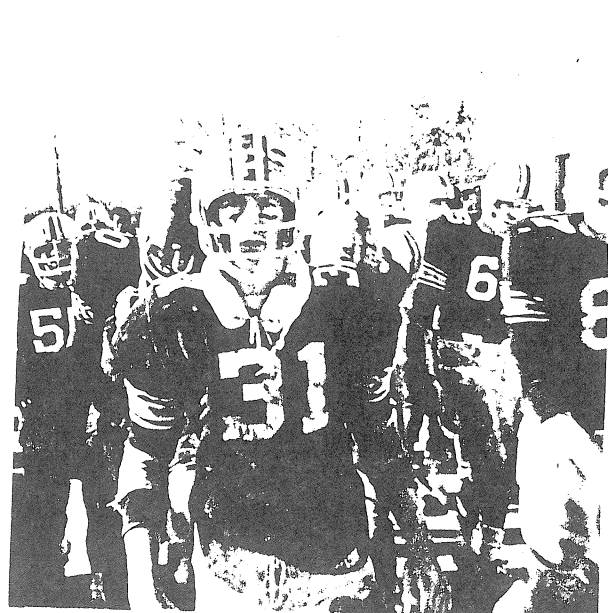
**James Crilly '71**

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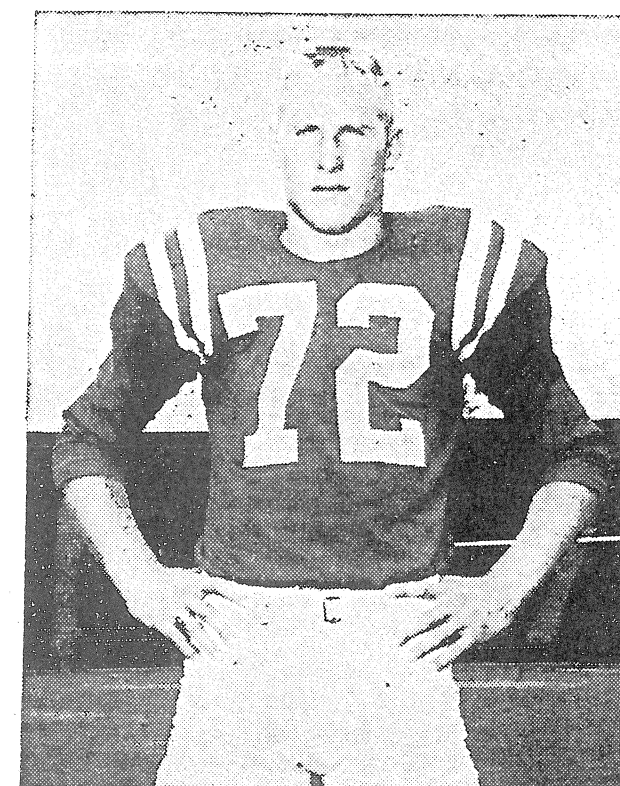
These days, Jim Crilly is one of Woodbridge's finest with three stripes on his uniform sleeve. When he was at Colonia High he was a two-way wonder! That's one of the reasons he was twice MVP of the Patriot's eleven and team captain as well.

How many players on any level of football would like to ring up the numbers Jim did in a single season when he broke the one thousand yard mark in rushing, the first to accomplish that feat in a Colonia uniform and at the same time set a school and county record in 1970 by picking off 10 passes on defense. That performance earned recognition from the Football Coaches Association All Star Team as well as countywide honors.

That caliber of success followed Crilly into the US Marine Corps where he was selected to the security/honor detail that guarded the Skylab 3 Astronauts. This type of recognition has followed him into his police work where he has garnered dozens upon dozens of citations and commendations for exceptional and valorous acts and twice earned him Police Officer of the Year acknowledgement.



**MARYLAND MEN:** Woodbridge High shares some of the spotlight with the University of Maryland when the Terrapins open the season this afternoon against West Virginia. Victor Schwartz, left, will



start at center for the second straight year while Dick Barlund, who starred for the Barrons two years ago, will handle a tackle station with the offensive team.



## JOHN F. KENNEDY

### Catherine Wrabel (Sysock) '78

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It's been just over two decades now since Kathy was running cross-country, whacking softballs, swatting tennis balls and bouncing a basketball all for the glory of JFK High School. Her continued success in sports and academics resulted in Kathy being named JFK Scholar-Athlete for 1978.

From 1976 through '78 she made the All County Conference Team in softball, in '77 her tennis play gained All Conference recognition as did her basketball performances in the 1977-78 season.

Life and travels took Kathy after graduation from Kean College to the land of sunshine and citrus where she practices professionally as a health teacher in the Osceola County school system in Florida.



A. Johnson, C. Wrabel

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## Nancy Baureis McDonald '72

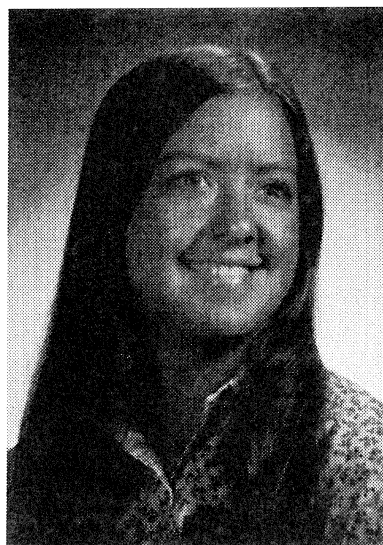
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Very often in life there is a price to pay for being a Patriot. In the case of Nancy Baureis McDonald the price was paid to the fate of timing and not for wearing the Blue and Gold of Colonia's Patriots. It was all a matter of just being two years younger and who among us today would not go for a deal like that!

It was obvious that Nancy had more than just a flair for athletics but unfortunately for her at that point in time the arena had not yet been built for her to perform in. Female scholastic athletics in the region did not take hold and start up in league or conference action until three years after Nancy walked off the high school grounds and onto the campus of what was then Trenton State College. But while in high school, in competition, Nancy showed herself to be an out-standing singles tennis player and led Colonia High to its best tennis season record to date in that informal setting. When not playing she supported those who were as a cheerleader.

At The College of New Jersey she played varsity tennis all four years and launched the javelin in spring track. After a teaching stint back at Colonia High, Nancy has settled into the South Brunswick school system where she's assistant soccer coach and varsity head coach of the Volleyball squad. She's also been a New Jersey certified track and field official for a decade.

Today Nancy joins sister Ellen who is two years younger, in the WTAAA Hall of Fame. There's that deuce in time again!



## Captains



G. Pawlikowski, C. Wrabel



Row 1: C. Wrabel, A. DiPette, C. Brechka, Row 2: C. Fuentes, G. Pawlikowski, J. Kimberlin



Row 1: G. Newman, Row 2: C. Wrabel — Capt., R. Sylvernal, E. Clancy, Row 3: R. Kuzara, A. Johnson — Capt., G. Pawlikowski, B. Williams, B. Shissias



**Dan Osborne '72**

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Kermit the frog has made a living lamenting that it isn't easy being green. Well, he could learn a thing or two about what isn't easy from Dan Osborne who as a senior in high school wore green and at the same time had to perform above par as a two-way tackle to satisfy his older brother Ron who happened to be head coach. Fact is older brothers rarely take pleasure in making life in sports easier for younger brothers. So it was for this inductee who today joins his late older brother in the WTAAA Hall of Fame.

These Mustangs of '71 had to sweat out the Perth Amboy game, one in which they were strong favorites, slipping by with a 6-0 win and then after the game sweat out the fusillade of remarks from the head coach and who was his favorite target? That's why younger brothers were made. But ultimately everyone was smiling by late November.

While he did gain All Conference Honors, Dan is best regarded by his teammates on that undefeated Group Three Championship team as being the consummate team player who hung out in the trenches of scholastic football warfare and was part of a line that was equally adept at opening up holes for the running backs or closing them down when the opposition had the ball.

When football wasn't in the air, Dan was co-captain of the Winter and Spring track squads where he threw the shot put. After high school, Delaware Valley College welcomed Dan with open arms and in his freshman year he lettered but it was to be his final football season because of the severity of an off-season ankle injury cut short his dreams for the future. These days Osborne still gets off a head of steam but it is in over-seeing cogenerational facilities that provide industrial and commercial venues with power and light.



*Colonia hoping for happier return*

By BOB WIESNER  
News Tribune sports writer

WOODBIDGE — The trip may be shorter, but Joe Martino hopes it will be much more productive.

Last December, Martino's Colonia High School football team traveled down the Garden State Parkway to play in the state championships at Atlantic City. The Pats were beaten, soundly, by Piscataway.

Saturday, the Pats will have significantly less mileage to cover as the 1975 playoff finals are to be held at their own stadium.

"We may only be going across the street," said Martino, "but we want to make the trip back a little better."

A win over Matawan for the Central Jersey Group IV title would make a trip home from anywhere very sweet.

Colonia is at full strength for this one. Martino plans to go with his regular starting line-up. Although there figure to be some tactical changes as Martino and defensive coach Steve Gleitzman ponder ways to stop the Huskie Single Wing, there'll be no personnel switches.

That means that the defensive line will have Don Oshiro and Doug Bongard at the ends, Roger Barnhard and Ron Bocra at the tackles and Steve Cilento at middle guard, all, except Bongard, are seniors. Doug is a junior. The line averages a bit over 190 pounds with Barnhard the biggest at well over 200.

Of the quintet, Oshiro is probably the best pass rusher with Barnhard a close second. The latter, along with Cilento, is exceptional against the run. Cilento, despite playing nose guard, can be seen making tackles all over the field.

Keith Heilner, Keith Jarosz and Bob Peters are the linebackers. Jarosz goes 170 pounds, the others weigh in at 185.

The defensive secondary has Derek Morgan and Bill Fischer at the corners with Keith Roberts at safety. Of the six back defenders, Roberts is the only junior. The rest are seniors.

The Colonia offense centers around



**PATS' FRONT WALL** — Colonia High School head coach Joe Martino stands behind the members of his team's tough defensive line. From left to right, they are Don Oshiro, Ron Bocra, Steve Cilento, Roger Barnhard,

Doug Bongard and Joe Perez. The Patriots host Matawan Saturday at 1 p.m. for the Central Jersey Group IV championship.

senior quarterback John Baldante. Baldante, who missed last year's playoff game with a leg injury, started off 1975 with the same bad luck by breaking three bones in his left (non-throwing) hand just before the opening game. With the hand heavily padded, he played the first three games of the season, but couldn't get his passing form back until about the fourth contest.

When he did regain his timing he went on to connect on an unbelievable 80 per cent of his passes, hitting on 75 of 96 for over 1100 yards.

Baldante receives support on offense from the running backs. Oshiro and Ron Holder. Both are good blockers with

fullback Oshiro doing most of his rushing damage inside while tailback Holder, a junior, uses his speed on sweeps and pitch-outs.

Derek Morgan, a dangerous pass receiver, starts at flanker.

The offensive line has Cilento and Peters at end, Barnhard and Jim Nardone at tackle. Brian Seliga and John Chenosky at guard and Heilner at center. The two ends will play either split or tight, depending on the formation Martino wants to use.

If you had to categorize the Colonia offensive, you'd have to call it a "Pro Set." Matawan will probably see the I-formation, a split backfield, double tight

ends, the slot, or just about anything else.

Although a couple of newspapers may select the winner of the Matawan-Colonia game as their state champion, officially it's just the Central Jersey Group IV title that's on the line. Somehow, it seems as if more should be at stake. After all, the state will hand out 22 sectional crowns with Colonia or Matawan getting just one of them. Martino, however, has no complaints.

"We're very happy about the set-up," he said. "It's a step in the right direction. Now, at least, they're choosing the 22 champions on the field. This is the better way."



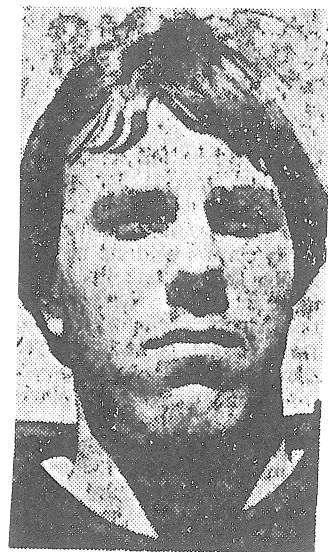
## Steve Cilento '76

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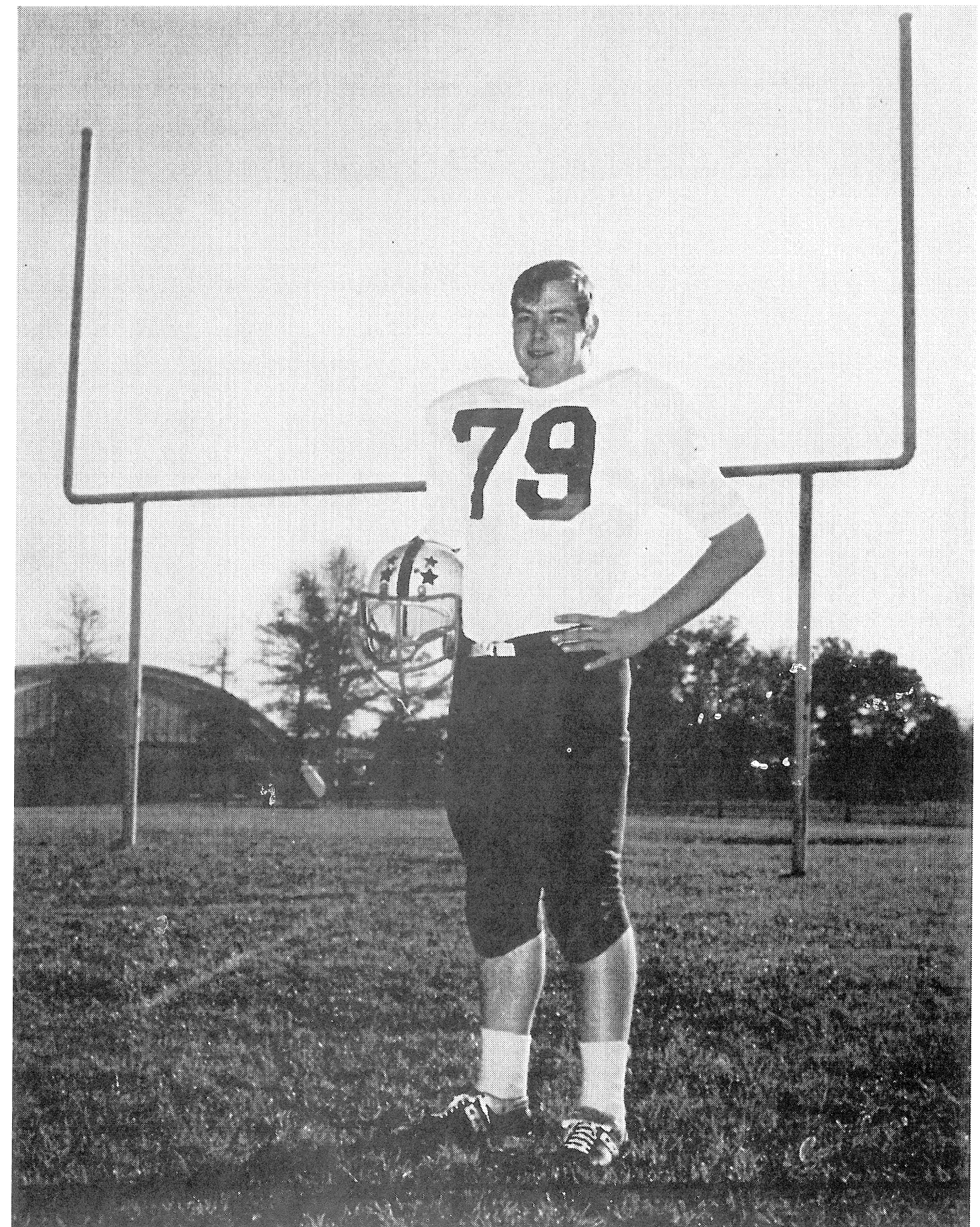
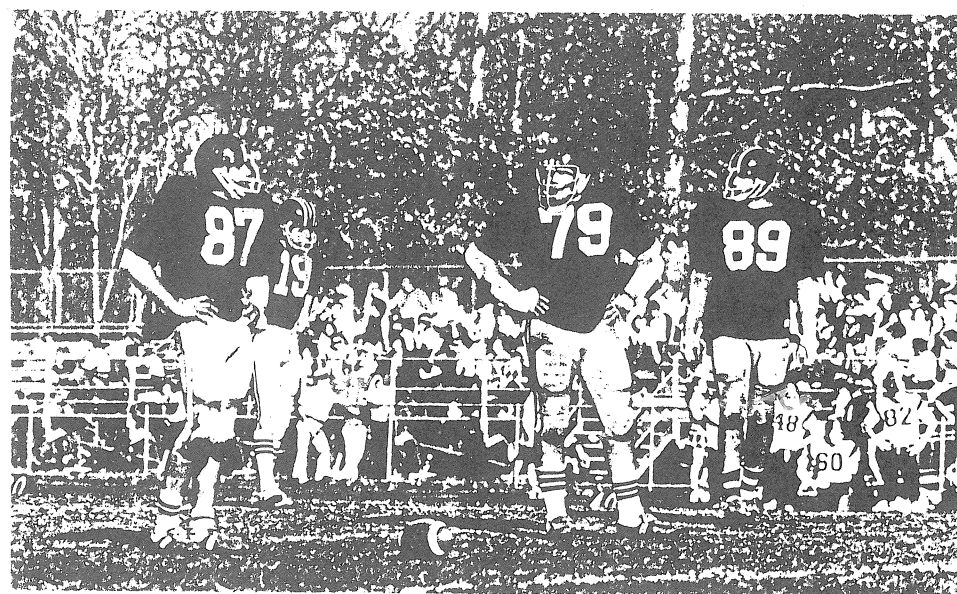
Not too many athletes have the ability, size and strength to excel at two totally divergent positions on a football team.

Steve Cilento was the exception. He managed it with fearsome dedication over a stretch of three years at Colonia High School where he played offensive end and on defense lined up as middle guard. As one might expect, he led the squad in tackles as he regularly stuffed up the middle for the Patriots during his three years as a starter. His play was a strong feature of Colonia's only regular season unbeaten squad in 1975, the year Cilento came in for a host of awards including All County and All Conference. During those three years, Colonia built up a 26 and 4 record.

When it wasn't football, it was track where he competed in the quarter mile, hurdles and javelin. A football scholarship took him to the University of Colorado from which he later transferred, completing his college education at the University of Maryland.



STEVE CILENTO  
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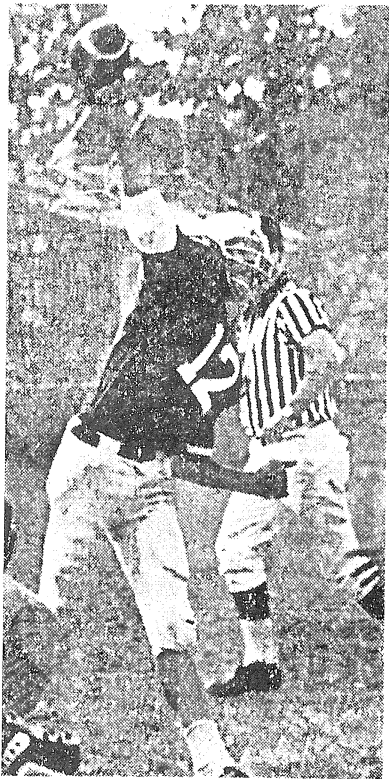


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Between devoting himself to football, basketball and track during his time at JFK High School, Tom somehow found the time to also hit the books and earn the distinction of being a Scholar-Athlete. That award came from the National Football Foundation.

Besides quarterbacking the '73 squad and serving as co-captain, his point guard play on the court helped to lead the Mustangs in his senior year to a 24 and 3 record and the CJ Group 3 Title. Then there was track where he participated in the high and long jumps and in making the All County track squad won the long jump championship.

Aromando's successful track career carried over to Albright College where he devoted himself to accounting and the business of a successful track career as he was twice named team MVP and twice elected co-captain. Today Tom is a practicing CPA.



# Draina wins State mat crown

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PRINCETON— Although collectively known as the NJSIAA State Wrestling Championships, the final 12 matches held in Jadwin Gym on Saturday afternoon played more like personal dramas involving 24 wrestlers and a legion of coaches, fans, and loved ones who hung on every move, fall, and escape.

One of the principle players in this



JOE DRAIN  
State champion

series of psychological struggles was Joe Draina of Colonia, the newly crowned champion of the 158-pound class.

Draina earned his title with a major 16-5 decision over Paul Morina of Paulsboro in one of the strangest matches on the 12-bout final card.

The 17-year-old Colonia High School senior was the only area wrestler to emerge from the tournament with a state title as five other TNT area grapplers dropped out of the contention in the morning's semi-final round.

**DRAIN** WAS perhaps one of the unlikely members of the area contingent to come away with a state crown. His bad luck enroute to the finals made his success story all the more remarkable.

"That was the best I've seen him wrestle," an elated Steve Gleitzman, the Colonia coach said. "He's been here three times and he knew he had to go out tough if he wanted to be a winner."

Tough was not the word for Draina's championship performance as he put on a furious exhibition to earn his title despite a badly battered left eye which required almost constant attention.

On Friday night Draina's physical problems began while he was defeating Vic Della Torre of River Dell, 6-2, in the quarter-final round.

While moving in for a takedown in that match Draina caught a knee from Della Torre just above the left eye. It opened a cut which eventually required four stitches to close later that same evening.

**SATURDAY MORNING**, Draina returned to the mats to battle Jeff Santos of Kittatinny in a match which the Colonia grappler won 13-5. The victory was not cheaply earned, however, as Santos caught Draina with an elbow below the previously injured left eye and by early afternoon the area surrounding the eye had become swollen and discolored. There was no question that it bothered Draina before he even took the mat for his title shot.

"He took a good shot last Friday night," Gleitzman said after Draina's victory. "Then he got hit again this morning and the eye looked pretty bad."

"We put a lot of ice on it and there were several doctors here who gave us help at matside. The Madison Central trainer also gave us a lot of help in getting Joe ready."

**ONCE THE TITLE TUSSE** began there was no doubt that the senior was ready to go out with a flurry. He scored a two-point takedown in the opening minutes of the first period but then needed some quick medical treatment in his corner when the eye caught the referee's attention with 1:03 left in the initial period. Two escapes tied the score and then a second period Draina takedown followed by a Morina escape made it 4-3. A Draina escape at the outset of the third period gave the champ a 5-3 lead and a takedown at 1:42 upped the advantage to 7-3. At 1:14 Draina again had Morina on the mat and seemed headed for a pin when the time-clock went dead. One of the officials stopped the action as the Colonia corner went wild.

"He was going real strong when that happened," Gleitzman said. "He was working into a good pinning situation when the referee stopped the kids. We were upset because we felt he could have gotten the pin at that point."

**AFTER A LENGTHY** wait for the officials to decide what would be done while the clock was inoperative, Draina came back to score seven points in the final 1:14 of the match. It was a memorable finish to his career.

"I really feel great, just fantastic," was

how Draina expressed his initial reaction at winning the 158-pound title. "This was like a dream come true. I got more confident as the tournament went on. I felt really great on my feet in the finals."

No one was more pleased with the victory than Gleitzman. It was Draina's 31st win of the year and it marked the first time that Gleitzman, or Colonia, had produced a wrestling champion.

"We started him very young," Gleitzman said of Draina's road to the title. "I kept coming around and then began to compete in other tournaments on his own. Last year he lost in the second round and he wanted to win the title very badly this year. He just wrestles, he doesn't play other sports and this was his goal."

**WHILE GLEITZMAN** said that he was disturbed about the unexpected stoppage caused by the breakdown of the clock, said the respite might have helped Draina particularly because it provided time to work on the injured eye. Gleitzman, however, downplayed any significance which could be attached to the clock incident.

"I think the thing that helped Joe most," Gleitzman said, "was his match in the finals of the Region tournament. He won on a referee's decision over Spencer of Union. Maybe that woke him because he was much tougher at that."

## COLONIA HIGH SCHOOL

### Joseph Draina '77

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Fairly early in life Joe Draina “pinned” down just what it was he wanted to do athletically and once he had a “grip” on it there was no “holding” him down.

He became, for the opposition, the scourge of the 158 pound class in scholastic wrestling in the Central Jersey region from 1975 to 1977. In his senior year he was undefeated and untied in 32 bouts becoming the first Patriot to win a state wrestling crown. During that three year period Joe won three straight district titles, two regional championships, was named MVP of the Lenape Valley Wrestling Tournament and compiled an overall record of 75 and 6. So its not surprising he was selected as the outstanding athlete of his graduating class.

After high school, he started a bachelor's degree program at the University of Virginia and finished up at Rutgers before getting his master's at Columbia University and now is a senior engineering manager with IBM not far from his Hudson River home site.



**JOE DRAINIA**  
Colonia

#### **JOE DRAINIA, 158** Colonia

Joe won 'em all this season, including the big one — the state tournament. His record was 32-0 and it boosted his three-year record to 75-6. He was the first state champion ever for Colonia and the only one this year from the county. Joe won three straight district titles and won regional crowns in 1975 and 1977. Was named the most valuable player in the Lenape Valley Wrestling Tournament this sea-





## Barbara Shissias '79

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It's not surprising for friends to learn that Barbara A. Shissias still plays with percentages as a major accounts manager at this stage of her adult life. Back in high school, percentages always seemed to be swarming all around her.

Upper 10% of Graduating Class

Shot 40% from the floor

Hit 70% of the time from the free throw line

These percentages added up to a pretty smart high school career in which Barbara was equally comfortable making her sneakers squeak on the polished hardwood or her pen glide across a page of notes.

In making the All County 1<sup>st</sup> Team in 1979 Barbara had continued to do what she'd accomplished in the years before her senior season, an adept play-maker with an eye for the open team-mate, averaging 19.8 per game and 14 rebounds and being a force on the Mustangs best female team ever. One final note to Barbara's laurels – first female player in JFK history to score a thousand points in three years of play. The percentage there is 33 and a third.



# All-County hoop team



Coach of the Year Jim McFadden sits behind The News Tribune's All-County girls basketball team. Joining McFadden are Terri Barthwaite, New Brunswick; Alice Slomko, Perth Amboy; Barbara Shissias, Kennedy; JoAnn Matusz, Woodbridge. (from left) Cindy Eckel of South Plainfield;

## JFK girls nip Amboy; Barb Shissias: 1,017

Barbara Shissias of the John F. Kennedy High School girls basketball team scored the first five points of the game against Perth Amboy. It was point No. 4, however, that the 5-8 forward will remember.

Shissias, a senior, went over the 1,000 point career scoring mark career with that second bucket, and helped the Mustangs defeat Perth Amboy 51-46.

In the only other game this weekend, Carteret edged Cedar Ridge 41-40.

**John F. Kennedy 51, Perth Amboy 46**  
Shissias, who also pulled down 17 rebounds for Kennedy, scored eight of her game high 21 points in the third quarter as the Mustangs entered the final period with

a 42-34 lead. Shissias now has 1,017 points for Kennedy (14-6), which has won five games in a row. Alice Slomko scored 17 to lead Perth Amboy (13-7), which got as close as three points late in the game.

**Carteret 41, Cedar Ridge 40**

Carteret scored only three points in the final period, but they were the last three points of the game as the Ramblers overcame a 40-38 score to post their 12th win in 19 games. A Linda King jumper tied the score at 40-40 for Carteret and a Marlene Dotegowski foul shot proved to be the deciding points. King led Carteret with 17 points, while Patty Malik scored 18 points for Cedar Ridge (7-13)



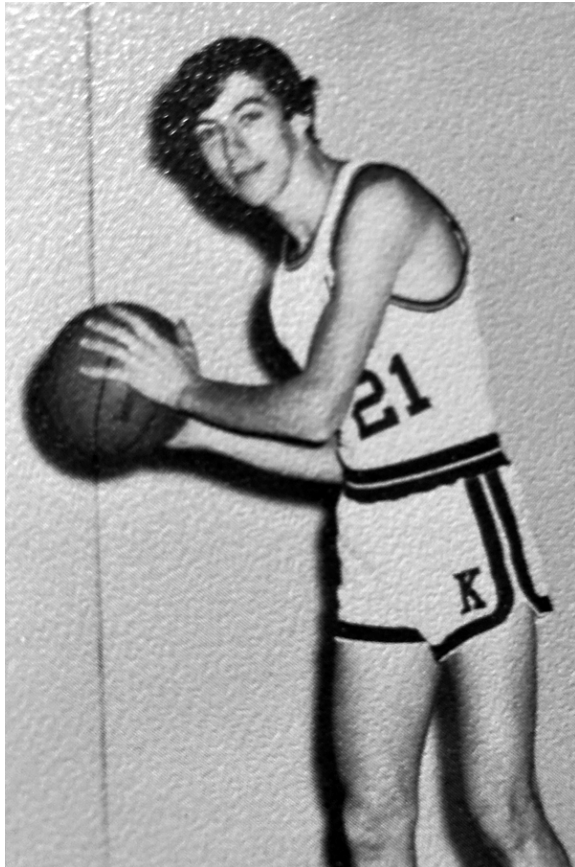
BARBARA SHISSIAS  
tops 1,000 mark



# Supplemental Athlete Photos

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## John F. Kennedy High School



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