

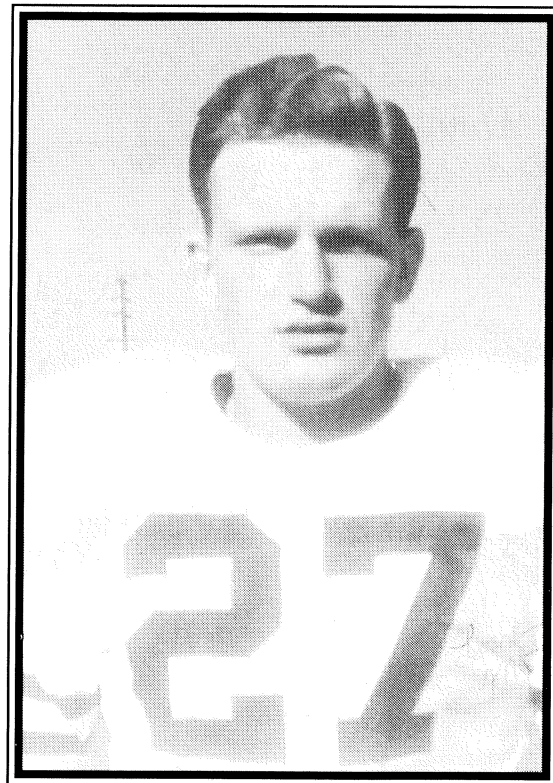
Woodbridge Township Athletic Alumni Association

2000

HALL OF FAME CEREMONY

The Pines Manor, March 12, 2000

Dedicated to Matt Fratterolo



*A
STOUT-HEARTED
MAN*

WTAAA 2000 PROGRAM

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“Matthew J. Fratterolo”

Many decades ago, as the 20th century was starting to unwind and project not just its personality in history but also the advances that would be scored for humankind during its run, the great tenor, Nelson Eddy popularized a song that became symbolic of perilous times. The song was **“Stout Hearted Men.”**

Our friend, whose memory is being honored today was of that **“cut of person.”**

Matthew “Matty” J. Fratterolo was as stout-hearted as anyone could be and he showed that characteristic starting in his youth and through his entire life more times than Frank Sinatra hit the perfect note and for Old Blue Eyes, that was a common occurrence.

Just in case anyone here is not quite sure how Webster’s describes the word **Stout** – **“someone who is resolute, firm, brave and courageous, substantial and solid.”** That for sure was Matty Fratterolo and at the same time he was low-key, unassuming and a man of his word.

The people of Woodbridge who had the opportunity to know Matt, walk and talk with him from his years at WHS to his “final” moments knew all about these qualities.

Even before his high school days, he was tabbed as a “comer” athletically and he proved it time and time again on the “fields of friendly strife” for the Red & Black where his skills and leadership and dogged determination, a “stout” quality not identified by Webster’s, came to the fore-ground either leading or helping to lead the Barron’s cause into the “win” column. His attachment to his native area kept him in “our” company through his academic mission at Rutgers which he completed in 1963, and then into the business-world.

The Chevron Corporation in Perth Amboy welcomed him with open arms as he joined their management team and worked his way up through the ranks for 36 years of steadfast service in a number of key positions.

Little did Matt realize that along the way, through the years he would play a key role in organizing a program, “Celebrate Perth Amboy Campaign,” for the very town that was the arch-rival of his high school days. But that was just a small part of his relentless public spirit, his desire to help others and support worthy causes.

This crusade of public service, let Matt to the Middlesex County College Board of Directors and Board of Trustees, the Pastoral Council and Holy Name Society of his church, St. Anthony of Padua of Port Reading, the home he never left, to the Perth Amboy Chamber of Commerce and past presidencies of the Woodbridge Kiwanis Club and Middlesex County Industrial Association. Some how he even managed to fit in his responsibilities as an officer to the WTAAA.

As Matt stood tall to all of us, one can only try to imagine how tall he stood in the eyes of his wife Joanne, daughters Jennifer & Jessica, son Joseph and the other members of his immediate family, his mother and sister.

Nelson Eddy sang of the importance of Stout Hearted Men in all our lives. The people of Woodbridge who knew Matt realized that a very special spirit of character had been lost to all of us, but the memory continues and through it the challenge to the next person who can try and measure up to **Matthew J. Fratterolo**.

Art Browne '54

2000 WTAA HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

WOODBIDGE HIGH SCHOOL LEGENDS

Nick D'Aprile '40

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The best way to describe this one time star football player is to acknowledge that he was another member of Tom Brokaw's "Greatest Generation," who had his life interrupted by WWII.

From 1936 to '39, Nick D'Aprile was the mainstay at right tackle. In his final high school season, when the Barrons won another state championship, Nick was voted best blocker and tackler and came up real big in the annual slugfest with Carteret in which he intercepted three passes in a game that ended in a scoreless tie.

An opportunity at Seton Hall was deflected by the war with Nick serving four years in the Pacific with the 81st Infantry Division. From 1947 through 1954, Nick put his football talents on the line as a key member of those memorable Woodbridge Golden Bear semi-pro teams.





Bob Koperwhats '49

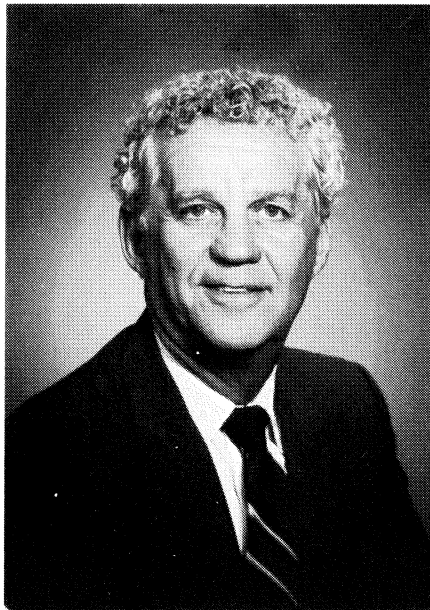
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As a shortstop on several of the best post WWII baseball teams at Woodbridge High, Bob Koperwhats never saw a grounder he didn't like or a ball he couldn't handle. Very little got through that side of the Barron infield because of his stellar play as a fielder.

In three years on the varsity he was a steady All County selection and a sure bet for All State recognition was well. Just to vary his list of honors somewhat he decided as a senior to play basketball and there too gained All County recognition.

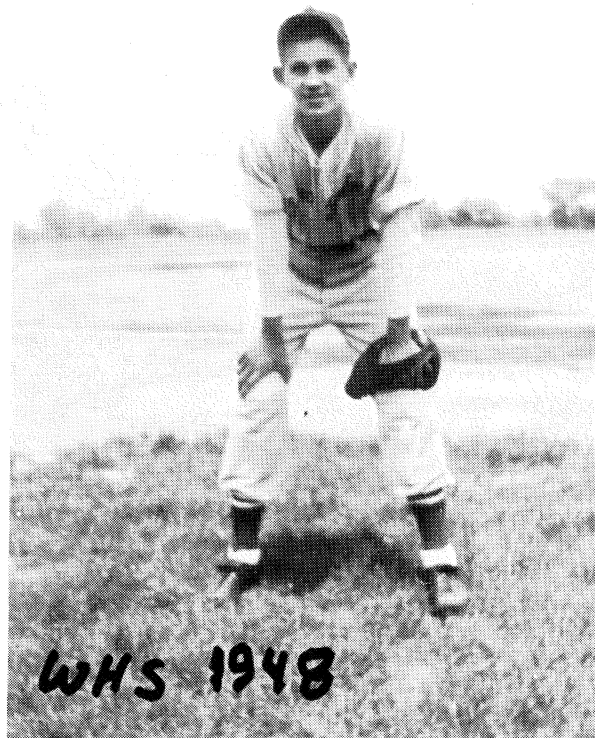
Bob didn't let college change his uniform color scheme as he went off to Rutgers University gaining honorable mention All American during three years of covering the ground at what diamond insiders call, "the deep hole." This success let to a brief stint in professional baseball with Bob reaching the Triple-A level before hanging up the spikes and going to work for a corporation for the next 31 years. Presently he's doing substitute teaching at the junior and senior high levels down in Houston and chances are showing youngsters how to play one the most demanding positions in baseball. He should know of course, it was his turf!



Bob Hopewell '49



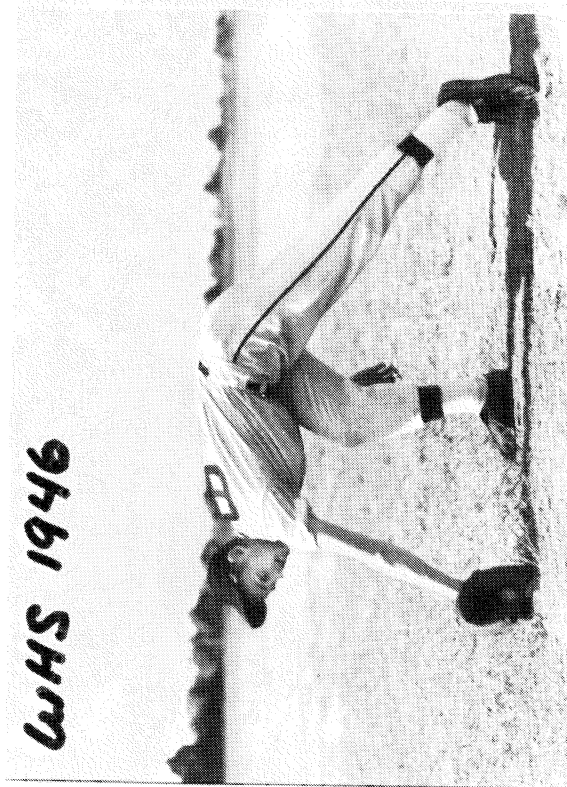
WHS 1947-48-49



WHS 1948



RUTGERS 1951-52-53



WHS 1946

Jack Moskowitz '49

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There are simply a ton of names of outstanding players who are identified with the storied history of WHS football. Predominantly they are linemen and in the upper grouping of them a fiery, diminutive guard stands "very" tall. What Jack Moskowitz lacked in size while weighing in at a frightening 138 pounds, he made up for in heart, speed and a compelling dedication to precision. With no doubt he is one of Woodbridge's All Time Best.

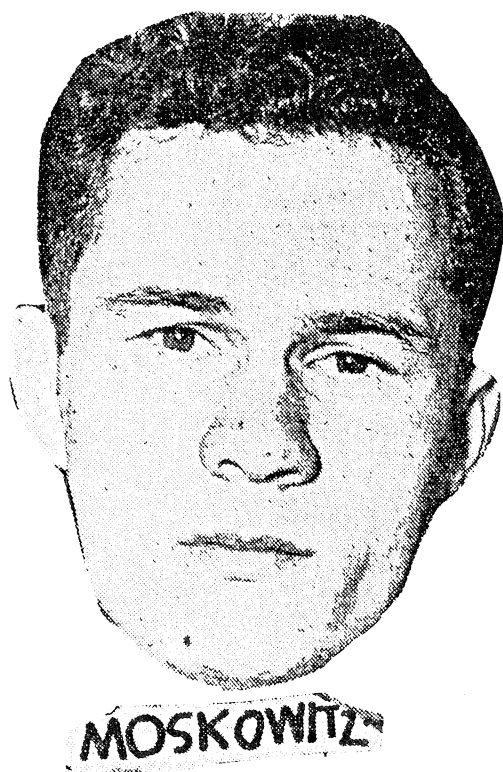
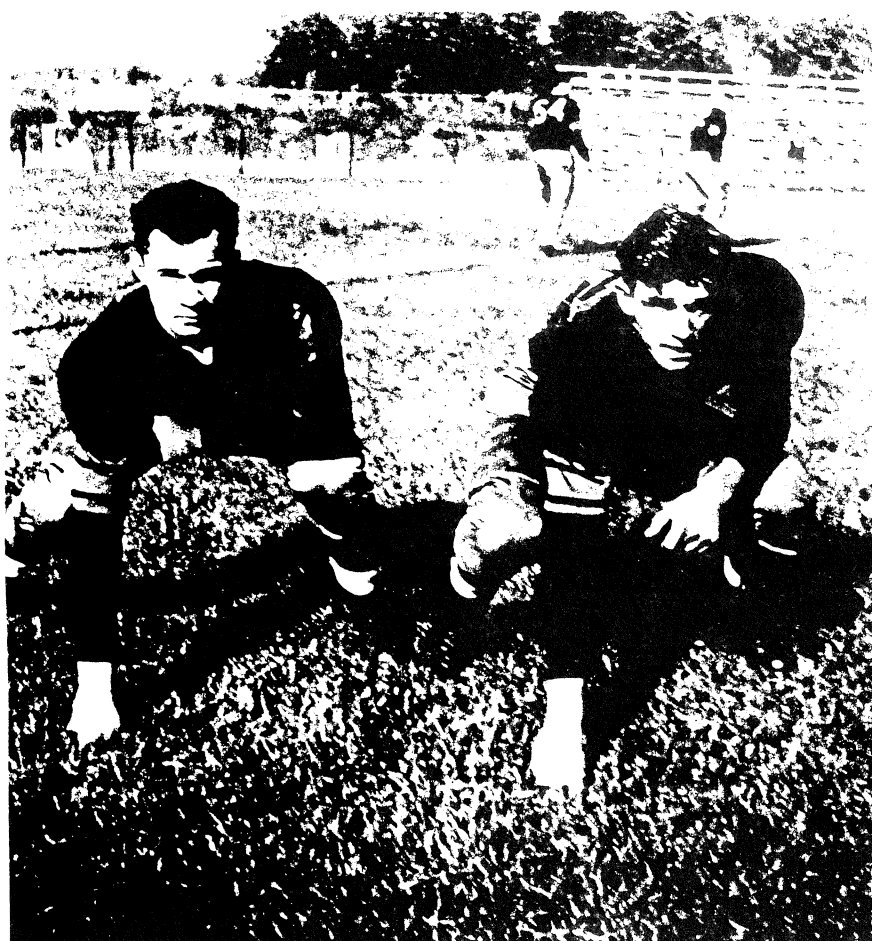
His love of football began on the sandlots in the Avenel section of Woodbridge as well as playing "street ball" on Remsen Avenue with the Rosenmiller boys and other neighborhood kids.

The late Nick Priscoe once said of Jack Moskowitz, "no opponent ever had a pleasant day lining up against him and every opponent because of Mosk's size thought they'd have an easy time of it. What he brought to play week-in and week-out was not his height and weight but the size of a 6'4" 250 pounder and intelligence for the game as well." That really sums up the Moskowitz story and explains the numerous accolades given him for his varsity play, including MVP of the South River game in 1948, All County, All Central Jersey and All State honors as well as recognition from the New Brunswick Touchdown Club.

In a sense Jack was ahead of his time in that he used a regimen of weight lifting long before it became part of football conditioning and during his school years won several medals in Tri-State competition.

The only mistake Jack made along the way was taking bad advice and not attending a prep school which would have taken him to Columbia University to play for Lou Little. But, the Woodbridge Golden Bears did benefit from that decision.

When it came to lining up at the guard position on the Barron varsity, Jack never made a bad decision and long is the list of weary and battered opponents who wish he had.



MOSKOWITZ

James Jimmy Zilai '34

429 S.E. 2nd St., Deerfield Beach, Fla. 33441

The time has come for folks down in Deerfield Village to recognize that James Jimmy Zilai played baseball with the skill and passion that very few people reach and he didn't do it the easy way either.

Initially Jimmy attended St. Mary's High in Perth Amboy but then dropped out to pursue studies at the Drakes Business College and then moved onto a clerkship with the Central Railroad. These were depression times. But in 1932, like the opportunist, outstanding baseball players are, a break in disguise came to Jimmy and he jumped on it like a "fat" one over the plate. He was furloughed by the railroad and then had the good sense to not just complete his high school studies but to also do so at WHS.

That started a baseball-football legend at the Barron Avenue School. In the Autumn he starred for the football team as a running back and in the Spring hit an incredible 460. This would lead to All State honors and a future in Woodbridge Legion baseball in which he hit with the fire and regularity of another legend, Ted Williams, hitting 347, 380 and 362.

Playing on the diamond continued for many years with championship performances in another favorite Woodbridge sport, bowling. As a matter of fact, it was only 11 years ago that Jimmy hung up his softball shoes for the final time, playing in the over 55 league in Deerfield.

Obviously his moving to Florida has been Woodbridge's loss, now it's time Deerfield start recognizing its gain.



(Independent Staff Photos)
Jimmy Zilai

Jim Zilai Scores Twice As Barrons

Take Union Hill, 13-6

ZILAI STARS FOR WOODBRIDGE AS UNION HILL ELEVEN BOWS TO KIRKLESKI'S CLAN, 13 TO 6

Youngster, Playing His First Varsity Game, Scores All Woodbridge's Points—Union Hill Scores In Last Few Minutes of the Game—Barrons Make Six Downs to Visitors Four.

2,500 FANS ATTEND

The 1932 edition of Woodbridge High's Barrons took the field here Saturday against an aggressive Union Hill eleven and emerged victorious by a 13 to 6 score. Despite the somewhat lackadaisical and spotty exhibition that the Red Ghosts presented, they met with the approval of over 2,500 gridiron fans. The Ghosts at times exhibited a brand of football that completely baffled the visitors and showed what is yet to come after the boys have a chance to polish up a bit more. From the looks of things, Coach Kirkleski will be able to whip his squad into a most formidable machine. Zilai, a new-comer to the varsity outfit, was the hero of the day—scoring all of the points for his team.



The Barrons appeared to be off and a bit ragged in the first period. The opening kick-off was rumble and Union Hill recovered. However, Woodbridge held four downs and Bosze punted out of danger. After an exchange of punts, with Woodbridge gaining a slight advantage due to Bosze's superior kicking, the first period ended.

At the start of the second quarter it was evident that Woodbridge had found itself. A sustained drive of 60 yards, featured by Jost and Gerek's ball carrying, enabled Woodbridge to place the ball on Union Hill's two yard line, from whence Zilai, who was destined to be the scoring ace of the day, took the ball over for the first score of the season. Gerek's attempt for the extra point failed. The half ended with the score 6-0 in favor of Woodbridge.

The second half opened with Union Hill on the receiving end. After Woodbridge held for downs Union Hill punted and the Ghosts took offensive. The Barrons penetrated deep into Union Hill territory all through the period, but were unable to score. Late in the period Kirkleski's outfit began a terminated drive which terminated on the visitor's four yard line just as the quarter ended. Terrific plunging by Gerek and Wukovers as well as some spectacular passing by Jost featured the drive. Excitement reigned high when the last quarter opened with Woodbridge on its opponents' ten yard line. After two time punts failed to net any yardage, the alert Frankie Jost called for a reverse with Zilai again taking the pigskin over for his second touch-down of the day. Zilai also converted the point after the touch-down with a place kick. At this stage of the game Coach Kirkleski replaced his regulars with second and third stringers. "Power" Currie was the only man to play a full game for Woodbridge.

In the closing minutes of the game Union Hill began a spirited, short passing attack which brought them to the Red Ghost's two yard line. After Markous had stopped the visitors' charges three times, they ran a play to the opposite side of the line and Nicklovitz went over for a touch-down. The pass for the extra point was completed beyond the end zone, so did not count. The game ended soon after with Union Hill in possession of the ball at mid-field. Statistics show that Woodbridge outplayed the visitors 6 to 4 in regards to first downs.

Starting line-ups:

UNION HILL	WOODBRIDGE
Felsler	Huttemar
Alaskie	Blaf
Gatone	Currie
Blum	Le
Papaska	Bosze
Wintyer	Markou
Shader	Laffie
Leone	Jos
Winkler	Quad
Nicklovetz	Wukover
Picard (C)	Gerek
	F. B.

Score by periods:

Woodbridge	0	6	0	7	1
Union Hill	0	0	0	0	0

WOODBIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

Richard J. Archdeacon '55

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Legendary Woodbridge High coach Nick Priscoe is known by anyone who ever played for him for imploring his players to invoke the "Three -CCC'S," when things got tough, "Cool, Calm and Collected." If anyone was ever the personification of that expression it would have to be Richie Archdeacon. The "kid" from Edgar Hill just never lost his cool whether it was taking snaps, directing the action on the court or waiting for that right pitch at the plate.

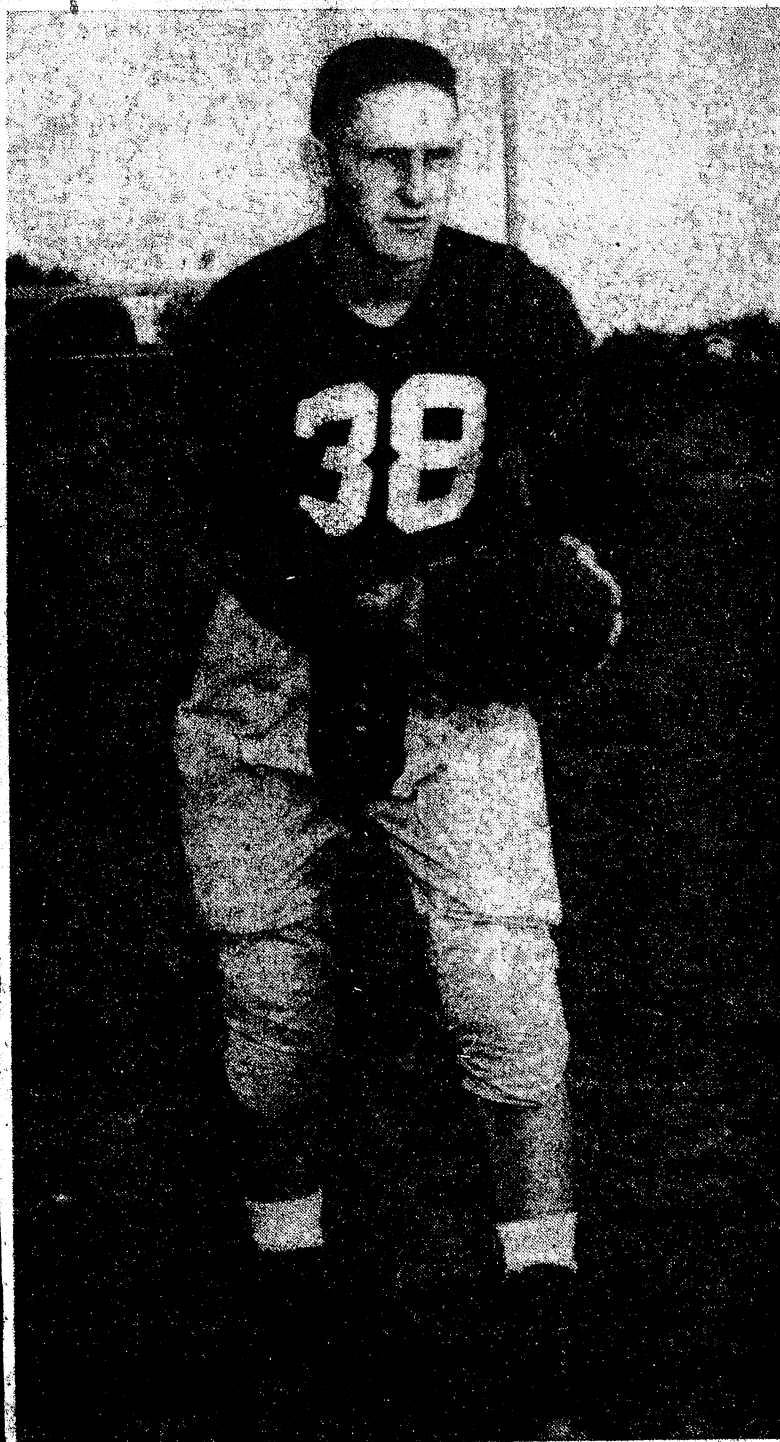
Richie chalked up seven varsity letters in those three primary sports and was first team All County quarterback in 1954 while picking up All County recognition two years running in basketball with a deft jump shot and knocked the hide off of more than one baseball in school and American Legion play where he was honored in 1955 as Outstanding Athlete.

A promising athletic career at Lafayette College was hampered by injuries and illness and following graduation he became a trusted aide of another notable coach, Al "Boomy" Malakoff at Somerville High. Among the many standouts he helped along the way at the Pioneer School was Bud Neswiacheny, later an All American and Captain of the Army team at West Point.

These days Richie owns a business, Awards & Recognition. It's a perfect setup in that he's well acquainted with both!



Aerial Skill Impressive



Richie Archdeacon, above, Woodbridge High's All-County candidate, has developed into one of the finest forward passers in Central Jersey with an average which is steadily climbing above the .500 mark. The senior griddier completed 14 out of 25 aeri-als against Plainfield and is expected to equal or better his feat Saturday afternoon when South River High invades the local Stadium.

Bow to Plainfield By 14-12 Margin; Archdeacon Stars

WOODBIDGE — Undismayed after their 14-12 setback at the hands of Plainfield, Coach Nick Priscoe's confident Barrons are pointing to Saturday afternoon's game with South River High at the local stadium. Kickoff time has been set for 2 o'clock.

Coach Bill Denny's Maroons appear to have recovered from their inaugural defeat by Trenton Catholic with two straight triumphs. South River's most recent conquest was a 14-13 win over Bridgeton High last Saturday.

One of the reasons for the Maroons' return to winning form was the return of quarterback Bob Konopko, who was sidelined with an injury during the Trenton conflict. Konopko, aside from being a capable runner and signal caller, is rated as one of the better passers in Middlesex County. He can throw the long aeri-als for distance as well as the short ones.

South River veterans who will be facing Woodbridge for the second time are Bill Gill, a former guard now operating from a fullback's berth; George Feaster, the center; Mike Schmidt, a guard; Mel Caseior, an All-County guard in 1953; Charlie Reichenback, an end, and Mike Strausser.

The Maroons depend mostly on their defense with John Mordas, a 200-pound tackle, anchoring the line. However, Denny's charges will pass frequently whenever they are in possession of the ball. Most of South River's touchdowns to date have been either scored or set up by aeri-als.

May Make Changes

Priscoe and his assistant Frank Capraro were not entirely satisfied with the Red and Black's performance against Plainfield and as a consequence, will make a few lineup changes. Carl Britton showed to an advantage in the Cardinal fracas and is currently battling Carmen Santora for a starting berth against South River.

Walt Housman, another second string lineman, played a steady game last Saturday up on the firing line and because of his performance he is being considered as a possible threat to take over John D'Apelito's tackle slot. Carl Andreoni, according to Priscoe, will see plenty of action against the Maroons as will Johnny Shallock at left.

Bonnie Dunham (Joel) '76

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It can be said without contention that Bonnie Dunham Joel has been "bowling" over opponents since she first started competing athletically at Woodbridge High a quarter of a century ago.

While building a reputation in high school bowling circles, which is part of a pattern of team success in Woodbridge, Bonnie deftly made the transition to other sports, notably basketball and softball and still had the time to become a scholar-athlete award winner. All County recognition came in basketball which led to becoming a member of the New Jersey AAU team that toured the eastern and southern states while also knocking down ten pins at a champion rate.

Texas Christian basketball benefited as Bonnie was voted best offensive player before moving closer to home to complete her college education at Farleigh Dickinson where conference honors followed in softball as an outstanding pitcher.

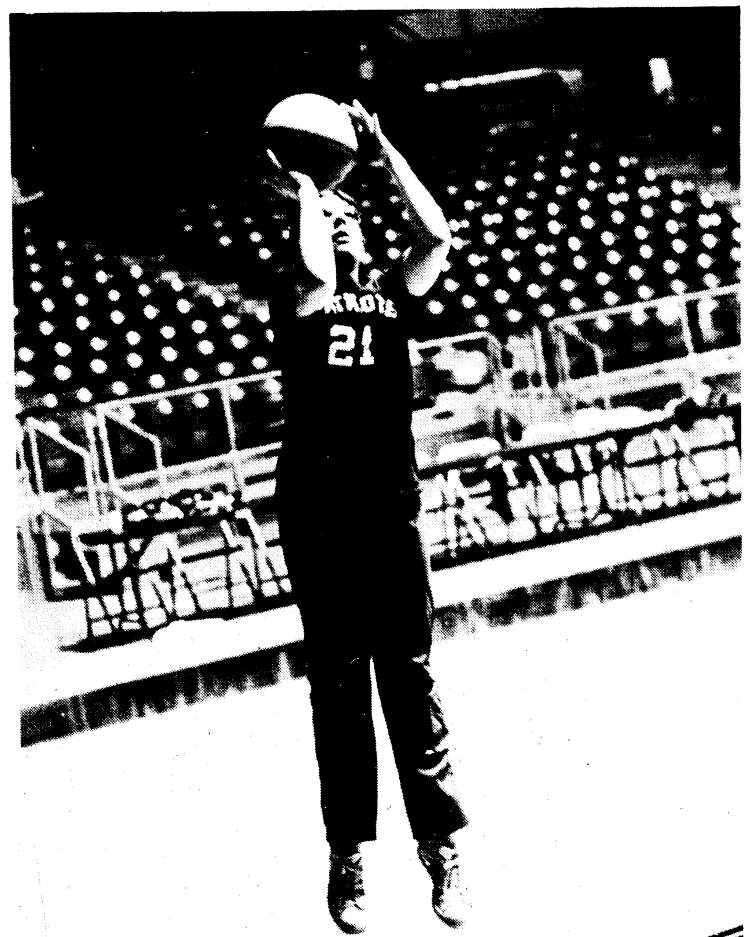
A budding nursing career would later be interrupted by pursuits on the hardwood alleys which led to metropolitan, regional and national titles as a professional while a member of the Ladies Pro-Bowling tour. In the last decade of the 20th century, Bonnie and husband Bob have been raising two daughters.



BONNIE DUNHAM



TNT staff photo by George Molnar
Bonnie Dunham, a nurse when she's not on tour, is striking out into the world of the professional bowler. She demonstrates the form that's made her a success.



Bonnie Dunham

TEU 1976

Kenneth W. Goglas '69

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Not too long ago, a few Woodbridge folks wondered out-loud if Ken Goglas was still running, 27 years after he ended an exceptional career in track. The question wasn't as fool-hearty as it might sound because the way Ken ran it seemed he'd never stop, regardless of age and time.

His high school coach, Bobby Kasko, described Ken as the most versatile trackster in Red & Black History. That still stands to this very day. All Ken Goglas did was participate in 9 of the 14 events in track with hardly ever missing a beat! Had he turned his attention to pole vaulting, he could well have become a decathlon man.

Back in 1968, he won the county high jump title and a year later was a silver medallist in the state meet while being a member of the WHS mile relay team that set a record that still stands today.

It was onward to Seton Hall and more success being the NJ College Champion in the 100 and 220 dashes and a member of the 1973 IC4A mile relay champions.

Well to answer the question, Ken is still running, his own business, a transportation company, Go By Land Express. That he did well, go by land and in the air too!





konick's korer

***** By Emery Konick Jr. *****

THERE'S AN old adage about sports and quitting to the effect that if you are going to leave, go out a winner.

Bobby Kasko, one of the young but very successful track coaches, is going out a winner. Not that his decision was based on a won-loss record this year at Woodbridge but the former Seton Hall star has been thinking for some time about retiring from coaching.

Under Kasko this season, Woodbridge compiled an unbeaten 10-0 record in dual meet competition. The Barrons just missed out winning the Greater Jersey Conference, Central Division I title.

IN SIX years as head coach, Kasko teams compiled a record of 37-16 including five winning seasons. Two years ago the Barrons also were unbeaten at 8-0. They've won 24 of their last 27 dual meets.

The 29-year old coach cited his growing family and furthering his education beyond his present master's degree level as factors in leaving the sport.

As he looked back on the season, Kasko felt that two boys on this year's squad certainly must rank as two of the all-time track standouts at Woodbridge.

He was specifically talking about Billy Novo and Ken Goglas. A former hurdler himself, Kasko rates Novo as one of the best he's seen in high school ranks.

KASKO RATES Goglas as probably the most versatile trackster to wear a Barron uniform. There are 14 events in a track meet and Goglas has performed in nine of them.

"He could be a future decathlon performer," Kasko stated. "The only thing he hasn't done is the pole vault."

Goglas, who is 6'2, 175, is headed for Seton Hall and coach John Gibson.

As Kasko noted, "He has a lot of natural ability; he's not polished yet but he gets the job done."

Big strong and fast, Goglas has amassed 156 points this year which is an amazing feat. As a soph, he was inactive. He came along late in his junior year and became the high jump champ in the county meet.

THIS YEAR he's done it all — almost. In some events, he had never had any training yet pulled off a first or second.

Here's how the versatile one has fared in outdoor meets: 100-yard dash — 10.0; 220 — 22.4; 440 — 53.0 (the only time he ran the event); 120 high hurdles — 15.2; 180 low hurdles — 20.3; high jump — 6'2½; long jump — 21'2 (has jumped only twice all season); javelin — 170; shot put — 42' (entered only in county meet).

In the championship meets Goglas was second in the 100; fourth in the high jump and second in low hurdles, in the Middlesex County Meet; first in 100, fourth in 220 and second in the high jump in the CJ Group IV Conference Meet; and second in the high jump and fourth in the 100 in the CJ Group IV NJSIAA Meet.

The Barron ace came home third in the high jump in the overall NJSIAA Group IV Meet.

They are certainly fine credentials for college.

Stewart C. Jago '73

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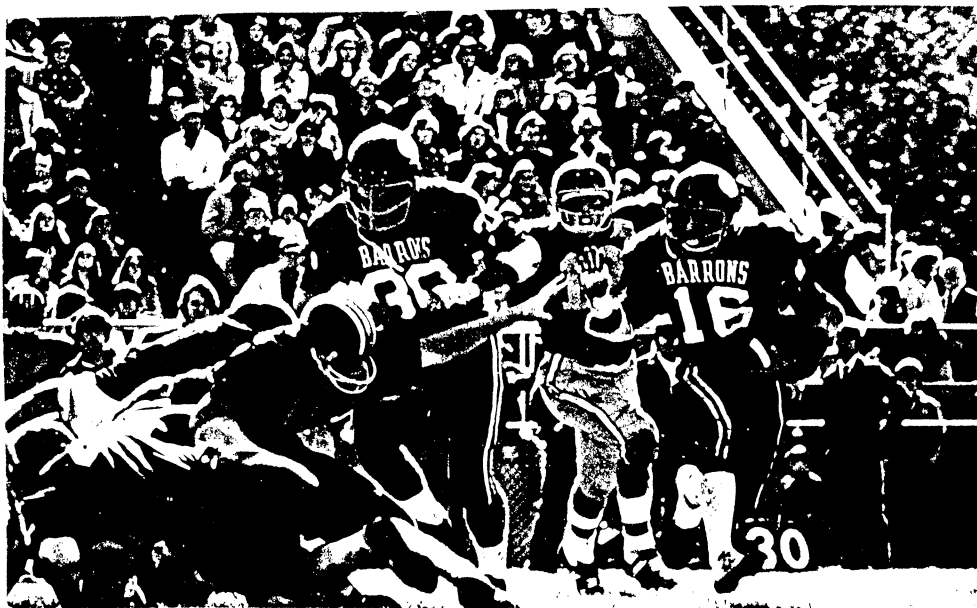
Today in a recognition sense, Stewart Jago reaches the first of two goals he has for the first half of the year 2000. In becoming a member of the WTAAA Hall of Fame, completing one mission, he will then turn his attention to having his softball team win 17 games and bring him into the 300 victory circle as a coach.

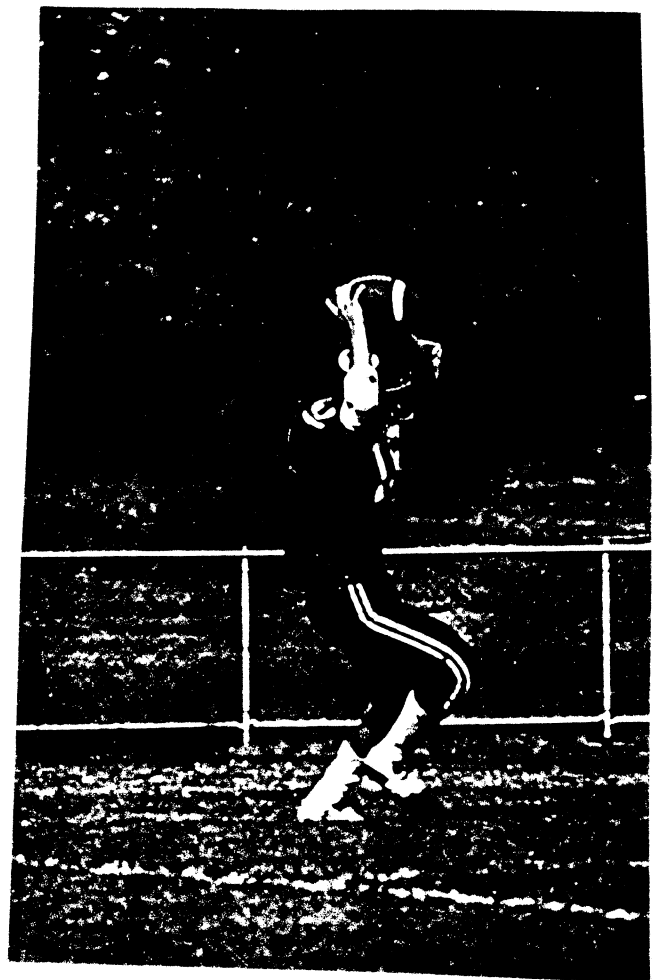
It is far from an impossible task when his athletic past is taken into consideration:

An All County back and captain of the '72 Barrons, an All County outfielder in baseball with a team high 373 average and a member of the 1972-'73 court squad launched him onto to college and following that successful roles as a teacher and coach at Colonia High School and now back at his Alma Mater.

He captained the 1976 Trenton State College eleven, now College of New Jersey, was all conference for three years, was second in the nation in punt returns in 1973 and Honorable Mention Little All American.

Now getting back to softball, as a coach, his teams have rung up four division titles, four county crowns and two state championships while he was being recognized three times as softball coach of the year and three times as County Coach of the year. Think Stewart's team can't win 17 games this Spring, think again!





Richard J. Webb '71

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In the course of his playing and academic years, starting at Woodbridge High, Dick Webb collected more tributes than Dragnet's Jack Webb ever gathered up facts.

Graduating 15th in a class of 670 in 1971, is just part of a story that stretches onto the gridiron where Dick excelled at the tackle position on both sides of the ball, receiving honors on the county, region and state level as the Barrons maintained a standing in the state's top 10 list. Dick capped this off being named the county's outstanding scholar-athlete in 1971.

As a prized athlete and National Honor Society member, Dick was highly sought by a staggering list of outstanding colleges and universities and ultimately elected to shed the Red & Black of Woodbridge for the Blue & White of Yale where he graduated cum laude with an award of distinction in American Studies. Then he was off to Duke for a law degree which has led to this point in time with Dick being a partner in New Jersey's oldest and largest law firm, McCarter & English in Newark.

Along the way, Dick tied the marital knot with Denise Quinn, WHS '72 and they have three children, but not a football player among them, daughters Sara, Amy and Taylor.

When thinking of combined excellence, academics and athletics, it's pretty difficult not to get caught in Webb's "web!"





RICHARD WEBB
Captain



RICHIE WEBB



JOHN F. KENNEDY

Terry Curran '74

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As of today, Terry Curran has earned a new nickname, "Hat Trick!" He joins an elite few in the WTAAA Hall of Fame in that he now becomes a three-timer.

Previously Terry gained entry as a member of an outstanding football team at JFK High and today he steps in again in a dual role, as an individual as well as a member of JFK's superb basketball team of 1973-74 which is being honored as well.

For three years, Terry's practiced and notable athletic skills graced the athletic arenas at JFK, in football as an end and defensive back which earned him county-wide recognition as he co-captained the Mustangs in his senior year.

Changing into a basketball uniform, his tenacity on the hardwood and rebounding abilities were absolute assets to the team being honored today for its numerous titles and 24 and 3 record.

Another uniform change brought him to the field of track where he participated in the Penn relays while being a member of the Mustang's quarter and half mile relay teams.

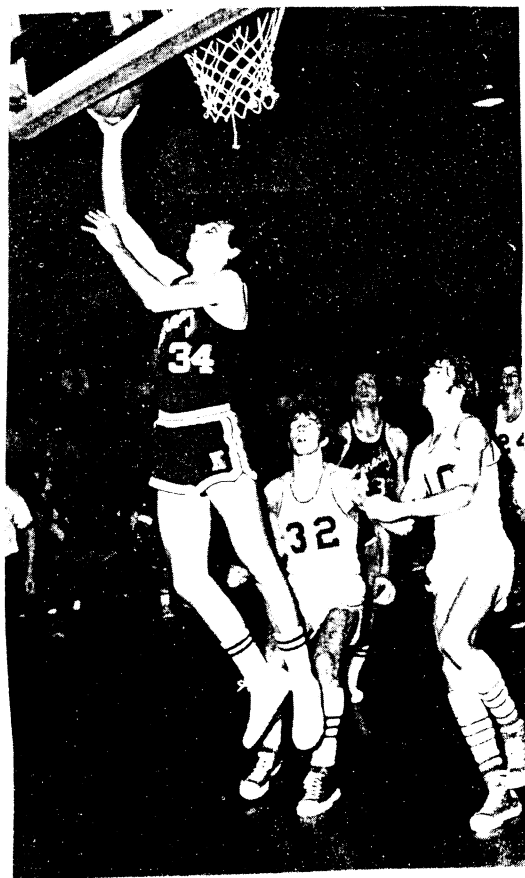
Then at Kean College he embraced a new sport, lacrosse, doing so well he was a three year starter, on the all conference team and was named captain in his senior year.

The guess here is that in just five days, when St. Patrick's Day arrives, Terry will have even more to celebrate than normal, because he pulled off the elusive "Hat Trick!"





Terry Curran



J. Gibbons, T. Curran



Joan L. Duda '73

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Combining academic excellence, intelligence and competitiveness in sports is as fine a springboard into becoming a professor of Sports Psychology as anyone could wish to forge.

That's the direction Dr. Joan Duda launched herself in after running up honor roll statistics and accomplishments in basketball and tennis while at JFK High. Dr. Duda then wrapped it all up by being voted best female athlete in her senior year.

From the neighborhoods of Iselin, Joan moved onto Rutgers University for a BA degree before setting her sights to the west for studies and degrees at Purdue University and then her PHD at the University of Illinois in sports psychology. Since then it has all been up-hill in gaining more and greater international recognition in the field of sports psychology and leadership and related areas.

Dr. Duda has published more scientific studies and papers, ranging from motivation and dimensions of sports and behavior then Stephen King has produced tales from the human edge. These days, Dr. Duda practices her career as Professor of Sports Psychology in the School of Sport and Exercise Science at the Univ. of Birmingham and is an Adjunct Professor of Psychological Sciences at Purdue.

Here's hoping her expertise and skills don't give the Brits too much of an edge.





Joseph Knoth '73

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Being inducted into a Hall of Fame is not new to this former football standout at JFK. Joe is already in the Kean Univ. Hall of Fame for his exploits between the sidelines.

Joe's abilities first stood out as a member of the Mustangs state championship team in 1971 and carried over in '72 as co-captain playing middle linebacker and fullback. When the snow season came, Joe was in Winter Track and by Spring was roaming the outfield for the Iselin School.

While at Kean, he continued his football development, three years as a starter and three years as a first team All Conference defensive back. His play won him a try-out with the Hamilton Tigercats of the CFL, where he made it to the final cut before being released.

He's owner of Middlesex Mason Contractors, Inc. and has two future football players at home which in Joe Knoth's case is one of the interesting sidelights in that he lives in Old Bridge in Middlesex County but his mailing address is Matawan, Monmouth County.

Knoth Or South He's The Best

by Bob Graczyk

The Squire defense, which was under suspicion after last week's loss to Montclair State, came back to hand NYIT a 7-6 loss. Joe Knoth's key interception was the big play in the game and led to the tying touchdown. For his outstanding effort he's the Squire Of The Week.

Knoth, an all-conference standout last year, is an important mainstay of the Squires secondary and last Saturday proved his worth. On a second and ten situation he picked off NYIT quarterback Sean Dorney's pass and carried it to the Tech 5-yard line. One play later the Squires scored and Tito Lajterman's placement won it.

The 5'10", 180-pounder from Iselin led the Squires in interceptions last year with six and was

third in team tackles from his safety position.

On Saturday Knoth and company will have to be in top form to stop Seton Hall's new passing combo of Bob Kilcarr to track star Joe Myatt.



Kennedy Outlook: Cautious Optimism

ISELIN — Cautious optimism.

That's the outlook at John F. Kennedy High School where head coach Ron Osborne, Middlesex County's "Coach of the Year" last year, is getting the Mustangs ready for Saturday's opener at Woodbridge.

Game time is 2 p.m. at Woodbridge Stadium.

What does one do for an encore after a surprising 9-0 season? That's what Osborne and the Mustangs accomplished in 1971 when they won the Middlesex County Athlete Conference title and shared the CJ Group III NJSIAA championship with Bridgewater-Raritan East.

"We really don't know what to expect," Osborne said as he looked back at the pre-season and looked ahead at the schedule.

"If we can get by the first two games..." Osborne said before his voice trailed off.

In those first two games, JFK will meet Woodbridge (7-2 last year) and Madison Township (7-1-1). Then the Mustangs head south to meet new foe Haddon Heights.

"We have some good size and we have some quick backs," the 33-year-old mentor said. "Finding depth and the right kids for the right spot are going to be some of the major problems."

When Osborne says he has quick backs, he is also saying he may open up the Kennedy attack. The Mustangs have traditionally been a conservative team on offense but Al Leffler and Vin Terrill may change that.

Leffler (5'8, 165) and Terrill (5'10, 170) are the swifties who pose as breakaway threats.

The quarterback also gives JFK plenty of hope for the future. Bob Kistler, a 6'3,

175-pound JV grad, has been a bright spot in pre-season with his play at quarterback.

Osborne describes Kistler as a "quick throwing quarterback who is tough and who fits well in the ball control game" that JFK often likes to employ. Rookie Tom Aromando also has impressed. Jeff Murphy is another JV grad who gives Ise-lin depth at the quarterback spot.

The fullback is another newcomer, Joe Knoth, a 5'9, 175-pound senior.

The big man of the JFK team is up front. That's Bob Johnson, the rugged 6'3, 215-pound senior who will play tight end and defensive tackle.

Johnson was an all-star selection last season and Osborne sees another big year ahead for the big star.

There's beef but little experience at tackle. Greg Ficarra is the letterman. He's 6'3½, 198. Senior Bill Kriston (6'4, 195) is up from the JVs. Behind them are Dean Allevach (6'0, 190) and Larry Jefferson (5'10, 205).

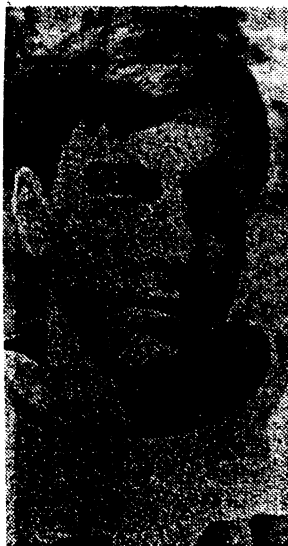
Osborne has made one major switch. Tony Cirelli, last year's starting center, has been moved to guard. He'll team with Joe Humanik and John Miele. Brian Szymanik (6'3, 195) seems to have the nod at center in a battle with Tom Ellsworth.

The Curran boys have a hold on the split end duties. Terry is a junior and stands 6'3, 185; Kyle, who has tremendous potential, is a soph who is 6'4, 195.

Johnson figures to see most the action at tight end but in reserve JFK has Dave Hizer.

With Kistler throwing to such a target as Johnson and with Terrill and Leffler providing the speed, JFK has the potential to score more than in the past.

But Osborne repeated his initial statement, "We're cautiously optimistic."



AL LEFFLER



JOE KNOTH



VINNIE TERRELL

Evelyn Clancy (LaMotta) '79

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If anyone ever chose a town to live in that identifies so well with a storied academic and athletic background, it's Evelyn LaMotta, for she was pure and simple an absolute "brick" in her years at JFK High and those that followed in college.

Evelyn was always dependable in performance and as reliable as anyone could be in fulfilling goals in soccer, scoring in basketball and being an absolute hit in softball, all topped off by gaining National Honor Society recognition and being scholar-athlete at JFK in 1979.

Garnering captaincies in all three of those athletic endeavors is just a small part of the records, for Evelyn also grabbed up just about every honor and award in sight in playing in high school and that trait carried over into Middlesex County College where she gained additional recognition on the national level in softball.

These days Evelyn is as active as ever in an even wider variety of sports activities while raising three daughters and taking her business career path to new heights as a Systems Administrator for B&J Enterprises in Lakewood.

Evelyn LaMotta remains the EDM person she was in high school and college, electric-dynamic and magnetic as well as being a "brick!"



Evelyn Clancy
Iselin

All-Middlesex softball squad

WILSON

EVELYN CLANCY: Last year as a junior, Clancy held every school record at first base. This year, however, she was moved to the outfield to fill the gap left by the graduated seniors. She proved more than equal to the

She had three errors during Iselin's 25-game season, but none were in the outfield.

She batted .410, scored 26 runs and stole 20 bases. Her ability as a runner was summed up by her coach, Nancy Cuntalo: "If she gets to first, you're almost guaranteed she'll get to second."



Soccer - 1979



Evelyn Clancy

Three Lady Colts Receive All GSAC Softball Honors

EDISON Three members of the 1981 Garden State Athletic Conference champion Middlesex County College women's softball team have received All GSAC honors.

Evelyn Clancy, (John F. Kennedy H.S./Iselin) and Donna Gaboury, (Monroe Township H.S./Monroe) garnered first team laurels, while teammate Mary Powers, (Woodbridge H.S./Port Reading) was named to the second team.

In addition to receiving All GSAC

recognition, Clancy was selected to the American junior college squad (second team).

A very consistent hitter according to coach Dale Dalrymple, Clancy batted .350 in the lead-off spot, while patrolling centerfield for the lady Colts.

"Evelyn hit the ball well and was on base a lot during the season. She's a well rounded player and a smart baserunner who always took the extra base," Dalrymple said.

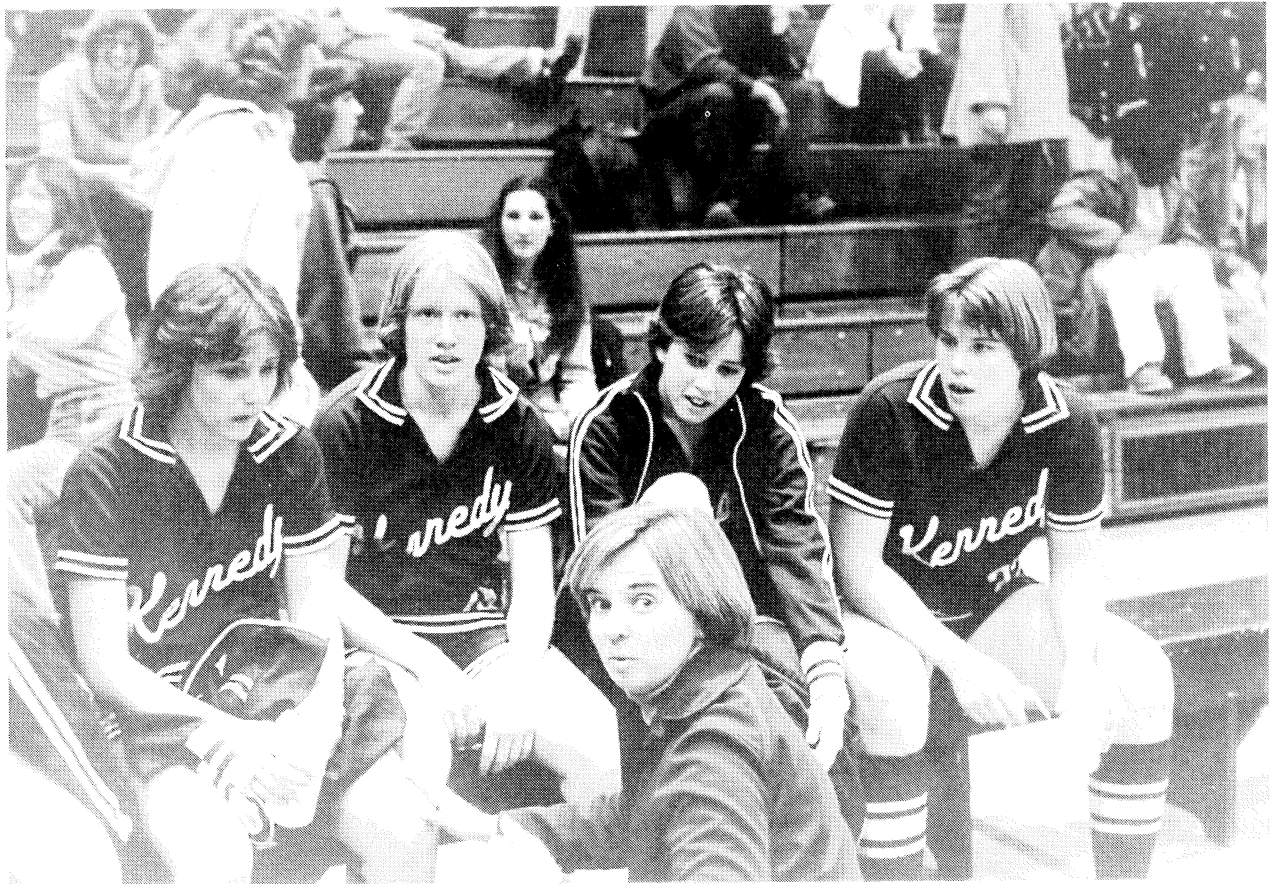
Robin Sylvernal (Surma) '79

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Robin Surma must have spent her senior year in high school being referred to continually as Captain. It is unknown as to whether her parents appreciated that name change. Being elected to that leadership role was for Robin as easy as folding a tissue and no doubt she gave the opposition sniffles if not tears during that time.

Robin followed the SBS route – soccer, basketball and softball at JFK, she played on the first female soccer team in school history, played three seasons of basketball and three of softball where county and conference honors were scooped up as easily as a dribbler to the mound.

Softball was again the game at Middlesex County College where she was nominated as an All American. These days PSE&G is benefitting from her work ethic and the disciplines she learned on the fields of friendly strife and not too long ago she called “time out” to get married!





COLONIA HIGH SCHOOL

David Barnhard '79

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Make way for another Barnhard stepping into the WTAAA Hall of Fame. Like his brother Roger, he's got the size. In 1998, Roger took his place in the Hall of Fame and like his older brother, David threw his weight around athletically for the Patriots, literally and figuratively.

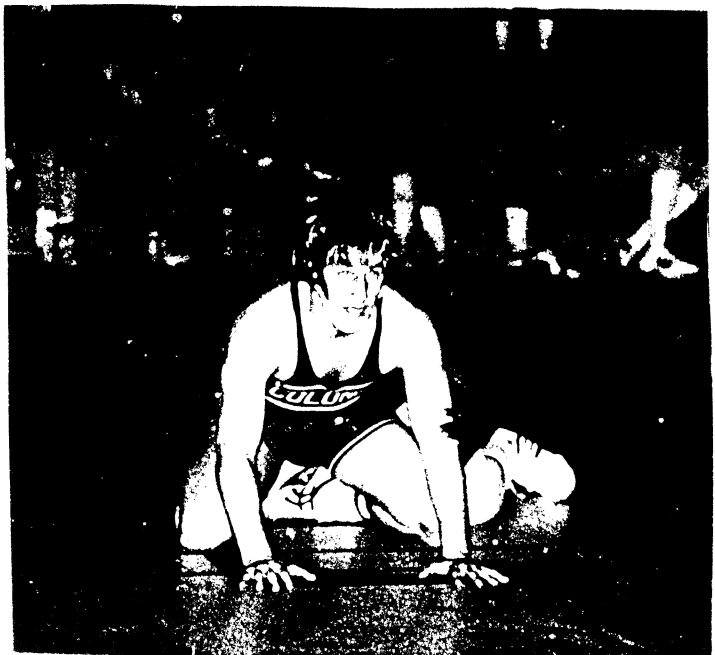
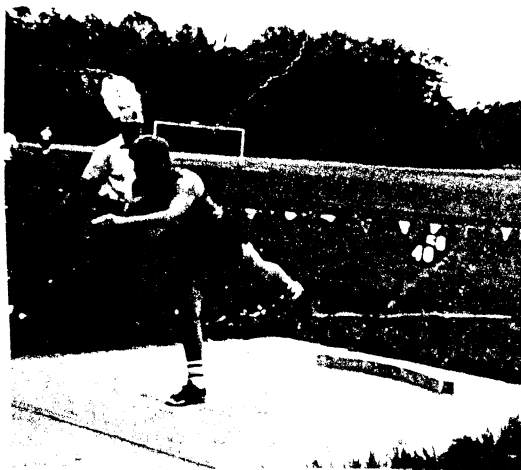
In the Autumn of the year, David made his mark in the following ways: All County defensive end, the following year All County again, this time at center and as a punter and this captain of the '78 Colonia squad also holds the school records for "knocking home" a 40 yard field goal!

Over the Winter season he competed in the 188lb. and heavyweight divisions in wrestling, winning numerous tournaments and setting nine school records.

When Spring blossomed, it was track time where in 1979 he was County champ in the shot put and discuss, threw the javelin, was team captain and the people's choice as MVP.

David finished up his athletic career at Upsala College as a center and punter and was voted captain of the 1982 Upsala eleven.

Presently he's in the family business which is graphic arts equipment and supplies, the right place for someone who supplied Colonia followers with graphic examples of excellence in his high school years.





Kevin Evanko '72
Deceased – Nov. 27, 1989

Mark Evanko '75

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Back in the 1970's John and Sylvia Evanko spent a great deal of time at Colonia High athletic events as they watched three sons make significant contributions to Patriot winning records during that decade. Today WTAAA honors two of those sons and awaits the time when the Evanko name may again grace the pages of a Hall of Fame banquet booklet.

Truth is, even though spaced by age, the Evanko boys had a tradition of competing with each other as they all sought to emulate their older and sadly deceased brother Kevin. He set the Evanko family standards and the brothers following, just automatically picked up the torch of leadership.

KEVIN picked up three varsity letters in football and then duplicated that feat in track while maintaining an exceptional academic record. 1971's Patriot eleven is considered the school's best team and Kevin was a leader and star and made the All County Team.

The rash of "name" schools that came after Kevin due to his academic and athletic abilities read like a Who's Who of the top schools in the country. Kevin did select one of them, Bucknell, where he went on to earn three varsity letters again in football and also in track where he set the Bucknell javelin records in 1972.

After Bucknell he grabbed up two master's degrees in just one year and later would become co-founder of BRUNS-PAK, Vice President of construction for Welchert Realty and an associate professor of economics at Rider College. His marriage to Sharon produced two sons and a daughter.

MARK also was a top notch student athlete, playing on county and state championship teams while reaping county and conference recognition playing football and participating in track just as did Kevin. Mark completed his senior year by being named Scholar Athlete for Middlesex and Monmouth Counties.

Pushing aside an appointment to the United States Military Academy, Mark focused on Lehigh where he earned three varsity letters for his dependable line play and was a member of Lehigh's 1978 Championship team while majoring in engineering. So it's a natural that in now being the principal individual at Bruns-Pak that he's still blocking the competition and tackling new projects all the time!

But there could be competition just around the corner in that son Brandon threatens to exceed his Dad as a standout athlete in football, basketball and soccer.

Not only does the Evanko beat go on but the "genes" in that family might be an unknown national treasure.

Kevin Evanko



Evanko, Graves Set School Records

With all area track meets ending up as one-sided affairs, attention shifted to individual accomplishments. A pair of school records were set and there were three triple winners.

Colonias Kevin Evanko bettered his own javelin record by a toss of 191 feet, one

inch, and East Brunswick's Paul Graves set a long jump mark of 22 feet, 5 inches. Triple winners were Mike Lester of Bound Brook, Bob Trotter of Rumson-Fair Haven, and Joe Hummel of Edison.

J.P. STEVENS 78, COLONIA 53

High hurdles: 1, John Charniga, C; 2, Westcott, S; 3, Gaal, S. Time: 16.3.

100: 1, Lance Braithwaite, S; 2, Barboe, S; 3, Regent, C. Time: 10.5.

1 mile: 1, Ed Merkler, C; 2, Doyle, S; 3, Murray, S. Time: 4:32.5.

440: 1, Steve Felton, C; 2, Garrity, C; 3, Stallings, S. Time: 1:51.7.

Low hurdles: 1, Kip Westcott, S; 2, Kanis, S; 3, Charniga, C. Time: 14.5.

880: 1, Bob Buckstad, S; 2, Chisbetter, C; 3, Robinson, C. Time: 2:01.6.

220: 1, Braithwaite, S; 2, Barboe, S; 3, Regent, C. Time: 23.2.

Two mile: 1, Sean Burns, S; 2, Pfaff, C; 3, Wislendowski, S. Time: 9:58.

1 mile relay: 1, Colonia (Garrity, Kaye, Robinson, Felton). Time: 3:34.2.

High Jump—1, Mike Davis, C; 2, M. Kaskiw, C; 3, Henderson, NB, and Bapp, C (tie). Height: 5 ft. 5 in.

Javelin—1, Bob Feickert, NB; 2, Socha, NB; 3, Lacalamito, NB. Distance: 147 ft. 2 in.

Pole Vault—1, P. Dupicola, C; 2, Jones, C; 3, Sadowski, NB, and Haining, C (tie). Height: 9 ft.

Shot put—1, Robert Ringwall, C; 2, Feickert, NB; 3, Virag, C. Distance: 50 ft.

Discus—1, Robert Ringwall, C; 2, Feickert, NB; 3, Virag, C. Distance: 137 ft. 8 in.

EAST BRUNSWICK 99, SAYREVILLE 32

100: 1, John Gibbons, EB; 2, Charette, EB; 3, McCarty, S. Time: 10.2.

220: 1, Don Malcomb, S; 2, Harris, EB; 3, Gibbons, EB. Time: 25.

440: 1, Malcomb, S; 2, Skalaban, EB; 3, Elwood, S. Time: 52.0.

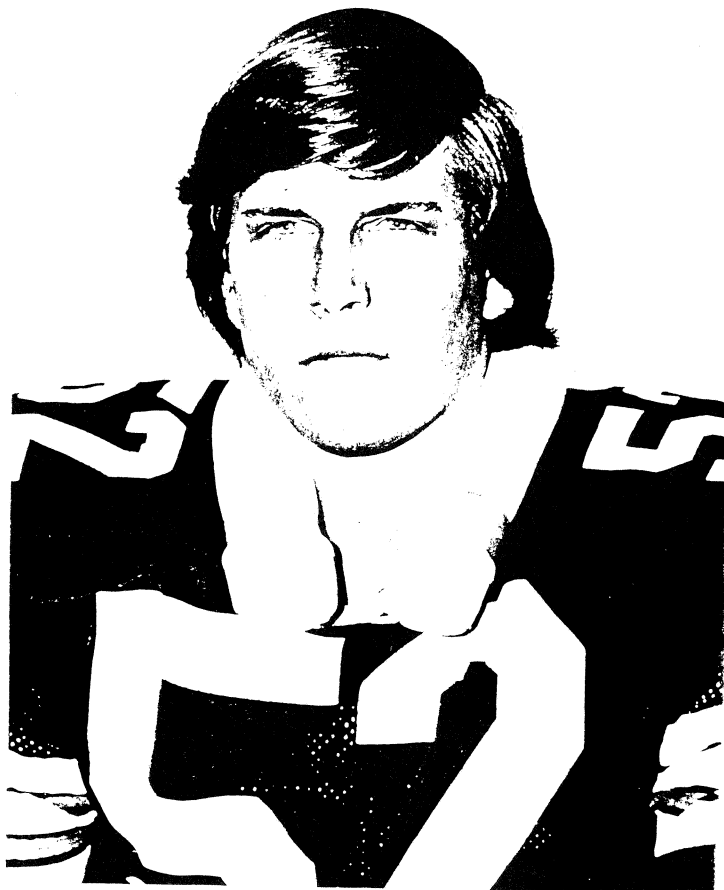
880: 1, Don Pratt, EB; 2, Chagnon, EBA; 3, Ruch, EB. Time: 2:03.5.

1 mile: 1, Glenn Sullivan, EB; 2, Beit, S; 3, McSween, EB. Time: 4:33.

Two mile: 1, Sonny Prinzo, EB; 2, Chagnon, EB; 3, Fraass, S. Time: 9:36.

It's Bucknell For Evanko

Kevin Evanko



Mark Evanko

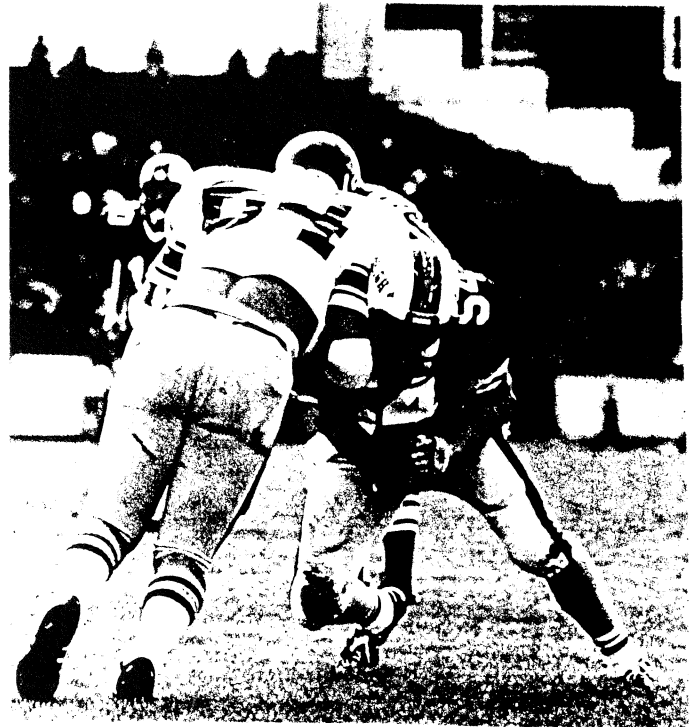
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EVANKO



Woodbridge (3-1) at Colonia (4-0): Colonia, with top linemen in Sal Mauro, Mark Evanko and Ed Minch, has allowed just one TD. Thrower John Baldante keys the attack. Woodbridge, with runner Vinnie Noto and defenders Richie Julas and John Morgan, has bounced back for three straight. Colonia, 14-7.



Mark Evanko



AWARD WINNER — Colonia High School football player Mark Evanko, accepts TNT-sponsored Thom McAn plaque from Associate Sports Editor Chuck Hassol as Coach Joe Martino, left, and Vice-Principal Bob Kasko look on. Evanko was judged the outstanding Scholar-Athlete in the area by The News Tribune sports staff.

William Gaytas, AD

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One might say that his contributions as Athletic Director in the Woodbridge school system, somewhat atones for Bill Gaytas' actions as a once memorable and worthy adversary of Woodbridge athletics. That was in Bill's high school days in that neighboring town just south of Barronland.

From 1974 to 1990 after nearly two decades as a highly successful football coach, Bill Gaytas paid back Woodbridge with an outstanding reign at Colonia which included being named AD of the year in 1988. He later headed up scholastic sports at JFK in 1991 & '92.

Before moving into coaching and then administration, Gaytas lettered in baseball, basketball and football at Rutgers where twice he was named ECAC back of the week. His performance on the Banks of the Raritan, surprised no one who knew of his talents at Perth Amboy High but we won't bother to bore anyone with that path of glory!



1973-74 JFK BASKETBALL TEAM

A little over a quarter of a century ago, a basketball team came out of Woodbridge Township that seemingly owned Middlesex County. The rewards earned by the team as a whole and the individuals who played on it, left little room for competing high schools to gain any recognition.

The 1973-74 JFK team, coached by Ray Newman and spearheaded by an angular Jay Jorgensen swept away the opposition in 24 of its 27 games, becoming the first team to ever go unbeaten in conference play while ringing up a school record 16 straight victories.

A lawyer today, Jorgensen back then was both judge and jury in the eyes of haggard and harried opponents leading to personal state-wide, county and conference honors, making the county tournament team and becoming the top scorer in JFK history. A few years later as he was preparing to step up to the "Bar" instead of making a move toward the basket, he was named to the News Tribune's All Decade Team.

Coach Newman was tapped for Coach of The Year Honors on both the state and county levels as his squad picked up the CJ III crown along with the County Conference and Tournament titles. Of the three defeats that year, one was at the hands of Camden by four points in the state title game and another by a single point to South Plainfield.

Joining Jay as co-captain on that awesome quintet, was Rick Ullrich who received county and conference individual honors as did Dom Corica, Tom Aromando and Terry Curran. It is probably one of the few times on record that the five starters on a given team each received individual acclaim.

As with any championship team, there are always moments to reflect on, pivotal time frames in which the team could bond and emerge as a power to reckon with or start to breakdown.

The first such moment for this team came against East Brunswick, a game in which Jorgensen, the Mustang's leading scorer would eventually foul out after spending most of his time on the bench in foul trouble. Despite losing him, the Mustang's reserves and other starters stepped up and fought

Later in the campaign with their #1 ranking and the county title on the line, the JFK squad exploded against Perth Amboy, walking away with an 18 point winning margin and the sure knowledge that very few teams would be able to match up against them. Very few did!

That's why the memories of this team a quarter of a century later are still vibrant and clear and why today, this team is getting the recognition it truly deserves.



First Row: R. Ullrich, R. Hruska, T. Aromando, J. Nahrebne, K. Corran. Second Row: D. Schwenzen, T. Curran, D. Corica, N. Tatarynw, P. Abramo, K. Curran, D. Stacy, Coach Newman. Missing From Photo: J. Jorgensen



Terry Curran



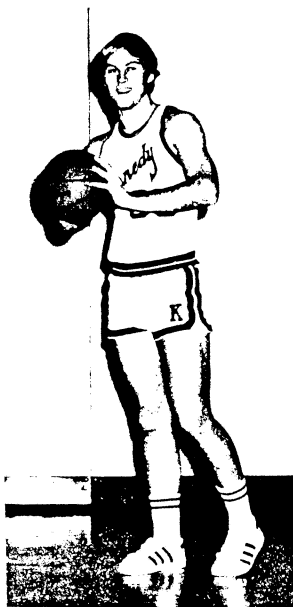
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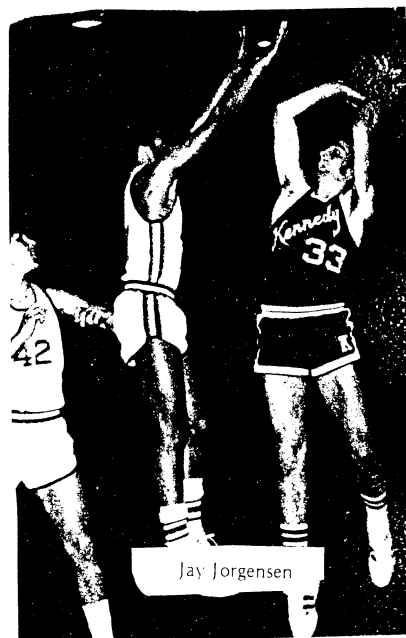
Tom Aromando



Ron Hruska



Rick Ullrich



Jay Jorgensen



Dom Corica

For JFK	Against JFK	
46	Woodbridge 20	won
56	Aquinas 37	won
62	East Bruns. 55	won
76	Aquinas 55	won
38	South Plainfield 39	lost
64	Highland Park 50	won
59	Colonia 29	won
61	South River 36	won
57	Cedar Ridge 40	won
52	Sayreville 46	won
57	St. Joe's 43	won
62	New Bruns. 59	won
59	Madison Twp. 42	won
63	Edison 48	won

Varsity Basketball

94	H.G. Hoffman 49	won
75	J.P. Stevens 43	won
70	Perth Amboy 52	won
70	Carteret 52	won
89	Wardlaw 59	won
62	Highland Park 41	won
76	Sayreville 74	won
59	Perth Amboy 72	lost
89	Franklin Twp. 54	won
57	Asbury Park 54	won
53	Long Branch 49	won
59	Perth Amboy 53	won
55	Camden 59	lost

OVERALL RECORD — 24 wins, 3 losses