

RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

• **CLASS OF 2020** •



**INDUCTION DINNER
OCTOBER 30, 2021**

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WINDOW PROJECT

RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTION DINNER
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The Brick House, Wyckoff, New Jersey
6:00 to 7:00 PM Social Hour, Meet and Greet (Cash Bar)
7:00 PM Seating, Main Banquet Room

WELCOME

Tom Thurston

RHS CHORAL GROUP

"The National Anthem"

"Ridgewood High School Alma Mater"

"Go Get Em Ridgewood" (Traditional Fight Song)

INVITED GUESTS

Dr. Thomas A. Gorman, Superintendent Ridgewood Public Schools
Mr. Jeff Nyhuis, Principal, Ridgewood High School
Mr. Keith Cook, Athletic Director, Ridgewood High School,
Spokesperson Ridgewood High School Alumni Association

INTRODUCTION OF THE 2020 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Chelsea Steinberg	Gymnastics	RHS Class Of 2007
Mark Strittmatter	Baseball	RHS Class Of 1987
Jim Dee	Golf , Basketball	RHS Class Of 1972
Kelly Conheaney	Soccer	RHS Class Of 2009
Carlos Peay	Football , Track	RHS Class Of 1951
"Eddie" Peay	Football , Baseball	RHS Class Of 1954
Chris Rae	Track	RHS Class Of 1987
Phil Ross Sr.	Special Contributor	
Sammy Cermack	Soccer , Lacrosse	RHS Class Of 2010
Andrew Clarke	Football, Basketball, Lacrosse	RHS Class Of 2000

CLOSING REMARKS

POST BANQUET SOCIAL GATHERING

9:30 PM – ?



RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

Good Evening to All Attendees of the 2020 RHS HOF Induction Dinner,

The Ridgewood High School Athletic Hall of Fame Committee would like to express its congratulations to all of our inductees this evening and to thank everyone for supporting this special and important recognition of Ridgewood High School's "Tradition of Excellence."

The Hall of Fame Committee has been working hard at the task of providing the basis for this evening's ceremony for almost two years. It is through painstaking research and documentation of each inductee that decisions were made for selection to this year's Hall of Fame induction, Class of 2020.

The Ridgewood High School Athletic Hall of Fame was established in 2004 to honor the athletic achievements of Ridgewood High School student-athletes, coaches, teams and individuals who are deemed to have had a major and lasting impact on the athletic program at RHS.

The purpose of this commemorative body is to unite the school's athletic history with the functions and goals of the present day school district. The Hall of Fame will attempt to promote sportsmanship and citizenship, as well as athletic and academic accomplishment, through the recognition and selection of deserving individuals and teams into the Ridgewood High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

Candidates must represent substantial accomplishment not only on the athletic field, but also show a responsible amount of accomplishment academically as a student-athlete during their days at RHS.

Candidates for the Hall of Fame must be recognized as having been outstanding in their sports at the league, county, state and if appropriate, national levels.

Coaches must have a proven and long tenured career whereby they are not only successful with regard to wins and losses, but have also had a noteworthy and well recognized influence on their student-athletes.

The Hall of Fame will not be limited to individuals only. In the years since competitive interscholastic athletics was introduced as an extracurricular event at Ridgewood High School for both boys and girls (research suggests around 1903-04), there have been many outstanding athletes, coaches and teams.

The Ridgewood High School Athletic Hall of Fame Committee reserves the right to recognize entire teams or parts of teams should it deem it appropriate.

The committee also reserves the right to recognize significant individuals or groups that are aligned with but not directly affiliated with the Ridgewood High School who have had a major positive impact on the quality of the athletic program at Ridgewood High School.

The RHS Hall of Fame Committee reserves the right to change or modify the criteria for induction into the Ridgewood High School Hall of Fame and it openly welcomes nominations and information supporting nomination of candidates for induction from all potential sources.

The Ridgewood Athletic Hall of Fame is affiliated with the Ridgewood Public Schools and acts as a representative body of Ridgewood High School as designated by the Ridgewood Board of Education. The Ridgewood High School Athletic Hall of Fame receives no financial support from publicly designated funds appropriated for use by the Ridgewood Public Schools.

Again, welcome to all! Enjoy this occasion to honor the 8th induction class, "The Class of 2020," into the Ridgewood High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

Warmest Greetings To All,
The Ridgewood High School
Athletic Hall of Fame Committee





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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Ridgewood High School Athletic Hall Of Fame Committee would like to thank the following individuals for their tireless effort to help make this event a true reflection of our proud “Tradition of Excellence” at Ridgewood High School.

A big “Thank You “to Tim Boucher, owner of b squared out of New York City, who graciously and generously donated the time , materials and professional staff to produce the banquet books and inductee posters that are such an important part of our ceremonies tonight, that help to create the special recognition that all of our inductees deserve.

A large tip of the cap to Graham Schreiner of b squared who designed the layout of the banquet book you are enjoying tonight as well as developing and designing the credit card reservation portal that made making your reservations this evening so much easier.

A big fist bump to Jamison Shaw of b squared who designed the posters that our inductees will receive tonight. Copies of the posters will also hang in perpetuity in the RHS Athletic Hall of Fame Gallery at Ridgewood High School.

Thank you to the Ridgewood High School Alumni Association for linking to our HOF efforts and supporting us with links to the Hall of Fame on their web page RHSALUMNIASSOCIATION.ORG

Many Thanks to Paul McCubbin for his immense support and inclusion of the Ridgewood High School Athletic Hall of Fame and reservation portal on his excellent web site <https://maroonsonline.com>.

Thank you to the Ridgewood Public School’s administration and Board of Education for their support of the Ridgewood High school Athletic Hall of Fame project. A special acknowledgement to Keith Cook for his tireless work to present the Hall of Fame in both conventional and digital formats.

A special “Thanks” to Dick Bennett for the creation of the Hall of Fame mounting boards so important for the display of our HOF posters outside of gym one at Ridgewood High School.

Lastly “Thank You” to the RHS Athletic Hall of Fame Committee members. Their tireless efforts are the reason we are able to present an event like this every two years. A special recognition goes out to Sally Thurston who once again stepped up to coordinate our reservation process.

Jeff Yearing “66” Tom Thurston “77” Co Chairs RHSAHOF Committee.

RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

PAST MEMBERS OF THE RHS ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE

Jane Reilly, HOF Technology Director
Former Mayor of Ridgewood, 2000-04
Village Council Member, 1996-2004
Sports and Youth Council Liaison
Board Member, RBSA and Maroons Soccer Club
Coach, Youth Softball and Soccer
U Mass, Amherst, Graduate
Red Sox and Liverpool SC Fan!



Brian Farrell, HOF Biographer
Award Winning Sports Editor, North Jersey Media Group
Midland Park High School, Class of 1967: Baseball and
School Sports Editor
King's College, Wilkes-Barre, PA, Graduate and Editor of
School Newspaper Senior Year
Brazilian Soccer and Travel is a Passion



Jim Jones, HOF Biographer and Researcher
HOF Inductee 2008, Special Contributor
The Ridgewood News Sports Editor, 1960-2000
and Sports Editor Emeritus



Greg Tartaglia, HOF Biographer and Researcher
Named Sports Editor of *The Ridgewood News*, 2014
Covered all Sports for *The Ridgewood News* since 2006
Joined *The Record's "Varsity Aces"*, 2014
Avid New York Jets Fan
Boston College, Graduate 2001
Grew up in Franklin Lakes and lives in Wanaque with wife, Nicole



Dave Vanderbush, HOF Researcher
Athletic Director, Ridgewood High School, 1984-1999



Brian Corcoran, HOF Researcher
RHS Class of 1970
Basketball: Junior Captain, Senior Co-Captain
All League, County, State
US Naval Academy: Basketball
St. Peter's College: Basketball
ABA Pittsburgh Condors: Professional Basketball



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CURRENT HOF COMMITTEE MEMBERS WHO ARE FORMER MAROON STANDOUTS

Jeff Yearing, Chairperson

RHS Class of 1966

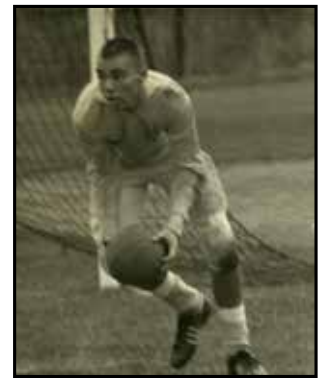
Soccer: Co-Captain, All League, County and State

Baseball: Co-Captain, All League, Suburban

Memphis State Univ: Varsity Baseball, Club Soccer

Springfield College: Varsity Baseball

MA PE/Athletic Administration "The Ohio State University"



Tom Thurston, Co-Chairperson

RHS Class of 1977

Football, Basketball

Track: Co-Captain, All League Suburban, County

Gettysburg College: Football and Track

All MAC Track: 78, 79, D-III National Championships



Sam Cermack, Fund Raising

RHS Class of 1977

Soccer

Franklin and Marshall College: Soccer All League

All Mac Soccer: Team Captain Sophomore, Junior
and Senior Year



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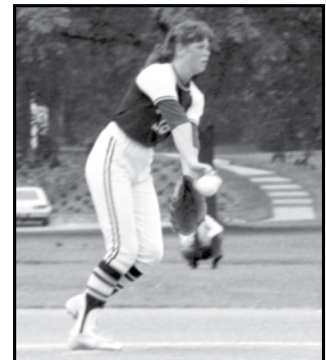
Donna O'Connell Skettini, HOF Facilities Committee

RHS Class of 1984, HOF Inductee 2006

Softball: All League, County, State, *The Record's* "All Century Team"

Bowling: All League, County, State

Trenton State College: Softball, All Conference and All American



Erica d'Elia Diestel, Film Editor and Photographer for Champenellie Productions

RHS Class of 1973

Captain of the first RHS Girls Track Team

Captain RHS Field Hockey and Girl's Basketball Teams

Varsity Field Hockey Ithaca College,

Competed for Cornell University in Women's Varsity Track and Field

Transferred to Michigan State University to run on their first

Women's Varsity Cross Country Team (team ranked 2nd nationally)

Graduated MSU

Claim to fame: Got her mom (Toshiko d'Elia) interested in running!



Bob Lasky, HOF Resarcher

RHS class of 1979

Varsity Football 1977 & 1979

Former president, Ridgewood Sports council

Coach and Board Member Ridgewood Jr Football

RHS Football Scholarship Committee - Vandevander Award Winner

Coach Ridgewood Lacrosse Association.

Coaches Award Winner

Ridgewood Fields Committee





RIDGEWOOD

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Thomas A. Gorman, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

Dear Ridgewood High School Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees:

On behalf of the Ridgewood Board of Education, I congratulate you on being inducted into the Class of 2020 Ridgewood High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

We honor you for your superior talent, your performances that thrilled the community, and your commitment to the Ridgewood Public Schools.

Your legacy contributes to the excellent reputation of the athletic program at Ridgewood High School. Athletics are an important aspect of the high school experience. In the midst of all the exciting matches, it is important to remember and emphasize that athletes balance athletics with their academics. The lessons of the playing field and the academics of the classroom are a powerful combination, which can create a basis for true success in life. The combination makes for a well-developed individual. All of our honorees found that balance and truly are role models for our student-athletes.

The Board of Education and I would also like to thank the Athletic Hall of Fame Committee for their hard work and commitment to the Ridgewood Public Schools. Their dedication and commitment help us honor our past stellar student-athletes while continuing to provide the best athletic program our current students enjoy.

Again, congratulations to the Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Class of 2020. Enjoy your celebration.

Respectfully,

Thomas A. Gorman, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools



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Jeffrey M. Nyhuis
Principal

Fall 2021

Dear Ridgewood Community,

First, I would like to thank the members of the Ridgewood Athletic Hall of Fame committee for organizing this event. We all realize the efforts and understand the struggles during this time to bring all of us together on such an auspicious occasion. We gather today to honor outstanding individuals for their contributions in athletics. I am personally honored to have coached, taught, or counseled some of these individuals here tonight.

Ridgewood High School prides itself on what we see on the side of the building everyday – ***Tradition of Excellence***. Yes, excellence can be derived in the classroom, but its more than that for many. It is the achievements beyond the walls of the building; the one's that build character and leadership. I once heard that ability will enable a person to get to the top, but character will keep them from falling. The nominees that we celebrate today all possess tremendous ability in athletics, but it's their character that sets them apart from all the rest. I know these athletes displayed many of these character traits through their experiences in Ridgewood Public Schools.

When you think about it, each athlete requires each team member to do their individual job for the good of the team. When each individual does their job, the team succeeds. When each individual puts the team first, great things can be accomplished. The lessons learned from being a member of a team are an essential part of the high school education experience that will help our students long after the game, match, or meet is done. Lessons for life, lessons that each of these individuals have experienced and excelled for the betterment of all of us who have the distinct opportunity to know them.

Congratulations to the Class of 2020 inductees!

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Nyhuis
Principal



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October 2021

2020 Hall of Fame Inductees
Ridgewood High School

Dear Hall of Fame Inductees,

Thank you for attending today's ceremony to honor the newest inductees to the Ridgewood Hall of Fame. It is my pleasure to join you today as we celebrate the accomplishments of this year's induction class.

Ridgewood High School enjoys the reputation of excellence in all aspects of education and Ridgewood's history of athletic success is long standing. Today's honorees are representatives of the dedication, teamwork, sportsmanship, and athletic excellence that have become hallmarks of Ridgewood Athletics. Their accomplishments have established Ridgewood's tradition of excellence and serve as inspiration for all of our current and future student-athletes.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank and congratulate the Hall of Fame Committee for their efforts in establishing the Hall of Fame and heralding the accomplishments of Ridgewood's most successful athletes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keith D. Cook".

Keith D. Cook
Athletic Director
Ridgewood High School

RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME



“Go Get ‘Em Ridgewood”

(Ridgewood Fight Song)

Go get ‘em Ridgewood

We’re out to see you win this game

Go get ‘em Ridgewood

We’re out to see you win us fame

Fight! Fight! Fight! For victory is near

and your praises loudly we will cheer



Go get ‘em Ridge - wood!

Go get ‘em, Go get ‘em NOW....

Ridgewood High School Alma Mater

Words and Music
By Percy C. Fisher '14

There are so many High Schools that are loyal, staunch and
So here's a toast to Ridge-wood: May thy honor e'er grow

true, Standing for their colors, and for their hon - or, too;
bright; May we be vic - to - rious as in thy strength we fight;

But we have a fair - er High School for which we will fight, And
And with our A - lum - ni, may our voi - ces ev - er rise In

proud are we en - rolled to be, Be - neath the red and white.
praise of thee, for more than we, Will laud thee to the skies.

CHORUS

Once a-gain to thee, our Al-ma Ma-ter, Raise we songs on high;

Stand, boys, stand your ground, We'll win the fight or die. For-ev-er

hold-ing to our standard proud-ly, Loy-al-ly we'll try To

bright-en the fame and never put to shame The glory of Ridgewood High.

Note: In the original 1914 lyrics presented here, the school colors are referred to as Red and White. Research indicates that throughout early literature in reference to the school colors, the color red is interchanged with the color maroon on a regular basis. Earliest reference to Maroon and White as the school colors is found in the 1910 "Arrow". The RAA (Ridgewood Athletic Association) officially declared the high school colors as "Maroon and White" in their bylaws dated 1916.

RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL COACHES AWARD OF MERIT

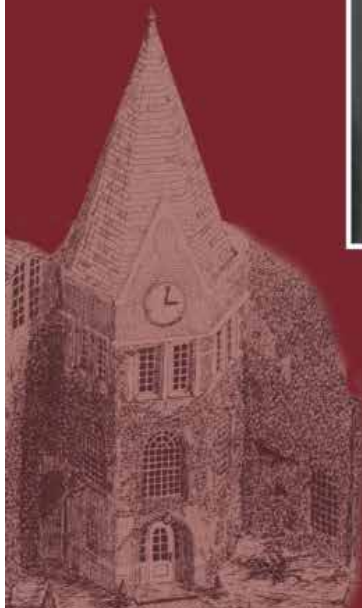
The Ridgewood High School Coaches Award of Merit recognizes varsity head coaches and athletic administrators who have provided outstanding leadership to the athletic program at Ridgewood High School. Head coaches must be retired with 10 or more years of service to their sport. Athletic administrators must be retired with 10 years or more of service within their position of expertise.

Ted Stratton	Football	1926-1936
Primo "Duke" DeRochi	Baseball Athletic Director	1938-1942, 1946-1956 1943-1967
Frank Mozeleski	Football Boys Golf	1943-1958 1961-1971
Charlie Yennie	Boys Soccer Boys Basketball	1943-1955 1945-1956
James Wetherhold	Boys Golf	1945-1960
Leo Palmisano	Boys Track	1945-1969
Otis Grendler	Boys Tennis	1946-1963
Roger Sweeney	Football	1959-1975
John Perkins	Baseball	1966-1979
Dick Flechtner	Athletic Director	1967-1983
Tony Napier	Boys and Girls Gymnastics	1968-1987
Dick Bennett	Boys Soccer Girls Basketball	1969-1997 1976-1989
Kitty Batterson	Girls Volleyball	1974-1986
Dick VanYperen	Boys Track Boys and Girls Indoor Track	1981-1995 1974-1977, 1982-1995
Debbie Paul	Girls Tennis Softball	1973, 1975-77, 1979-84, 1986-2006 1974-1978, 1980-2006
Jack VanYperen	Baseball	1980-1997
Larry Coyle	Boys Cross Country	1970-1997
Art Rispoli	Boys and Girls Bowling	1978-1997
Dave Vanderbush	Athletic Director	1984-1999
Steve Jacobson	Boys Lacrosse	1986-2001
David Marsh	Director of Health, Physical Education and Athletics	1970-2002
Nancy Hyman	Boys Tennis	1985-2002
Jim Stroker	Boys Basketball	1987-2005
Craig Mahler	Boys Soccer	1998-2012
Keith Cook	Boys and Girls Swimming	2001-2013, 2014-2015
Mike Mullin	Boys and Girls Indoor Track	1995-2012
Jacob Brown	Girls Cross Country Girls Track and Field	1974-2014 1972-2015
Jeff Yearing	Girls Soccer	1987-2017

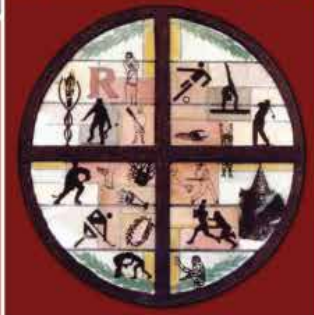
**RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
COACHES AWARD OF MERIT**



CHELSEA STEINBERG GYMNASTICS



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**CLASS OF 2007
INDUCTED 2020**

CHELSEA STEINBERG

CLASS OF 2007

GYMNASTICS

Despite her 5'2" 113-pound frame, athleticism never was a problem for star gymnast Chelsea Steinberg. She continued to Wow crowds throughout her four-year high school career at RHS as well as providing incredible moments as a member of the University of New Hampshire's gymnastic team for another four years. In a 2011 article by Jim Furlong it was stated that "Chelsea was the best gymnast in the history of Ridgewood High School" It can also be noted that at the time she was also considered the best gymnast to ever come out of the state of New Jersey.

Steinberg recalled that when she was little, her mother would watch her roll around on the floor prompting her mom to get her involved at the U.S. Gymnastics training Center in Mahwah where she continued to train for the next thirteen years. Chelsea recalled "the day I started they kept moving me up. I -never got to do another sport". After a couple of years, she realized that she was dedicated to the sport and as a student at Willard Elementary School and George Washington Middle School she decided to concentrate on gymnastics throughout her years at RHS which left no time for other sports. Her dedication to her sport paid off with large accomplishments culminating with an athletic scholarship to UNH for four years beginning in the fall of 2007.

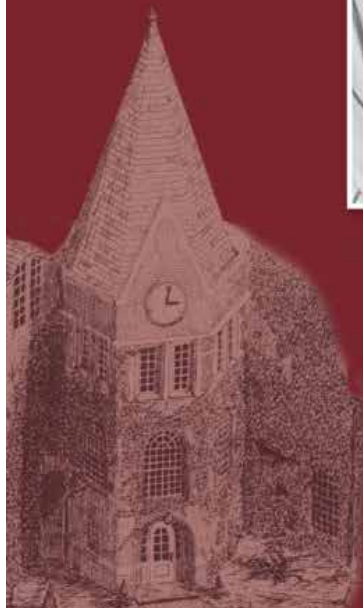
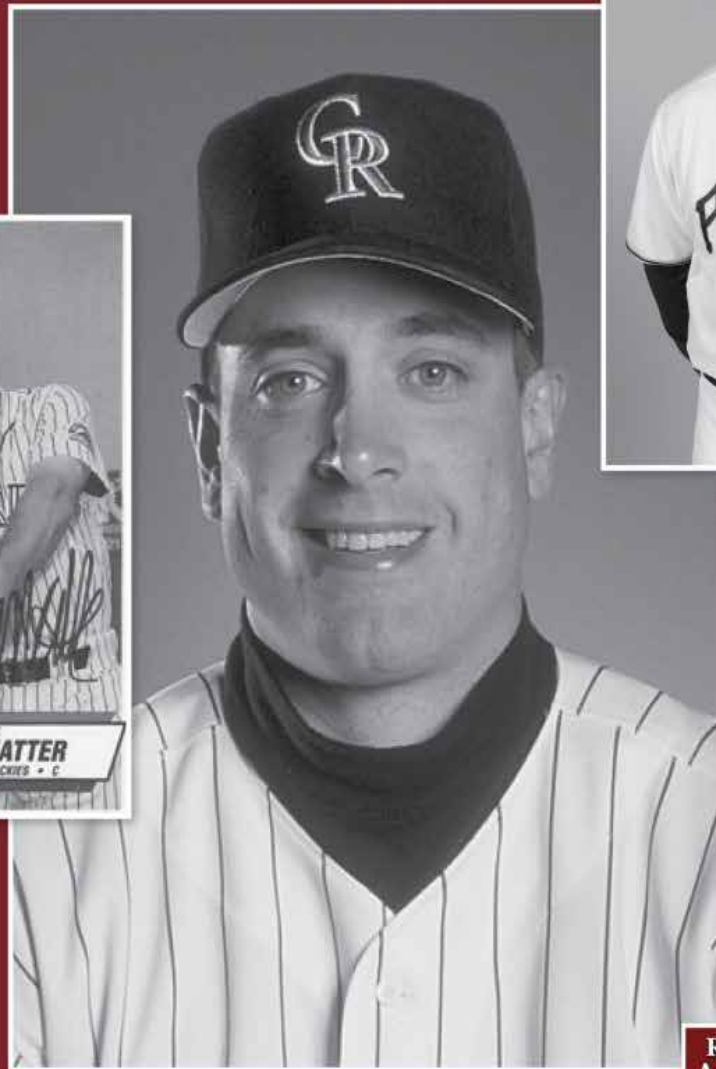
Chelsea's accomplishments in the sport stand alone as some of the greatest individual accomplishments ever seen in the history of athletics at RHS as well as in Bergen County and the state. Besides a plethora of accomplishments at the league level Chelsea won Bergen County championships in all four years she competed. In 2003 vault, uneven bars, floor exercise and all around. In 2004 Uneven bars, balance beam, floor exercise and all around. In 2005 vault, uneven bars, balance beam floor exercise and all around. In 2006 vault, uneven bars, balance beam and all around. She was the New Jersey state sectional champion in 2003,04,05,06 on uneven bars and balance beam. She also won the vault and all around in 2003 and 06 with championships being won in 2003 and 2005 in floor exercise.

In 2004 Chelsea won the outright New Jersey state championship in vault, balance beam, floor exercise and all around as well as winning the state all around championship in 2005 and 2006. She also captured the state championship in the vault again in 2006. In the state sectional competition that year Chelsea scored the only perfect 10 ever recorded in that competition in any event (she did it in the vault). Chelsea was named the Bergen Record's athlete of the decade and Darin Cooper of the Record selected her the toughest competitor he had seen in all high school athletics for that same ten year period.

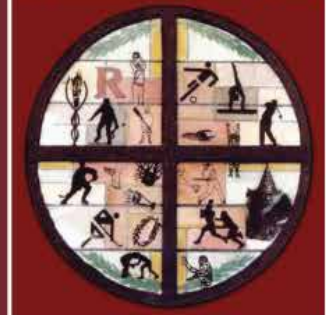
Chelsea went on to have a stellar intercollegiate career at the University of New Hampshire. Her coach is quoted as saying that on any given day Chelsea was as good as anyone in the country on the balance beam. She was the EAGL balance beam champion in 2010, earned EAGL first team conference honors all four years. She was recognized as an NACGC/W All American and EAGL All-Academic team member all four years. She was an NCAA Scholastic All American 2007-2011, team co-captain 2010-2011 and team MVP 2010-2011. Chelsea is an outpatient Occupational Therapy specialist on a new team at New York Presbyterian Hospital today and tonight is one of the newest members of the RHS Athletic Hall of Fame.

MARK STRITTMATTER

BASEBALL



RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME



CLASS OF 1987 INDUCTED 2020

MARK STRITTMATTER

CLASS OF 1987

BASEBALL

Mark Arthur Strittmatter is a 1987 graduate of Ridgewood High School. He is the only known Ridgewood graduate to have played officially in professional baseballs "Major Leagues". At RHS Mark had a standout baseball career. Known for his "rocket" arm, his agility, quickness and blocking ability "Stritt" was a natural for the catcher position. His athletic ability made him equally adept to play anywhere on the field. When not catching, he demonstrated exceptional skill and range at shortstop. Known as a line drive hitter, Mark went on to play baseball at Morris County Junior College in Randolph NJ. After two years at Morris, he transferred to Virginia Commonwealth University.

At VCU, Mark was the Rams starting catcher (1991-1992) batting .333 in 107 games. His 1992 team won the Metro Conference Championship.

Mark was a member of the first Colorado Rockies June draft in 1992 and was assigned to the franchise's first minor league team in Bend Oregon. As a member of the "Bend Rockies" he played in the first game ever for the Colorado Rockies organization on June 16,1992. The major league team was to take the field for the organization a year later.

Mark became a fixture on the organizations depth chart as a catcher. He quickly moved up to Triple-A ball with the Colorado Spring Sky Sox, but was stalled one step under the major league level. In September of 1998 he got the call he'd always waited for bringing him up to the "Big Leagues". Mark made his Major League debut as the starting catcher for the Colorado Rockies on 9/3/98 at County Stadium in Milwaukee. Mark spent most of his nine-year playing career in the Colorado Rockies organization, finishing with a San Diego Padres affiliate before retiring. During his time as a player, he came to Coors Field in Denver during the 1998 All-Star festivities to serve as a catcher in the National League bullpen. Mark made his first All-Star appearance at Yankee Stadium in July, 2008, serving on the National League All-Star coaching staff led by Clint Hurdle.

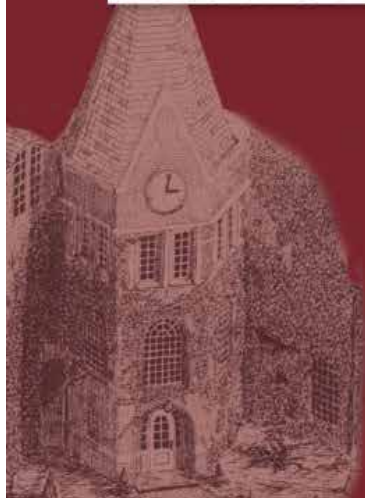
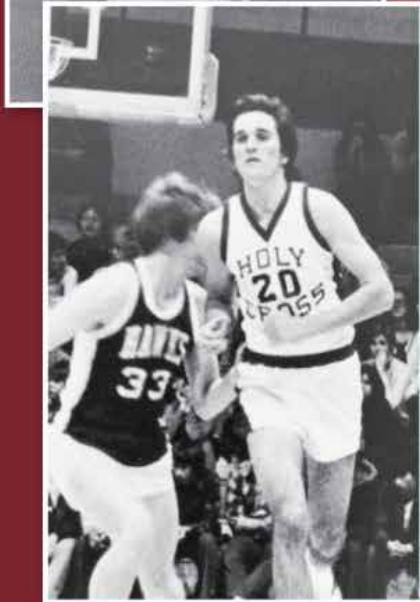
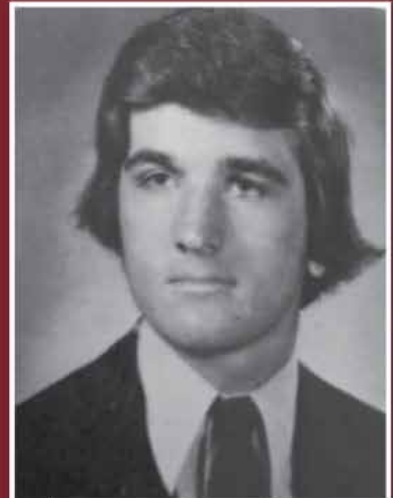
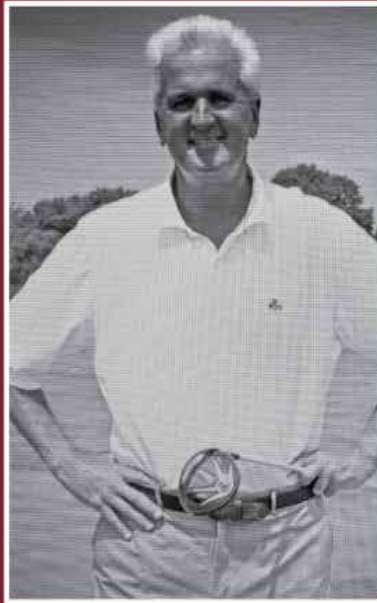
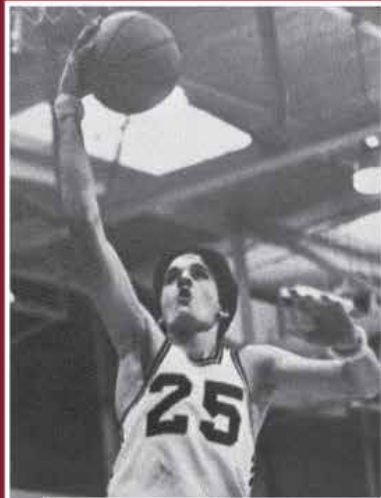
Mark has made a career in professional baseball, continuing as a coach at both the Major League and Minor League level. He has worked for both the Pittsburgh Pirate and Colorado Rockies organizations. Prior to joining the Pittsburg coaching staff, Mark spent eight years (2003-2010) working in the Bullpen for the Colorado Rockies. He served as the Catching Coach in 2008 and 2009 and is currently the teams catching coordinator. In addition, Mark has served as the hitting coach for the pitchers.

Even though Mark spent two years in Pittsburgh with the Pirates, he has worn the Rockies uniform longer than anyone in Rockies franchise history. His tenure dates to the beginning of the organization in 1992 and as Mark stated in an article written in the Denver Post "I was there the first day with the Bend team and I have seen a lot over the years" Mark will continue to serve in the Colorado Rockies organization as their Minor League Catching Coordinator, serving their entire Minor League system..

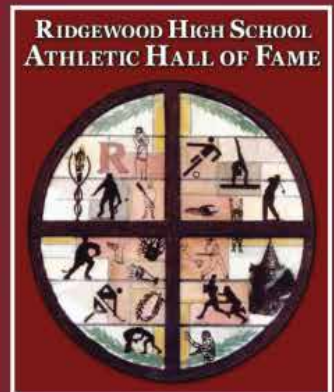
Mark lives in Denver with his wife Katie and also finds time to work for his youth baseball foundation.

JIM DEE

GOLF • BASKETBALL



CLASS OF 1972
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JIM DEE

GOLF • BASKETBALL

CLASS OF 1972

In an article written by Mark Blaudschun for "The Patriot Ledger" about Jim Dee's then current golf position in July of 2015 he stated "In a world of high-stress jobs and expectations and lifestyles that can move and change with the speed of the latest social media trend, Jim Dee is a throwback to a different era." Indeed a very vivid picture of Jim Dee's life today was painted. "Reasonable pace, little stress, doing something that has been a part of his entire life and working at a job that is as much a passion as it is a vocation."

Jim Dee has found a way to make a living doing what he loves to do, play golf according to the "Patriot Ledgers" article "It has been that way most of Dee's life and make no mistake, he is more than happy the way it has worked out." Jim has had a long and highly regarded tenure as a PGA teaching Pro.

Jim's process to becoming an athlete worthy of induction into the Ridgewood High school Athletic Hall Of Fame actually begins with his father Harry Dee the famous golf pro who ran the golf operations at the famous Ridgewood Country Club for many years. Golf was a part of Jim's DNA. He was one of three Dee boys Jim, John and Tom all of whom became involved with golf as a profession. Their dad Harry was voted New Jersey PGA player of the year in 1966 and in 1978 the Dee family was selected as the national golf family of the year. As a youngster Jim was included in the inner circle of his father's golf world. Jim got to meet many of the greats along the way through his father's playing on the PGA tour. Men like Sam Snead, Byron Nelson, Arnold Palmer and Ben Hogan served as inspirations to his development in the game. Growing up in New Jersey as the son of a prestigious golf pro, Jim enjoyed the life and lifestyle that encompassed that world.

Luckily Jim attended Ridgewood High School which at the time had a very strong golf program under the tutelage of Frank Mozeleski his sophomore and junior years and Dick Bennett his senior year. Under their guidance and that of others, Jim went on to have a stellar high school career for the Maroons. He was first team all NNJIL in 1970, 71 and 72. He was voted to the first team All Bergen County team in 1972 and led the team to the New Jersey state team championship in 1970 shooting an 83 in the tournament final. In 1971 his team was 20-1 winning league, county and state sectional titles and in 1972 Jim was captain of the team leading the Maroons to the league, county and state sectional championship and winning the individual Bergen County title shooting a 74 in the championship round.

Amazingly Jim had a tremendous growth spurt going into his senior year at RHS which accelerated his developments as a basketball player. Having played hoops for the Maroons in 1970 and 71 (He was a Bergen Record athlete of the week for basketball in 1972) Jim exploded onto the county hoop scene averaging 18 points and 8 rebounds a game his senior year leading the team to a 22-7 record and winning the Bergen County Championship. He was named to the all county team for the 1972 season.

At 6'9" then Holy Cross basketball coach George Blaney offered Jim a basketball scholarship to attend the famous school in Worcester Mass. Jim accepted and had a stellar four year basketball and golf career for the Crusaders. He was captain of the golf team his senior year in 1976 while scoring 763 career points for the basketball squad. He averaged 10 points a game with 5 rebounds his senior year on an NIT bound 22-10 team. Jim retired now resides with his wife Mary in Hobe Sound Florida.

KELLY CONHEENEY

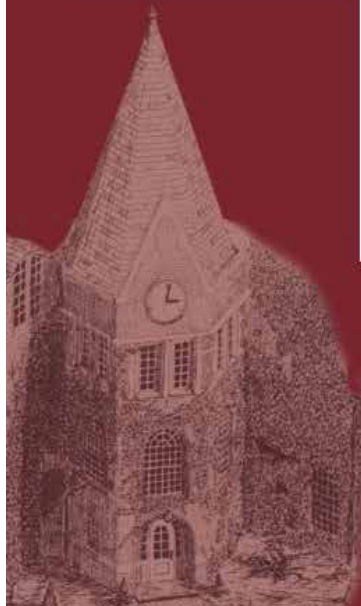
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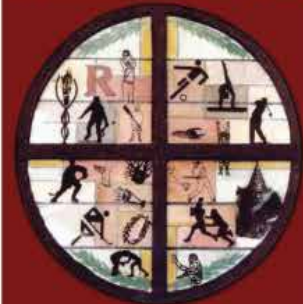
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KELLY CONHEENEY

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CLASS OF 2009

In 2009 Ridgewood High School girls head soccer coach Jeff Yearling stated about then senior Kelly Conheeney. "Kelly is the best overall soccer player ever to wear the Ridgewood uniform. There have been many with amazing abilities within certain parameters of the game, but none can surpass Kelly's overall grasp of what is needed to excel anywhere on the field on either side of the ball under any condition. Kelly possesses great tactical foresight, great technical ability and can use finesse or explosive moves to beat an opponent to pass or score. Her defensive contributions and abilities are second to none".

This statement was somewhat prophetic as Kelly went on to be the only girls soccer player in the history of Ridgewood High School to achieve the ultimate goal of playing professionally in what many consider to be the best women's professional soccer league in the world, the NWSL (National Women's Soccer League). It was a long road to the professional level for Kelly with many twists and turns.

A four-year starter at RHS, Kelly Conheeney was a four-time selection to 1st team all-league, 3-time selection to the New Jersey Girls Soccer Coaches Association All State team, and was named as one of the New Jersey Soccer Coaches Assoc. top 20 players in the state for 2008. Kelly was also named 1st team All County and the Bergen Record Newspaper's North Jersey player of the year. She was also named to the Newark Star Ledger's first team all groups all state team and named to the National Soccer Coaches Association of America's Regional All-American team. Kelly is the only player in RHS history to be voted twice to the leadership position of Co-Capt. of the varsity team. She is also only the fourth player in the history of girls soccer at RHS to eclipse the career 200 point mark with 208 total career points on 78 goals (4th on the all-time goals scored list) and 52 assists (2nd on the all-time assist list). The other three girls to achieve this offensive level are now members of the Hall of Fame.

Kelly helped the Montclair Aristocrats win three state championships and was a member of the regional national championship ODP team in 2007 and national finalist in 2008. She traveled with the region 1 ODP team in 2009 to Russia to play against the U19 national teams from Russia, the Ukraine, Estonia and Poland.

Kelly accepted a soccer scholarship to attend Virginia Tech Univ. Through all of her success on the field Kelly developed a false sense that injury wise nothing could go wrong, and nothing seemed to through her junior year at Virginia Tech. She'd been vital to the Hokies since stepping onto campus, starting all 68 matches in her 3 seasons, posting 26 goals and 21 assists. She already was the program's career all-time leader in points and game-winning goals with 75 and 14 respectively. Her goals had beaten North Carolina and won the first two NCAA tournament games as the Hokies, in her third year, reached the Sweet 16 for the first time. She was the first female soccer player at Tech to record at least 20 goals and 20 assists in her career with 26 goals and 23 assists. Her freshman season she earned ACC all freshman and All ACC tournament team honors, her sophomore year she also had call ups to both the U20 and U23 national team camps and in her junior year was named the team's co MVP for the year, and was selected to the NCAA all Southeast team and the All-ACC team.

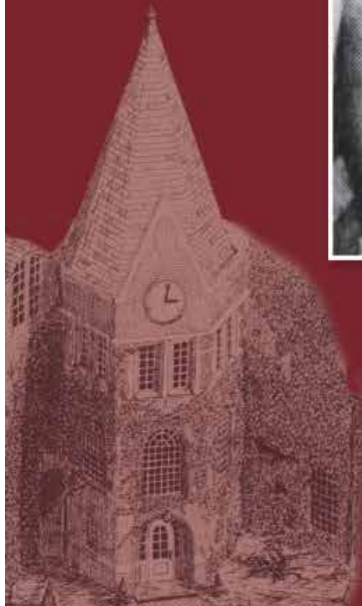
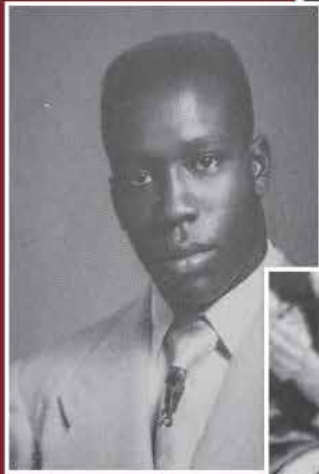
Kelly suffered a series of concussions playing for the Ottawa Fury of the W league the summer before her senior season at Va.Tech. A header in the second match of her senior year at Tech would put Kelly out of the game as a player for the next 3 and a half years, the cumulative effect of multiple concussions sustained over the course of her career. She graduated from Tech in 2012 with a degree in communications. She had a strong desire to be able to make a difference in the world and joined an organization with a global mission called "Coaches Across Continents" traveling to third world countries and using soccer as an instrument for change influencing young women's lives. Kelly spent a year and a half traveling and bringing programs that impacted individuals and communities in the arena of human rights and social justice. Cambodia, Indonesia, South Africa, the Congo, Tanzania, Columbia, Haiti and the Philippines are places she traveled to and became familiar with. She found it was, and I quote, "the only thing that could have replaced soccer and made me as happy as I could have been during that time."

Kelly returned home in 2015 with as strong desire to pursue her dream of playing professionally and was cleared to return to play through tests, evaluations and consultation through the concussion program at the Univ. of Pittsburgh in Feb of 2016. Three weeks later Kelly went through open tryouts and was offered a contract to play professionally for Sky Blue of the NWSL. Her career also brought her professional stays with the Houston Dash of the NWSL and Hammarby IF of Sweden's professional women's league.

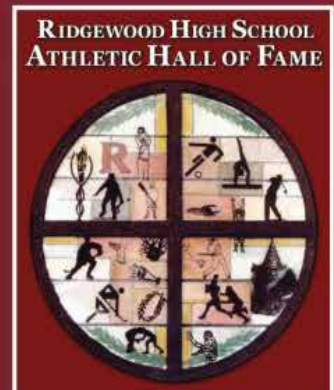
Today Kelly resides in Santa Monica California and is a coach with the Los Angeles Bulls Soccer Club. In 2016 she was the first player ever inducted into the NJ Girls Soccer Coaches Assoc. Hall of Fame. Tonight, she adds the RHS HOF to those honors.

CARLOS PEAY

FOOTBALL • TRACK



**CLASS OF 1951
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CARLOS PEAY

CLASS OF 1951

FOOTBALL • TRACK

Underneath the senior picture of Carlos Peay in the 1951 Arrow yearbook of Ridgewood High School is his senior quote which reads " A mighty man in the game of sports," It would also be fitting to note that later in Carlos's life he would also be known as a mighty man of the law.

There were many firsts that Carlos achieved in his life starting with being named the first African American named a captain of the Ridgewood High School Football team. Later in his life he would be the first African American appointed as the assistant Bergen County prosecutor.

Carlos was a 3-year letter winner and star running back on the 1948,49 and 1950 football teams. He was an All-League and All Suburban selection in 1949 adding All County and All State honors as well, during a stellar undefeated and untied season in 1950 that found the Maroons the cream of the crop not only of the Bergen County gridiron scene, but as one of the top teams in the state.

He was a leader on a team (1950) that brought great renown. According to the RHS Arrow yearbook, "without doubt one of the most notable events...was the successful completion of the first unbeaten and untied football season on the records of the school in thirty-five years" (A reference to back to the great RHS football team of 1915)"The feats in other rings at the RHS circus will be forgotten by all but the star performers long before the accomplishments of 1950's gridgers pass on to oblivion". Those accomplishments would include those of Carlos Peay. Besides football Carlos was a three-time letter winner in track and a two-year member of the bowling team.

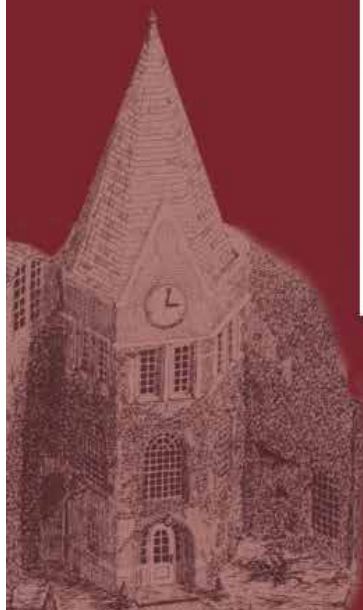
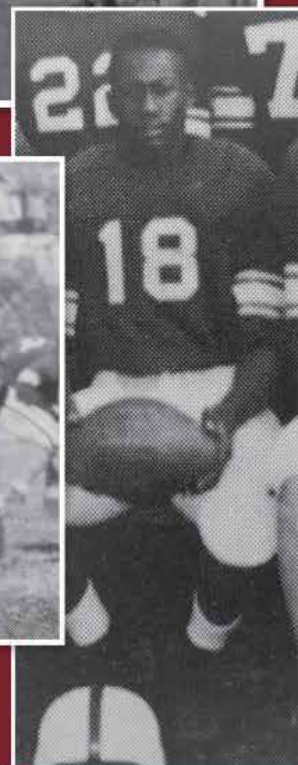
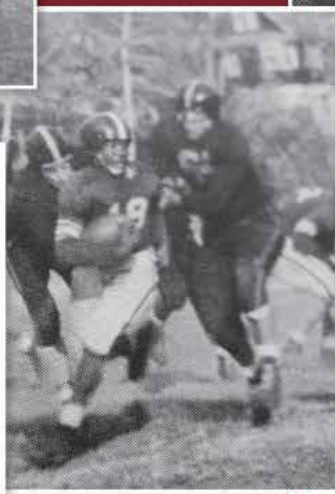
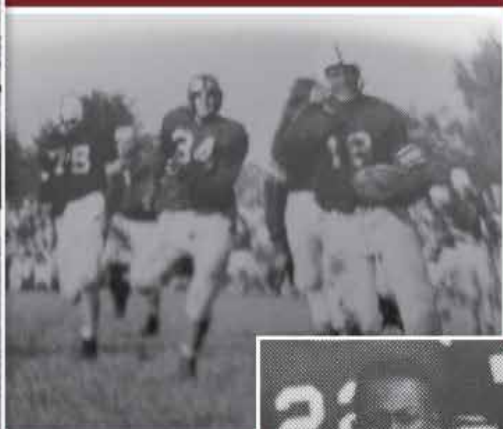
Carlos did not pursue an athletic career outside of his high school commitment, but it seems he had enough on his plate to keep him engaged in many leadership positions that he was well prepared for in part by his storied athletic career at RHS.

Carlos went on to attend Howard University in Washington DC. where was actively involved in Howard's R.O.T.C. program. Carlos graduated and enlisted in the U.S. Army. After serving three years in the military, he enrolled at Rutgers University Law School 1960 where he earned his law degree with honors. According to a story from the Ridgewood Newspapers Carlos "walked off with four first prizes and awards given to 1963 graduates of Rutgers Law School.

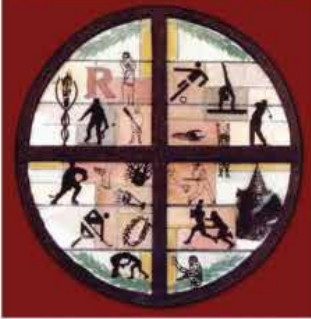
Carlos went on to create his own private law practice. He was also a very active member of the Bergen County branch of the N.A.A.C.P. and was the founding member of Kappa Theta Lambda's Bergen County Chapter. He was also a proud member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. Throughout his life Carlos lived by the code of a champion and we welcome him (posthumously) into the Ridgewood High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

LEWIS EDWARD (EDDIE) PEAY

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LOUIS "EDDIE" PEAY

CLASS OF 1954

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On the birth certificate the name reads Louis Edward Peay, but in the Village of Ridgewood everyone knows him by his familiar name "Eddie". Eddie grew up as a young black athlete in the 1950's in Ridgewood, N.J.. He attended the predominantly Afro American Mt Bethel Baptist Church on South Broad Street and attended the Ridgewood Public Schools. While those are some basic facts, the fact is that if you were having a bad day, he was going to change your day around with that signature smile, a big greeting and that powerful handshake that you would never forget.

As Eddie grew up he developed a passion for sports at a very young age. As a young man and only after his chores were done, he would search the local streets in town looking for a pick-up baseball or basketball game or maybe just someone to throw the football with. Eddie went to Union Street Elementary School and then on to George Washington Junior High School. From there it was on to Ridgewood High School where he graduated from in June of 1954. Upon graduating from RHS, Eddie went to Lafayette College in Easton, Pa. to study engineering and play football. Eddie returned home early from college to engage his skills in entrepreneurship and to start a family. He married his high school sweetheart Alveria and had three children Colette, Louis and Jacques. Creating a strong family base with a strong belief in secondary and higher education, all three of his children attended the Ridgewood Public Schools and graduated from Ridgewood High School and from college. Colette and Louis graduated from Ramapo College and Jacques from Bucknell University, where like his father, he played intercollegiate football. Eddie not only started a family, but also a very successful business which was well recognized throughout the Bergen County area as the "Peay Moving Service". A well established business in town, it served the community and surrounding area for over sixty years.

From his early youth Eddie was a true athlete as he excelled at baseball and football. In his youth Eddie's Ridgewood Baseball Association's first ever little league all star team was the first village youth team to receive national recognition. His team made it all the way to the regional little league finals in 1949 and lost the final to Hagerstown Md. for a trip to one of the initial little league World Series in Williamsport Pa. This group of young ballplayers were recognized as champions and were looked at as local heroes of the day.

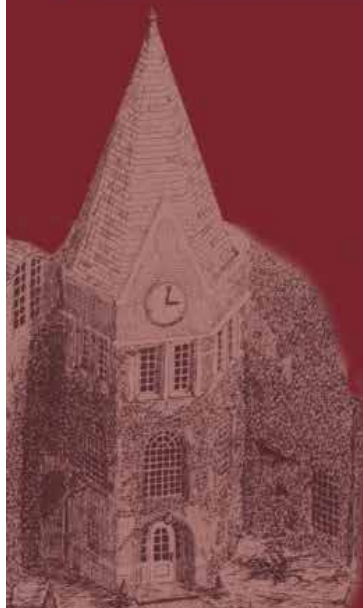
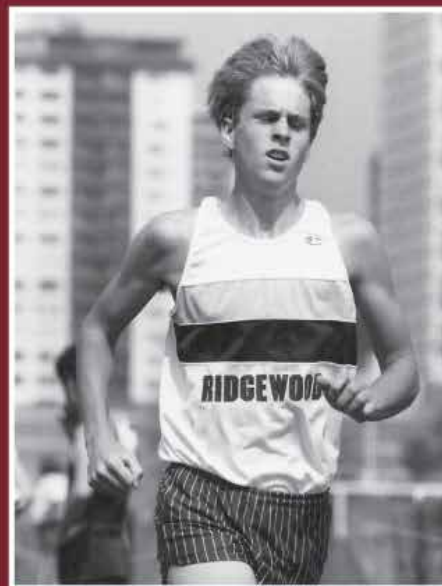
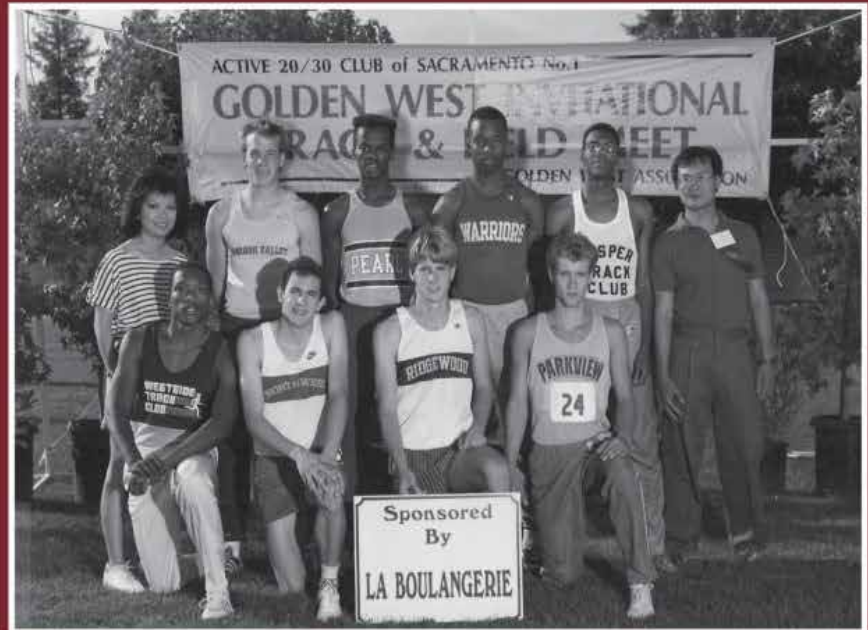
As a high school athlete, Eddie's special skill set showed itself in the fall and spring when he excelled on the gridiron and diamond. In high school Eddie wanted to follow in his older brother Carlos's footsteps, but wanted to cut his own path to success. Being named a first team all county running back in 1953 his record of success and statistics reflect his abilities. He is often talked about in Bergen County football circles as a hard hitting, tough player with outstanding speed and balance. Many comments of the time simply stated it "Was a pleasure to watch him play" Eddie recalls that he truly enjoyed his teammates as he co captained the varsity football team his senior season with Bruce Nealy. He always looked forward to the traditional Thanksgiving Day game with Fairlawn stating "they were always ready for the "Cutter" attack with other players like Bill Dailey and Joe Corcoran". Eddie not only excelled as an athlete, but also as a student enabling him to follow his dream of a football scholarship to Lafayette.

A lifelong Ridgewood resident, Eddie loves the Village and its people. He gave back to his community by being a junior football association coach inspiring many young athletes in town to realize that hard work, commitment and teamwork were the lessons not only of teams, but of a good person and good personal character. He also volunteered his time by helping with the RHS jamboree and in helping to maintain a green Ridgewood by donating his time to planting floral arrangement throughout the downtown area. Retired now and still living the dream in Ridgewood, he spends his time spoiling his grandchildren and is always available to share a smile and some good cheer with a "Hey Buddy" and big smile to one and all.

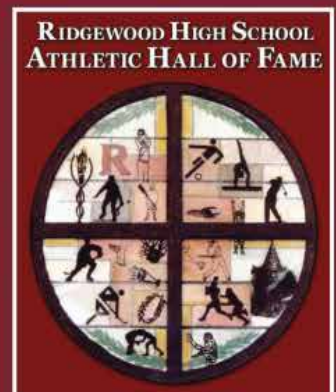
Congratulations Eddie on a fantastic life and on your incredible accomplishments both on and off the athletic field. It is a pleasure to now call you a member of the Ridgewood High School Athletic Hall of fame.

CHRIS RAE

TRACK



CLASS OF 1987
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CHRIS RAE

CLASS OF 1987

TRACK

A sound mind in a sound body is the English translation of a famous quotation by the pre-Socratic Greek philosopher Thales (Miletus, 624-546 BC). It is an often used reference in our modern society for one who has achieved high levels of success both athletically and academically. If one was to recognize a prime example of this current definition, one might point to Ridgewood High School Athletic Hall of Fame inductee Chris Rae.

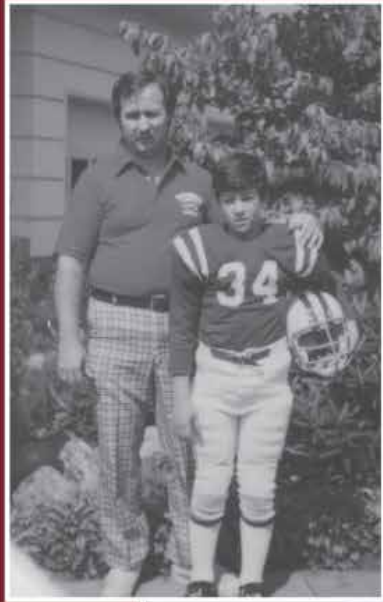
Beyond Chris's outstanding athletic credentials, Chris was recognized by the Bergen County YMCAs as one of its top student athletes in 1987. Chris was not only setting records on the tracks around the state, but also showed great academic performance ranked 6th in his class of 445 students at the highly regarded Ridgewood High School. Chris was a National Merit Scholar who went on to attend Stanford University 1987-1992. He earned both Bachelors and Master of Arts degrees in philosophy at Stanford while competing as a member track team that he helped Captain in 1992. Working in the business world for a number of years Chris returned to school 1997-2001 at Duke University where he completed an MBA from the Fuqua School of Business while also completing his Juris Doctorate (JD) from the Duke University Law School.

Athletically Chris was a force on the county, state and national level while a student athlete at RHS. Besides being named to numerous NNJIL All League teams for both winter and spring track seasons, Chris was named to the All Bergen County first team three times for both winter and spring track for the 800 and 1600. In 1986 Chris won the West Point 800m indoor title and the next week won the NJ state Group IV championship. It was only the second time an RHS runner had won an individual Group IV championship. He also set the meet record of 2:20.5 at the NJ Spiked Shoe meet. Chris suffered a stress fracture that impacted his spring season in 1986, but he came back with a vengeance in 1987.

Chris won the 1987 NJ indoor Group IV 800 championship. During the spring season he ran a state best time of 1:51.6 in the 800 setting a school record that would stand for thirteen years. Chris won the NJ State Meet of Champion's title race in a time of 1:52.0. In addition Chris ran a 1200 meter leg of the distance medley at the Penn Relays helping RHS to a coveted fourth place finish. He won the Eastern States mile in a time of 4:13.6. Chris ran in the Golden State meet in Sacramento, Ca. competing in the 800m. The Newark Star Ledger named Chris to their first team All Groups All State team for the spring of 1987 for the 800 m.

At Stanford and running distances during his four year track career for the Cardinal, Chris earned a fifth place in the 1991 Pac Ten Championships in the 1500m with a time of 3:46. Today Chris is a successful businessman in Park City, Utah and can also claim membership to the Ridgewood High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

PHIL ROSS SR. SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR

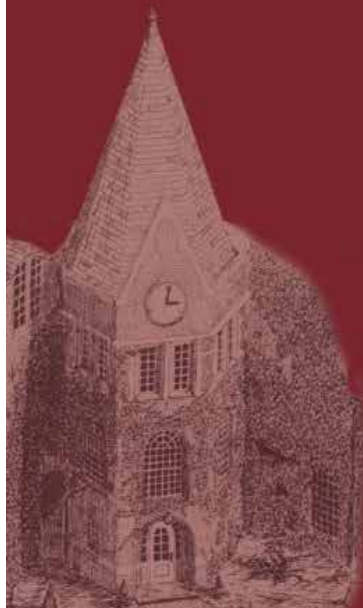


**LONG TIME CONTRIBUTOR TO
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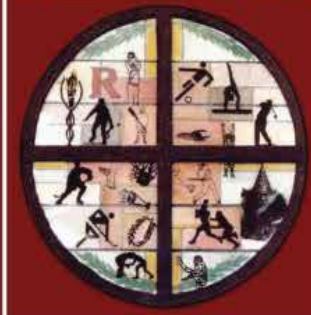
**FOUNDER OF RIDGEWOOD JUNIOR
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PHIL ROSS SR.

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR

If you played a youth sport in Ridgewood, New Jersey in the 1970s or 1980s, there was a good chance that you were coached by the preeminent youth sports coach of that era Mr. Phil Ross Sr. If you were not directly coached by Phil there is a good chance that either you or your parents were sure to have come under his influence in some way.

Phil was raised in Paterson, New Jersey and graduated from Eastside High School where he was the captain of the "ghosts" state championship football team his junior and senior year. He graduated Eastside in 1957 and went on to Rutgers University, where he earned a degree in mathematics. In 1969 Phil brought his family (wife Patricia and children Phil Jr., Kathi and Damian) to settle in Ridgewood.

In 1972 he signed up his son Phil Jr. to play Jr. football and the die was cast. He volunteered his services as a youth coach in the program and from that point on Phil Sr. never looked back. His youth coaching career would last another 25 years. He would go on to coach Jr. football for the next 18 years and be president of the Ridgewood Jr. Football program for ten years. But Coach Ross was just getting started.

You would see him on the sideline of whatever sport his children were involved in wearing his coaches' hat, but then one day his son Phil decided to go out for the school's freshman wrestling team. This was an event that would throw Coach Ross into a new athletic environment that he was not familiar with. He never wrestled mainly because Eastside did not have a wrestling program while he attended there. Coach Ross was certain there must be a youth program in the village, but he found there was no such thing. Since this seemed to be an area of neglect in a very rich community athletic environment, Phil took it upon himself to begin what is now the Ridgewood junior wrestling program. His founding of the program introduced hundreds if not thousands of Ridgewood boys and girls to the sport over the 25 years he served as a coach and president of the organization.

Coach Ross began to study anything he could get his hands on about the sport and recruited his son Phil Jr. and other Ridgewood High School wrestlers to help teach the youth wrestlers in his program. The program grew tremendously through Coach Ross's organizational skills and through his ability to recruit other wrestling alumni and fathers to help through volunteering their time.

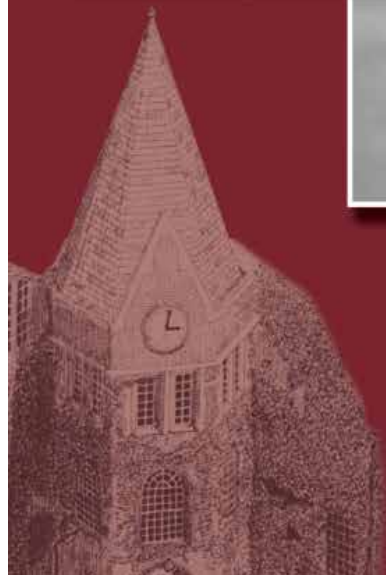
Phil's sons went on to be outstanding athletes in football and wrestling in their own right, while his daughter excelled in dance. All three are examples of those values of hard work and perseverance that were so instrumental to Phil's own success in whatever sport or endeavor he was involved with. Phil also served as president of the Ridgewood High School football scholarship committee.

Today, the Phil Ross award is given to the RHS senior wrestler who participated in the Ridgewood Jr. wrestling program as a youth and through their participation in wrestling exemplified the ideals and values that Coach Ross held and demonstrated throughout his life.

Phil Ross loved Ridgewood and over the decades coached thousands of kids. He believed strongly in staying in town and playing with your friends for your home team. He loved the tradition of Ridgewood and dedicated his life to building it. We welcome him posthumously to the RHS Athletic Hall of Fame.

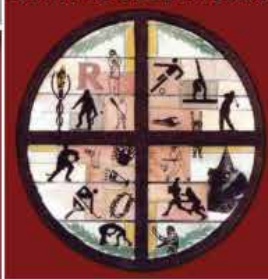
Sammy Cermack

Lacrosse
Soccer



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SAMANTHA CERMACK

SOCCER • LACROSSE

CLASS OF 2010

RHS 2010 graduate Samantha Cermack is being inducted into the Ridgewood High School Hall of Fame, Class of 2020, for her accomplishments in both soccer and lacrosse.

Girls soccer coach Jeff Yearling cites Sammy's "excellent technical ability, quickness, tenacity, and field vision" as her strengths on the pitch and key factors in her high school career achievement of 67 goals and 40 assists – 6th and 7th respectively all time. A four-year starter from 2006 to 2009, she was named first team all-league all four years, and first team all Bergen county her junior and senior seasons. Her last three seasons she was named to the NJ Girls Soccer Coaches Association 1 team all-state team, and in her senior season, named to that organization's all East team. Coach Yearling comments further on the senior year co-Captain – "a great person, a great athlete, and the definition of a team leader, combined with a tireless work ethic, Sammy was one of our all-time best players."

A 4 year starter for the Girls Lacrosse team from 2007 to 2010, during which the team went 78-11, culminating in her senior year as captain the first Tournament of Champions state title for the Maroons Girls Lacrosse program with the game winning goal for a 7-6 victory over Mendham, Sammy was named by the Newark Star Ledger Girls Lacrosse State Player of the Year. This recognition was complemented by being named North Jersey POY and Bergen County POY. Her career statistics are amongst the leaders in all categories: Career points = 347 (2nd); Career goals = 174 (6th); Career assists = 173 (1st); Career ground balls = 150 (3rd); Career draw controls = 176 (4th); Career interceptions = 25 (4th). Consistent and stellar all four of her high school seasons, she was named 1st team All Suburban all 4 years, 1st team All League and All County her final 3 seasons, 1st team All State her final 2 seasons, and a US Lacrosse All American her junior and senior years.

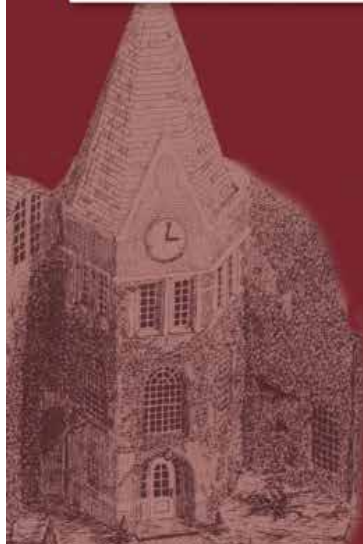
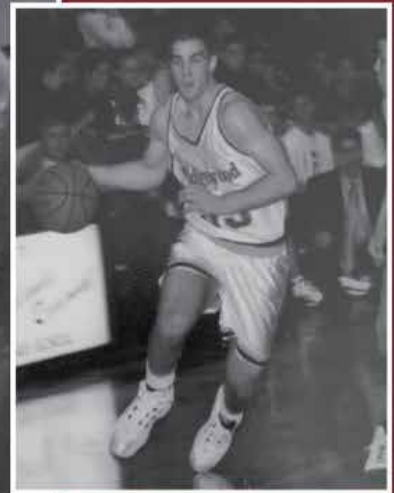
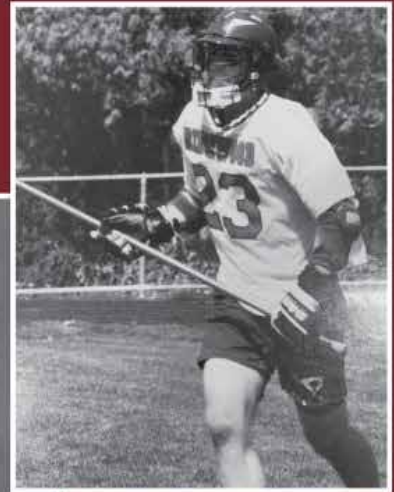
Sammy continues her lacrosse career today, as the Associate Head Coach for the Lehigh University WLAX program, just completing her 7th season, having joined the staff upon her graduation from Johns Hopkins University. The Lehigh Mountain Hawks have gone 70-40 and have qualified for the Patriot League tournament every year while a member of the coaching staff. While competing for the JHU Blue Jays women's lacrosse team, she achieved continued success, captaining the squad her junior and senior years, and generating 149 career points, 13th highest in team history. She can be found in the Blue Jays record book for career assists = 51 (9th); career ground balls = 101 (17th); career draw controls = 102 (10th) while helping the team to a 43-29 win loss record. In her senior year, she was named 1st team All Region and 3rd team All American. Most significantly, upon the completion of her senior year, Sammy was the recipient of the Blue Jays Unlimited Award, given annually to the Johns Hopkins Varsity Athlete who most exemplifies Spirit and Leadership, Promoting Team Unity and Morale, and enhancing the Athletic Experience of her Teammates.

After college, and while coaching at Lehigh, Sammy's lacrosse career continued professionally, being drafted 39th by the Philadelphia Force of the United Women's Lacrosse League in the 2016 inaugural season and playing through 2019

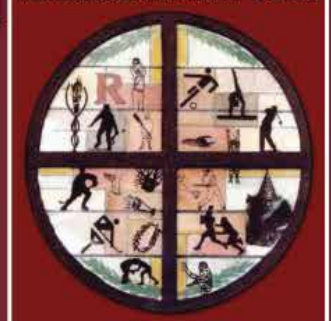
ANDREW CLARKE

FOOTBALL • BASKETBALL

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CLASS OF 2000

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ANDREW CLARKE

FOOTBALL • BASKETBALL • LACROSSE

CLASS OF 2000

In June of 2000 Andrew Clarke received Ridgewood High School's most prestigious athletic award for a graduating student athlete "The Dave Vanderbush Award For Athletic Excellence." It is presented each year to a graduating boy and girl who demonstrate outstanding playing ability, sportsmanship on and off the field, leadership and loyalty. The recipients are selected by the entire RHS varsity coaching staff. In Andrew's letter of recognition it was stated by the RHS athletic director Garland Allen that "it is a credit to your determination and high standards that you were selected."

Andrew Clarke was an outstanding three sport athlete for all four years at Ridgewood High School gaining league, county and state recognition in the three sports he participated in football, basketball and lacrosse.

A three year starter for the Maroons varsity football team, he graduated in 2000 holding numerous football records at RHS. Andrew was voted the team's most valuable player for his senior season. Andrew rushed for 2055 career yards which was the most in RHS history at the time. He had 24 career touchdowns(second in RHS history) and was second all time in career tackles with 222. His senior season playing inside linebacker he set the school single season record for tackles with 120. He was voted to the New Jersey super 100 All State Football Team along with first team all county, first team all league and first team all suburban honors. Head coach Chuck Johnson described Andrew in a 1999 interview as "the best and most complete football player I've ever had... There wasn't much he couldn't do on the football field and he was the ultimate leader, an unselfish player who had only the team and winning in mind." Andrew also had an outstanding lacrosse career at RHS. After missing a good portion of his junior year with a back injury, Andrew was selected as a defenseman to the NNJIL first team, the all suburban first team, the Gibb's Division second team and was selected to play in the 2000 North South All Star game. He was also selected to honorable mention all state. Coach Steve Jacobson stated "No one has any idea how good a lacrosse player he could be...He's just a great athlete who jumps right on the lacrosse field with no summer playing time and just goes out and plays hard and aggressive."

As a basketball player for Coach Jim Stroker's varsity squad, Andrew had a prolific career. His senior year he averaged six points and seven rebounds per game. He helped lead the Maroons to an outstanding 20-5 record while being recognized with selection to the All Bergen County first team, first team All NNJIL as well as first team all suburban.

Andrew continued his athletic career at Georgetown University where he played football for the Hoyas. He was a two year starter for Georgetown his junior and senior years, being voted a team co captain his senior season. Georgetown coach Bob Benson called Andrew "an outstanding athlete with strong leadership skills...active all over the field with the ability to find the ball." One of the top linebackers in the patriot league, he lead the league in tackles his senior year with 119 and set the single game Georgetown record for tackles with twenty three vs. Colgate. A member of the patriot league Academic Honor Roll, Andrew was also the recipient of the John L. Hagerty Award from Georgetown for his outstanding play at linebacker. Once described as a "Classy Ridgewood Player" Andrew Clarke more than exemplifies the "Tradition of Excellence" embodied throughout the one hundred and twenty plus years of the athletic program at Ridgewood High School and deservedly is now a member of the Ridgewood High School Athletic Hall Of Fame.

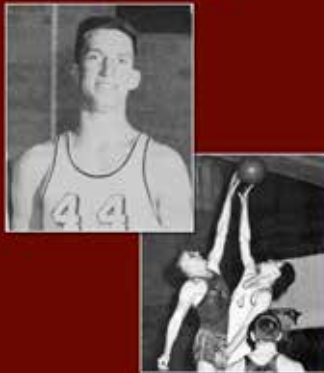
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ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME
• 2004 INDUCTEES •**

PAUL ARRIGONI
BASEBALL • FOOTBALL



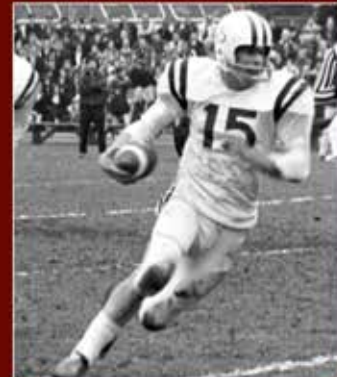
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PETE CAMPBELL
BASKETBALL



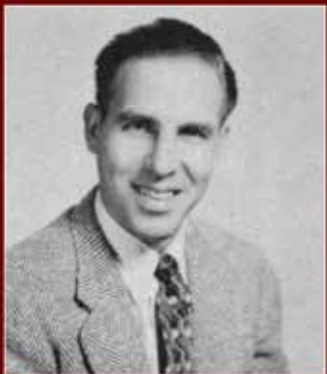
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JACK VAN YPEREN
FOOTBALL • BASKETBALL • BASEBALL



CLASS OF 1968 • INDUCTED 2004

OTIS GRENDLER
TENNIS COACH



1946-1963 • INDUCTED 2004

GENE LINKS
FOOTBALL



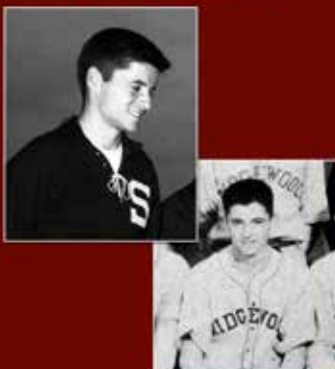
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MARGARET SCUTRO
CROSS COUNTRY



CLASS OF 1985 • INDUCTED 2004

TOM SIMOS
SOCCER • BASEBALL



CLASS OF 1943 • INDUCTED 2004

KAZBEK TAMBI
SOCCER



CLASS OF 1979 • INDUCTED 2004

BECKY DEETZ
TRACK AND FIELD



CLASS OF 1977 • INDUCTED 2004

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ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME
• 2004 INDUCTEES •**

AIMEE MCGUIRE
BASKETBALL • SOCCER



CLASS OF 1994 • INDUCTED 2004

DOUG COOK
BASKETBALL



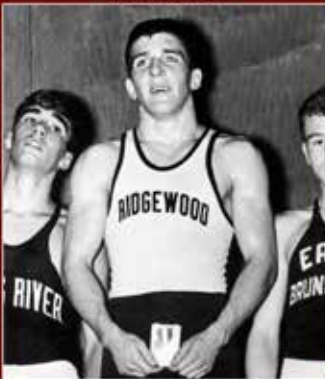
CLASS OF 1966 • INDUCTED 2004

JODI HARTWIG
SOCCER



CLASS OF 1991 • INDUCTED 2004

BOB WHITAKER
WRESTLING



CLASS OF 1965 • INDUCTED 2004

WALT PERDUE
FOOTBALL



CLASS OF 1949 • INDUCTED 2004

DEBBIE O'CONNELL
BASKETBALL • SOFTBALL



CLASS OF 1985 • INDUCTED 2004

**RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
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• 2006 INDUCTEES •**

BOB KEINO
CROSS COUNTRY • TRACK & FIELD



CLASS OF 1994 • INDUCTED 2006

CHARLES YENNIE
COACH
BASKETBALL • SOCCER • BASEBALL



1943-1956 • INDUCTED 2006

FRANK MOZELESKI
COACH
FOOTBALL • BASKETBALL • GOLF



1943-1970 • INDUCTED 2006

PAUL FERRARO
FOOTBALL • WRESTLING



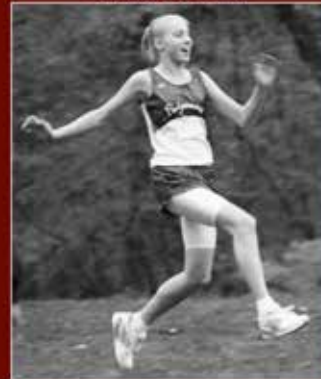
CLASS OF 1977 • INDUCTED 2006

TIM MULLEN
BASKETBALL



CLASS OF 1981 • INDUCTED 2006

JENNA ROGERS
CROSS COUNTRY



CLASS OF 1994 • INDUCTED 2006

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ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME
• 2006 INDUCTEES •**

**WENDY HARTWIG
SOCCER**



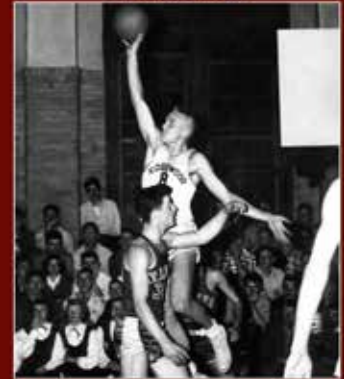
CLASS OF 1994 • INDUCTED 2006

**MARIO FERRARO
FOOTBALL**



CLASS OF 1945 • INDUCTED 2006

**TOM HOPPER
BASKETBALL**



CLASS OF 1950 • INDUCTED 2006

**CARIN CONE
SWIMMING**



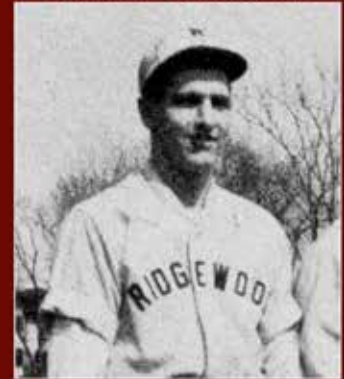
CLASS OF 1958 • INDUCTED 2006

**DONNA O'CONNELL
SOFTBALL • BOWLING**



CLASS OF 1984 • INDUCTED 2006

**DON HALDANE
BASEBALL • BASKETBALL**



CLASS OF 1942 • INDUCTED 2006

**RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME
• 2008 INDUCTEES •**

HENRY BLAUVELT
FOOTBALL



CLASS OF 1927 • INDUCTED 2008

LUCIA CANCELMO
GYMNASTICS



CLASS OF 1980 • INDUCTED 2008

RENEE DUFLON
VOLLEYBALL • TRACK & FIELD



CLASS OF 1975 • INDUCTED 2008

FRANK L. BRADLEY, JR.
FOOTBALL



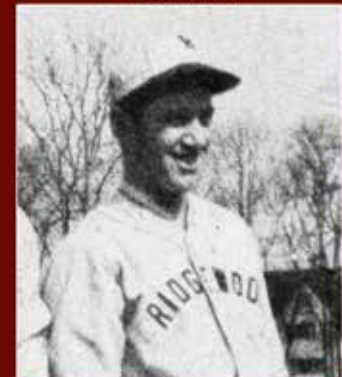
CLASS OF 1941 • INDUCTED 2008

KITTY BATTERSON
VOLLEYBALL COACH



1974-1986 • INDUCTED 2008

HARRY GRUNDY
BASEBALL



CLASS OF 1942 • INDUCTED 2008

**1922-1923
GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM**



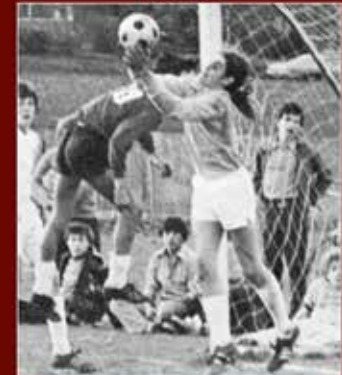
FRONT ROW L TO R:
MADDY DELAMATE • CLASS OF 1924 • GUARD
FLORENCE HOPPER • CLASS OF 1923 • JUMPING CENTER
RUTH LEFFLER • CLASS OF 1923 • CAPTAIN FORWARD
FRANCES MAINES • CLASS OF 1923 • GUARD
ADELE LOUISE GILBERT • CLASS OF 1924 • SIDE CENTER
REAR ROW L TO R:
MISS ELIZABETH M. SELLER • COACH
FLORENCE SURPLESS • CLASS OF 1923 • FORWARD
JANET MARSHALL • CLASS OF 1924 • GUARD
BETTY WILLES • CLASS OF 1924 • SUBSTITUTE
• INDUCTED 2008 •

**VINCE ROBERTIELLO
(JAMIE ROBERTS)**
SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR



SPORTS WRITER • SPORTS EDITOR
PATERSON MORNING CALL
RIDGEWOOD NEWSPAPERS
PATERSON EVENING NEWS • 1954-1984
INDUCTED 2008


CHRIS DUFLCQ
SOCCER



CLASS OF 1977 • INDUCTED 2008


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ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME
• 2008 INDUCTEES •**

JIM JONES
SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR




SPORTS WRITER & SPORTS EDITOR
RIDGEWOOD NEWSPAPERS • 1960-2000
(SPORTS EDITOR EMERITUS)
INDUCTED 2008

JEN McDERMOTT
GYMNASTICS • TRACK & FIELD




CLASS OF 1989 • INDUCTED 2008

JOE LE MAY
CROSS COUNTRY • TRACK & FIELD




CLASS OF 1985 • INDUCTED 2008

SHANNON McGARRIGLE
BASKETBALL



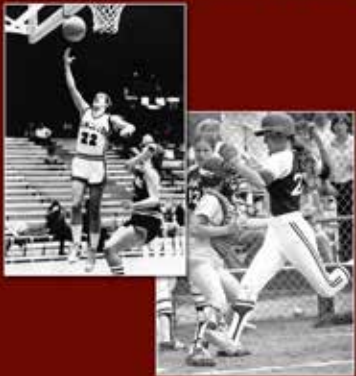
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TONY NAPIER
GYMNASTICS COACH



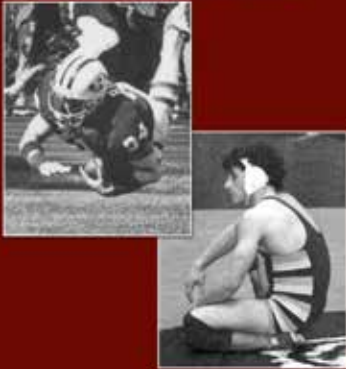
1967-1987 • INDUCTED 2008

MARGARET NIEMANN
VOLLEYBALL • BASKETBALL • SOFTBALL




CLASS OF 1981 • INDUCTED 2008

DAMIAN ROSS
FOOTBALL • WRESTLING



CLASS OF 1986 • INDUCTED 2008

MIKE SPRINGER
LACROSSE



CLASS OF 1998 • INDUCTED 2008

RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME
• 2010 INDUCTEES •

PRIMO "DUKE" DeROCHI

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR 1938-42 & 1945-66
 BASEBALL COACH 1938-42 & 1946-56
 BASKETBALL COACH 1936-1942



INDUCTED 2010

DEBBIE PAUL

TENNIS COACH
 1973 • 1975-77 • 1979-84 • 1986-2006
 SOFTBALL COACH
 1974-1978 • 1980-2006



INDUCTED 2010

GEORGE MONRO
 FOOTBALL



CLASS OF 1939 • INDUCTED 2010

BILL DUNNE
 FOOTBALL



CLASS OF 1947 • INDUCTED 2010

AMY LYONS
 SOFTBALL



CLASS OF 1979 • INDUCTED 2010

JAMES SULLIVAN
 SWIMMING



CLASS OF 1995 • INDUCTED 2010

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ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME
• 2010 INDUCTEES •**

MICHAEL CULVER
LACROSSE



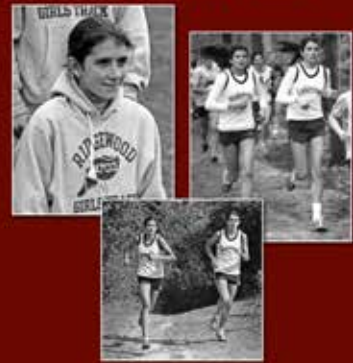
CLASS OF 2002 • INDUCTED 2010

KEITH O'CONNOR
SOCCER



CLASS OF 1994 • INDUCTED 2010

PATTI MILESKI
CROSS COUNTRY & TRACK



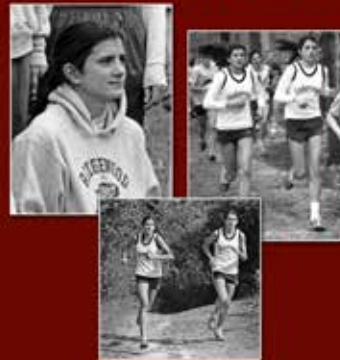
CLASS OF 1983 • INDUCTED 2010

JOSH KAUKE
TRACK & FIELD



CLASS OF 2000 • INDUCTED 2010


MARY ELLEN MILESKI
CROSS COUNTRY & TRACK



CLASS OF 1983 • INDUCTED 2010


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ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME
• 2012 INDUCTEES •**

CRAIG HALYARD
TRACK




CLASS OF 1989 • INDUCTED 2012

MIKE HENDERSON
FOOTBALL • BASKETBALL • TRACK



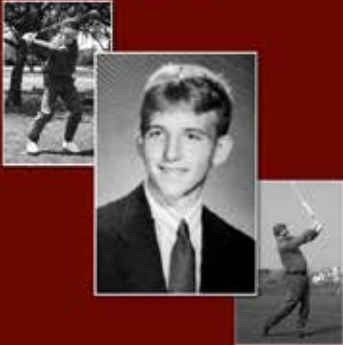
CLASS OF 1961 • INDUCTED 2012

KANDIE LATHAM
TRACK



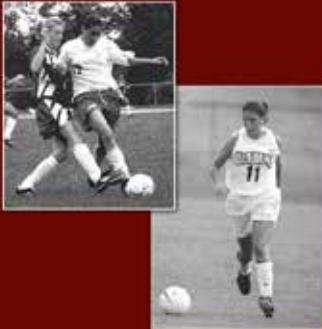
CLASS OF 1975 • INDUCTED 2012

TOM FLATT
GOLF



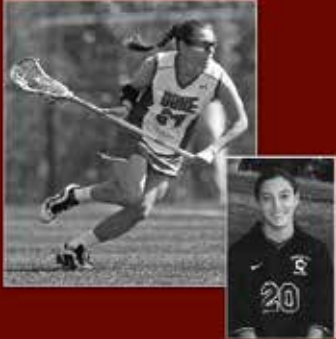
CLASS OF 1991 • INDUCTED 2012

TRICIA PAPPALARDO
SOCCER




CLASS OF 1995 • INDUCTED 2012

LEIGH JESTER
LACROSSE • SOCCER




CLASS OF 2003 • INDUCTED 2012

TOM DUSEL
FOOTBALL




CLASS OF 1962 • INDUCTED 2012

ROGER SWEENEY
HEAD FOOTBALL COACH



1959-1975 • INDUCTED 2012


LINDA ZABIELSKI
BASKETBALL



CLASS OF 1991 • INDUCTED 2012


RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME
• 2012 INDUCTEES •

DENNIS SULLIVAN
 LACROSSE • FOOTBALL




CLASS OF 1992 • INDUCTED 2012

TRACK & FIELD
 BAIN, DALEY, OLIVER ERA 1955-1956




BERGEN PASSAIC LEAGUE CHAMPIONS
 1955-56
 CLASS OF 1956 • INDUCTED 2012

PATTY CAPASSO
 GYMNASTICS



CLASS OF 1980 • INDUCTED 2012

NICK & DOTIE CAPASSO
 SPECIAL CONTRIBUTORS



LONG TIME CONTRIBUTORS TO
 RIDGEWOOD YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAMS
 FOUNDERS OF THE RIDGEWOOD
 BUDDY BASKETBALL PROGRAM
 INDUCTED 2012

**RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME
• 2014 INDUCTEES •**

JOHN MARSHALL
OUTSTANDING CLASS ATHLETE
FOOTBALL • BASKETBALL • TRACK & FIELD

CLASS OF 1971 • INDUCTED 2014

JIM BRUNI
HEAD COACH – BOYS BASKETBALL
1964-1971

INDUCTED 2014

MARK ROMEO
WRESTLING

CLASS OF 2002 • INDUCTED 2014

JEAN HUGHES
CROSS COUNTRY • TRACK & FIELD

CLASS OF 1989 • INDUCTED 2014

CHRIS VAN NOTE
SOCCER

CLASS OF 1981 • INDUCTED 2014

NANCY HOGAN
1971-1974 FIRST FEMALE ATHLETE TO RECEIVE THE
"RHS AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN ATHLETICS"
11 VARSITY LETTERS IN 3 YEARS
FIELD HOCKEY • VOLLEYBALL • BASKETBALL
SOFTBALL • TRACK

CLASS OF 1974 • INDUCTED 2014

**RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM 1913
"THE RIDGEWOOD INVINCIBLES"**

INDUCTED 2014

DON TAYLOR
BASKETBALL


CLASS OF 1961 • INDUCTED 2014

RACHEL GRYGIEL
SOCCER

CLASS OF 1993 • INDUCTED 2014


RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME
• 2014 INDUCTEES •

JOHN CERF
GYMNASTICS




CLASS OF 1976 • INDUCTED 2014

PAUL TORNATORE
FOOTBALL




CLASS OF 1987 • INDUCTED 2014

MICHELE MARANGI
TENNIS



CLASS OF 1984 • INDUCTED 2014

RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL BOY'S LACROSSE
1990-1992
"STREAK OF 44"



INDUCTED 2014

**RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME
• 2016 & 2018 INDUCTEES •**


MAUREEN GRIECO
SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR



ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
TO THE
ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT
1989-2014

INDUCTED 2016


TOSHIKO D'ELIA
SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR



WORLD CLASS MASTERS LONG DISTANCE RUNNER
USA NATIONAL TRACK AND FIELD HALL OF FAME
FOUNDING ORGANIZER OF THE "RIDGEWOOD RUN"
INSPIRATION AND ROLE MODEL FOR THE
RIDGEWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS WELLNESS PROGRAMS

INDUCTED 2016


RICHARD BENNETT
HEAD COACH
BOYS SOCCER 1969-1997
GIRLS BASKETBALL 1976-1989
BOYS GOLF 1972-1976
BOYS & GIRLS BOWLING 1997-PRESENT



"THE RECORD"
BERGEN COUNTY
ALL 20TH CENTURY
BOYS SOCCER COACH

INDUCTED 2016

LARRY COYLE
HEAD COACH
BOYS CROSS COUNTRY 1969-1997
BOYS TRACK & FIELD 1969-1979



INDUCTED 2016

JACOB BROWN
HEAD COACH
GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY 1974-2014
GIRLS TRACK & FIELD 1972-2015




FOUNDER OF GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY AND
TRACK & FIELD PROGRAMS AT RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL.
NSAF NATIONAL GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY AND TRACK & FIELD
COACH OF THE YEAR 2010.

"THE RECORD"
ALL 20TH CENTURY COACH FOR GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
AND GIRLS TRACK & FIELD.

INDUCTED 2016

JEFF YEARING
HEAD COACH - GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER 1987-2017
ASST. COACH - GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER 1983-1986
ASST. COACH - BOYS VARSITY SOCCER 1975-1984
ASST. COACH - VARSITY BASEBALL 1988-1998
COACH - JUNIOR VARSITY BASEBALL 1980-1982
COACH - FRESHMAN BASEBALL 1974-1979, 2010-2013
ASST. COACH - WRESTLING 1976-1982



NATIONAL LETTER OF COMMENDATION
NATIONAL INTER COLLEGE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
NEW JERSEY SCHOLASTIC COACHES ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME 2009
NEW JERSEY GIRLS SOCCER COACHES ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME 2011
CAPTAIN BOWLING AND BASEBALL 1981-1986

CLASS OF 1966 • INDUCTED 2018

RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

STATE OF ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION IN THE RIDGEWOOD SCHOOLS IN 1915

The article below is a report on the state of athletics and physical training in 1915. This article appeared in the "YEAR BOOK OF THE SCHOOLS" from November, 1915. It was published by the Board of Education in Ridgewood, New Jersey to give a report on the state of the Ridgewood Public schools to date. It recognizes the importance of participation in regular physical activity through a school-based curriculum in physical training and in organized programs of interscholastic athletics. This is the beginning of our tradition of excellence in providing a "sound mind in a sound body" as professed by the Greek Philosopher Thales and the Roman poet Juvenal. Today this same philosophy transcends our nationally recognized programs in health and wellness opportunities for all RHS students as well as one of the finest educationally based interscholastic athletic programs in the state, offering equal opportunities to both our male, female and non-binary student population. A true example of the rich blend of the academic with the physical for a well-balanced wholistic approach to education.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

(High School Colors—Red and White.)

ATHLETICS

Athletics and physical drill is a subject that is receiving greater study than formerly and assuming a place of more importance year by year in the school life of the children.

The vital importance of having a sound physical foundation upon which to build the superstructure of learning is recognized by educators everywhere and today supervised recreation, organized play, physical culture and school athletics find their properly important place in all educational programs. Unlike some other schools in our vicinity, Ridgewood has had no regular physical director or coach provided by the authorities, but has depended on volunteer assistance from teachers acting as faculty advisers in various sports and from outside friends of the schools who have been qualified in different lines of athletics. Due to the high quality of this service and due also in great measure to the school spirit, which has been noticeably improved in the last few years, athletics in the Ridgewood High School are maintained on a high plane. The school is represented in all major sports by teams which make a uniformly creditable record for Ridgewood High. The exceptional record of the football team of 1913 under Captain Earl Hopper, when the complete schedule of 10 games was played through without a single game lost or even a score allowed their opponents, will be long remembered. The unfortunate post-schedule game with Rutherford, where a crippled and stale Ridgewood team was beaten by the best High School team in the State that year, will not detract from the brilliant exploits of Hopper's boys. The remarkable record of the '18 team was due in very large measure to the coaching of our townsman, Mr. Geo. Foster Sanford, affectionately known to followers of the pigskin game as "Sandy."

From twenty to forty boys find pleasure and exercise in the squads of each of the major sports, in addition to which the inter-class games, the recess games and other outdoor activities engage the attention of a large portion of the student body.

The lack of a gymnasium is seriously felt in the school, but the filling and grading of the Athletic Field will give us an admirable stage for outdoor athletics which constitute so potent a factor in the development of that school spirit so much desired and needed in every educational system.

The High School students have a voice in the conducting of their athletics through the Ridgewood High School Athletic Association and the Faculty through the Faculty Advisers in each sport.



GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM

Mabel Tico Miss Pease (Coach) Allene Madden
Aletta Paxton Helen Roberts
Sarah Cannel Irma Raggio
Katherine Harbison Hattie Hussey (Manager)
Helen Nuhlman (Captain)



BASEBALL TEAM, 1915

Back row—Orr, umpire; Lilly, Reinbrecht, Anzamp, Hopper, Barnes, Fagan, an Orden (Captain); Montgomery (Manager). Sitting—Westerhoff, Clark, Long, Irazola.



FOOTBALL SQUAD, 1915

Harbison, Crozier (Coach), Fagan, Williams, Burkhardt, Anderson, Yankin, Slagg, Harward, Koen, Bakland, Serrano (Manager), Westerhoff, Van Erden, Hagan, Lutz, Ward, Lee, Brown, Van Duzend, Conroy, Ruan (Captain), Corbett.

RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

2004 INDUCTEES

- Paul Arrigoni, Class of 1933, Baseball, Football
- Pete Campbell, Class of 1957, Basketball
- Doug Cook, Class of 1996, Basketball
- Becky Deetz, Class of 1977, High Jump
- Coach Otis H. Grendler, (1946-1963) Tennis
- Jodi Hartwig, Class of 1991, Girls Soccer
- Gene Links, Class of 1946, Football, Basketball, Baseball
- Debbie O'Connell, Class of 1985, Basketball, Softball, Field Hockey
- Aimee McGuire, Class of 1994, Soccer and Basketball
- Walt Perdue, Class of 1949, Basketball, Track, Football, Baseball
- Margaret Scutro, Class of 1985, Cross Country
- Tom Simos, Class of 1943, Soccer, Basketball and Baseball
- Kazbek Tambi, Class of 1979, Soccer
- Jack Van Yperen, Class of 1968, Football, Baseball, Basketball
- Bob Whitaker, Class of 1965, Wrestling

2006 INDUCTEES

- Mario Ferraro, Class of 1945, Football
- Paul Ferraro, Class of 1977, Football, Wrestling
- Ensign Donald Cameron Haldane, Class of 1942, Basketball, Baseball, Football, Soccer
- Wendy Hartwig, Class of 1994, Soccer
- Tom Hopper, Class of 1950, Basketball
- Bob Keino, Class of 1994, Track
- Coach Frank Mozelski, Football, Baseball
- Tim Mullen, Class of 1981, Basketball
- Jenna Rogers, Class of 1994, Track, Cross Country
- Donna O'Connell Skettini, Class of 1984, Softball, Bowling
- Carin Cone Vanderbush, Class of 1958, Swimming
- Coach Charlie Yennie (1943-1956, Basketball, Soccer, Baseball

2008 INDUCTEES

- Kitty Batterson, Volleyball
- Henry Blauvelt, Class of 1927, Football
- Frank Bradley, Class of 1941, Football, Track
- Lucia Cancelmo, Class of 1980, Gymnastics
- Chris DuFlocq, Class of 1977, Soccer
- Renee DuFlon, Class of 1975, Volleyball, Track & Field
- Harry Grundy, Class of 1942, Baseball
- Jim Jones, Special Contributor, Sports Editor
- Joe LeMay, Class of 1985, Cross Country, Track & Field
- Jen McDermott, Class of 1989, Gymnastics, Track & Field
- Shannon McGarrigle, Class of 1994, Basketball
- Tony Napier, Gymnastics Coach, 1967-1987
- Margaret Niemann, Class of 1981, Volleyball Basketball, Softball
- Vince Robertiello (Jamie Roberts) Special Contributor, Sports Writer
- Damian Ross, Class of 1986, Football and Wrestling
- Mike Springer, Class of 1998, Lacrosse
- 1922-23, RHS Girls Basketball Team

RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

2010 INDUCTEES

- Primo "Duke" DeRochi, AD 1945-1966, Baseball Coach 1938-42 and 1946-56
- James Sullivan, Class of 1995, Swimming
- Debbie Paul, Tennis Coach 1973, 1975-77, 1979-84, 1986-2006; Softball Coach, 1974-78, 1980-2006
- Mike Culver, Class of 2002, Lacrosse
- George Monro, Class of 1939, Football
- Keith O'Connor, Class of 1994, Soccer
- Bill Dunne, Class of 1947, Football
- Josh Kauke, Class of 2000, Track
- Amy Lyons, Class of 1979, Softball
- Pattie Mileski, Class of 1983, Cross Country, Track
- Mary Ellen Mileski, Class of 1983, Cross Country, Track

2012 INDUCTEES

- Craig Halyard, Class of 1989, Track & Field
- Roger Sweeney, Head Football Coach, 1959-1975
- Tom Flatt, Class of 1991, Golf
- Linda Zabielski, Class of 1991, Basketball
- Tricia Pappalardo, Class of 1995, Soccer
- Nick & Dottie Capasso, Special Contributors
- Mike Henderson, Class of 1961, Football, Basketball, Track
- Dennis Sullivan, Class of 1992, Lacrosse, Football
- Kandie Latham, Class of 1975, Track & Field
- David Bain, Fred Daley, Larry Oliver, Class of 1956,
Bain-Daley-Oliver Era, Track & Field 1955-1956
- Leigh Jester, Class of 2003, Soccer, Lacrosse
- Patty Capasso, Class of 1980, Gymnastics
- Tom Dusel, Class of 1962, Football

2014 INDUCTEES

- John Marshall, Class of 1971, Multi Sport Athlete
- Don Taylor, Class of 1961, Basketball Jim Bruni, Head Boys Basketball Coach 1964-71
- Rachel Grygiel, Class of 1993, Girls Soccer
- Mark Romeo, Class of 2002, Wrestling
- John Cerf, Class of 1976, Boys Gymnastics
- Jean Hughes, Class of 1989, Cross Country, Track & Field
- Paul Tornatore, Class of 1987, Football
- Chris VanNote, Class of 1981, Boys Soccer
- Michele Marangi, Class of 1984, Girls Tennis
- Nancy Hogan, Class of 1974, Multi Sport Athlete
- The Streak of "44", Boys Lacrosse Teams of 1990, 1991, 1992

2016 INDUCTEES

- Maureen Grieco, Special Contributor, Administrative Assistant to the Athletic Department
- Toshiko d'Elia, Special Contributor, Track and Field
- Richard Bennett, Head Coach, Boys Soccer, Girls Basketball, Boys Golf, Bowling
- Larry Coyle, Head Coach, Boys Cross Country, Boys Track and Field
- Jacob Brown, Head Coach Girls Cross Country, Head Coach Girls Track and Field

2018 INDUCTEES

- Jeff Yearing, Head Coach Girls Soccer 1987-2017

RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN ATHLETICS

The Ridgewood High School Award for Excellence in Athletics is the highest honor a student athlete can receive from RHS. The athletes listed below were voted as the outstanding athletes of their class for their participation as a student athlete over the entire duration of their high school career.

With the advent of women participating to a greater extent as varsity athletes because of title XI legislation, the first class to recognize a female athlete for this prestigious award was the class of 1974. Research shows that women participated in varsity (major sport) athletics with the creation of the Ridgewood Athletic Association (RAA) in the period of 1913 to 1916 and continued participating in various sports until the 1930's. Female participation in interscholastic athletics can be traced back to the formation of the "Girls Athletic Club" in the 1904-05 school year. There were no male or female athletes recognized during that early period of athletic participation to receive this award.

The awards first recipient, a male, was in 1914, which coincides with the development of the RAA. From that point on the records show a drop off of female participation in varsity athletics starting in the late 1920's and disappearing entirely in the first part of the 1930s. Participation by females in varsity interscholastic athletics began to grow again in the 1970's to the point where it is today, sharing half the athletic participation of the student body.

The origin of the award is found in a 1915 document "Yearbook Of The Schools November 1915" published by the Board of Education Ridgewood , New Jersey. It states "Through the generosity of Mr. Geo Foster Sanford, a cup bearing the Rutgers College seal is annually awarded to that boy of the graduating class who has been distinguished during his high school course because of his excellence in athletics." The 1915 Year Book also gives us the information that Mr. Sanford was a townsperson who served as the coach of the RHS football team at that time and was given credit for training the team to championship caliber performances leading to their renown in the surrounding area and across the state for that period of time. The 1913 team dubbed "The Ridgewood Invincibles " were inducted into the Ridgewood High School Athletic Hall of Fame with the Hall of Fame class of 2014.

The first recipient was Earl B. Hopper in 1914. In 1915 it was Peter Pagano. Somewhere between 1915 and 1926 the Rutgers Cup was renamed The High School Cup for Excellence in Athletics. This is evidenced by a report in the "Year Book Of The Schools The Ridgewood Public Schools" for 1926. In the commencement section (Page 61) under "Prizes and Awards 1926, it shows the names of all of the recipients of "The High School Cup For Excellence In Athletics" to date 1914-1926. The preface to the award recipients' names for 1914-1926 states "The main prize awarded at graduation for athletic supremacy is the High School Athletic Cup presented by the High School Athletic Association to a member of the graduating class. This cup is given for the broadest participation in athletics during the four years" The name of the award evolved over the years to "The Ridgewood High School Award For Excellence in Athletics (eliminating the original concept of a cup given to the recipient). No date is available for that transition, but it is significant that the basis for the award has remained the same over the years. With the retirement of the former athletic director Dave Vanderbush, the award is now named "The Vanderbush Award For Excellence In Athletics" It is noteworthy that the award has been given every year since its inception with female athletes also being recognized with their male counterparts since 1974. There are also multiple winners in both the male and female categories in various years which began in 1981. This was not the case prior to that year.



RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

THE WINNERS BY CLASS

1914 Earle Hopper	1915 Peter Pagano	1916 George Lilly	1917 Charles Ward
1918 William Caramella	1919 Harry Troup	1920 William Dreier	1921 Gwynn Fielding
1922 Harold Aldrich	1923 Milville Hiler	1924 Everett Wadsworth	1925 George Cantrell
1926 Lucius Howard	1927 Henry Blauvelt	1928 Walter Vandenberg	1929 Donald Seixas
1930 Robert Glynn, Charles Peraino	1931 Mario Placa	1932 Herman Stewart	1933 Paul Arrigoni
1934 Richard Leopoldt	1935 Frederick Sommerrock	1936 Edward Wilson Jr.	1937 Clarence Bergsma
1938 Stanley Kay	1939 George Monro	1940 Ralph Mendillo	1941 Hubert Brown
1942 Donald Haldane	1943 Thomas Simos	1944 Wallace Hedman	1945 Dolph Walter
1946 Eugene Links	1947 William Dunne	1948 John Morrison	1949 Walter Perdue
1950 Fred Dickman	1951 Frank Walter	1952 James Davidson	1953 Larry Higgins
1954 William Wilcoxson	1955 William Scott	1956 David Bain	1957 Peter Campbell
1958 Joseph Thompson	1959 Leslie Davies	1960 William Gryson	1961 Michael Henderson
1962 Thomas Dusel, Bob Frame	1963 Peter MacDonald	1964 John Harper	1965 Gregory Corcoran
1966 David Blackford	1967 Fred Mina	1968 Jack VanYperen	1969 Robert Hopkin
1970 Robert Bauman	1971 John Marshall	1972 Rick Hartung	1973 William Lamb
1974 Robert Groat, Nancy Hogan	1975 Cathy Deyoe, Robert Cummings	1976 Renee DuFlon, Brian Miller	1977 Cathy Kraft, Paul Ferraro
1978 Nancy Stroker, Dee Lander	1979 Amy Lyons, Steve Baldacci	1980 Lucia Cancelmo, Brian O'Callahan	1981 Cathy Crocco, Margaret Niemann, Gordon Young, Tom Hughes
1982 Colleen Wright, William O'Leary	1983 Patricia Mileski, Mary Ellen Mileski, Robert Sullivan	1984 Donna O'Connell, Roger Jones	1985 Debbie O'Connell, Margaret Scutro, Chris Sullivan
1986 Kathy Brienza, Damian Ross	1987 Norine D'Arcy, David Herzig, Chris Rae	1988 Mary Ellen Foley, Scott McMurray	1989 Jennifer McDermott, Craig Halyard
1990 Molly Hooper, TJ Crocker	1991 Jodi Hartwig, James Reilly	1992 Sarah Grygiel, Dennis Sullivan	1993 Renee Pavelski, Mark Kossick
1994 Aimee McGuire, Jenna Rogers, Bob Keino	1995 Kate Brunner, Kevin Brophy	1996 Stephanie Doyle, Craig Myatt	1997 Jennifer Sielicki, Jamie Carifa
1998 Celeste Sedo, Jay Landgraf	1999 Kate Ferguson, Meg McDermott, Tim McDonagh, James Ruhlen	2000 Kelly Behan, Andrew Clarke	2001 Karen Seavers, Andrew Reenstra
2002 Clair Nowakowski, Tyler Rhoten	2003 Trisha McGowan, Rodolfo Crispin	2004 Justine Lupo, Jack Riley, Ari Zamir	2005 Paige Woodruff, Chuck Kaliades
2006 Ellen Seavers, Michael Cator, Byron Williams	2007 Cristina Law, Chelsea Steinberg, Randall DeFeo	2008 Elizabeth Donovan, Kate Michel, Nikola Mirkovic	2009 Kelly Conheaney, Kelly Hommen, John Freeman, Taizo Shigenobu
2010 Samantha Cermack, Abby VanHorne, Thomas Devita	2011 Sarah Devita, Kyle Gibson, Insoo Hwang	2012 Courtney Tarleton, Kelci Smesko, Levi Jennings, Evan Bartlik	2013 Lauren Beausoleil, Noah Pounds
2014 Kelly Skettini, Jamal Locke	2015 Carleen Jeffers, Antonio Hroncich	2016 Katie Bourque, Samantha Halvorsen, Michael Thurston, Cooper Telesco	2017 Zachary Feagles, Olympia Martin, Hailey Ricciardi
2018 Nicole Lester, Jack Barclay	2019 William Baginski, Katherine Muccio	2020 Kiera Boucher, Luz van Schijndel Davis Flusche, Kwame Grant	2021 Sarah Policano, Wes Penne


RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES WHO ARE ALSO WINNERS OF THE RHS
AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN ATHLETICS

RECIPIENT WITH YEAR OF AWARD (GRADUATION) AND HOF INDUCTION YEAR LISTED BELOW

Earl Hopper, 1914, 2014*	Peter Pagano, 1915, 2014*	Henry Blauvelt, 1927, 2008
Paul Arrigone, 1933, 2004	George Monro, 1939, 2010	Don Haldane, 1942, 2006
Tom Simos, 1943, 2004	Gene Links, 1946, 2004	Bill Dunne, 1947, 2010
Walt Perdue, 1949, 2004	David Bain, 1956, 2012	Pete Campbell, 1957, 2004
Mike Henderson, 1961, 2012	Tom Dusel, 1962, 2012	Jack VanYperen, 1968, 2004
Renee Duflon, 1976, 2008	Paul Ferraro, 1977, 2006	Amy Lyons, 1979, 2010
Lucia Cancelmo, 1980, 2008	Margaret Niemann, 1981, 2008	Pattie Mileski, 1983, 2010
Mary Ellen Mileski, 1983, 2010	Donna O'Connell, 1984, 2006	Debbie O'Connell, 1985, 2004
Margaret Scutro, 1985, 2004	Damion Ross, 1986, 2008	Jen McDermott, 1989, 2008
Craig Halyard, 1989, 2012	Jodi Hartwig, 1991, 2004	Dennis Sullivan, 1992, 2012
Jenna Rogers, 1994, 2006	Aimee McGuire, 1994, 2004	Bob Keino, 1994, 2006
Chelsea Steinberg, 2007, 2020	Chris Rae, 1987, 2020	Andrew Clarke, 2000, 2020
Kelly Conheaney, 2009, 2020	Sammy Cermack, 2010, 2020	

* Members of the "1913 Ridgewood Invincibles" Football Team.



THE FIRST VARSITY SOCCER TEAM AT RHS 1927



Interscholastic soccer was approved as a minor sport by the RHSAA in 1922 and elevated to varsity status in the fall of 1927.

THE ARROW



SOCCER TEAM

After playing for many years as a minor sport the soccer squad has at last come into its own. Following much discussion and an election by the A. A. committee, soccer has become a major sport. The fine spirit of the squad certainly deserves this reward.

The team played a very average season this year, winning seven games out of fourteen played, losing six and tying one. The first game, played with East Rutherford, resulted in a 0 to 0 score. After this, victory and defeat seemed to come in alternate series. There were three triumphs over Eastern Academy, Barringer, and Hackensack, then two defeats at the hands of Rutherford and Harrison. Next came two more triumphs over the New York Stock Exchange and St. Benedict's, then three more defeats in games with Harrison, Kearny, and East Rutherford. A victory over Rutherford, a defeat from Kearny, and another victory over Hackensack finished up this peculiarly average season.

All of the games were hard fought and on an average the scores very close. The team was managed by Gordon Butler. The captain was Janowitz.

RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

DID YOU KNOW? ...SOME RHS ATHLETIC HISTORY

The girls athletic club (GAC) at Ridgewood High School began around 1905. There was no gymnasium available at the Beech Street location, so the girls negotiated gym space at the White Star Athletic Clubhouse. They played their first basketball game on Dec 22, 1906. The team record for 1906-07 was 7-4. In 1907 the team joined the New Jersey Interscholastic League, which also had as members the Hackensack, Englewood, Passaic and Orange High Schools.

The Boys and Girls Athletic Associations at Ridgewood High School joined together in 1913 with a common organization, The Ridgewood Athletic Association (RAA), which promoted the facilitation of interscholastic men's and women's athletics at Ridgewood. Many of the local high schools had women's sports that thrived in highly organized interscholastic leagues until the mid 1930's when most of the women's teams disappeared. It is theorized that, because of the great depression, athletics for women were cut for cost savings and replaced with periodic sport play days to fill the void.

The Boys Athletic Association (BAA) voted to add Football to its roster of athletic teams being sponsored for the first time in the fall of 1908. The team played 3 games that year. All of the games were played against the same competition, the Saginaw AC. The team record was 2 wins and 1 tie. It is recorded that RHS won their first ever football game 2-0, their second 5-0 and tied their third 5-5.

The BAA voted to drop Football for the 1909 season, but brought it back in 1910. By 1913, the football team at Ridgewood was regarded as one of the finest squads in Northern New Jersey and was referred to as the "Ridgewood Invincibles." The team went on to great acclaim that season and gained great recognition again in 1915 when the team went undefeated.

Basketball for Boys and Girls remained the main focus for interscholastic competition during the 1909-10 school year.

On March 19, 1914 it was reported in the Ridgewood Herald that the Ridgewood High School Girls Basketball team defeated Montclair High School at Montclair by the score of 18-17 for their first victory ever versus the "Mounties." Montclair had been the New Jersey state champion for three consecutive years prior to the RHS victory!

The first recorded reference to the RHS colors of "Maroon and White" were made in the winter issue of the 1910 Arrow (published seasonally) when describing the actions of the boy's basketball team as the "Maroon and White." The colors were officially declared in the written constitution of the Ridgewood High School Athletic Association (RAA), which was formed by the student body in 1913. The constitution was written sometime between 1913 and 1916. Article VIII Insignia Sec.1 states, "The colors of the Ridgewood High School are Maroon and White." Section 2 goes on to explain, "The insignia of the Ridgewood High School are the letters R.H.S. maroon and white; the letter R. in white."

RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

DID YOU KNOW? ...SOME RHS ATHLETIC HISTORY

Interestingly our tradition of giving a star for second, third, and now fourth year varsity letters was formulated in the original RAA constitution.

Section 4 under Article VIII states, "Only one letter shall be awarded to any student during the course for any one sport. For each additional year in which it services the requirements of the insignia as heretofore stated, shall be awarded a star."

In 1911, a baseball team was formed for the first time since 1906. As stated in the Arrow 1911 spring quarterly, "For the first game the Ridgewood team were faultlessly attired in their new suits which were cut décolleté and up to date in every particular and so becoming! However, this fact did not help them on to victory for they met with a glorious defeat at the hands of the Ridgefield Park High School – which the score of 7-2 will show. This is not discouraging for with the able assistance of their new coach Dr. Whitney, and the enthusiasm the national game always inspires, and the necessary practice they expect to reach satisfactory results in games that are scheduled for the future."

The first track meet was held at RHS June 6, 1913, which became an annual interclass (intramural) competition. There was a call to organize an interscholastic team for 1914. Records show that in the spring of 1914, a banner was won by RHS for defeating Paterson in a dual meet with each school having won a leg of a three meet competition, the next winner would be eligible to keep the banner.

A group of RHS athletes went to the Thirteenth Regimental Armory in Brooklyn on January 5, 1915 to compete for the Eastern Scholastic Championship. Practices were carried out through the winter months, "In order to prepare for this and various other track meets." Further, "This practice will be for everybody because of the coming Interclass Meet and the Badge contest."

The first recorded soccer match at RHS took place October 27, 1918 with the freshman class defeating the sophomore class 2-0. The junior and senior classes also played, but no record of a score has been found. The elementary schools competed in a highly organized interschool soccer league as far back as 1912 according to articles found in the Ridgewood Herald. They were divided into junior and senior levels of competition.

The Ridgewood Herald of December 17, 1914 reported that the Harrison Avenue School won the public school soccer championship at both the senior and junior levels. They were followed in the standings by the combined team (junior and senior level) of Beech Street and Union Street Schools, then Kenilworth School and Monore Street School. The Erie Avenue School did not participate because of low enrollment.

The March 19, 1914 edition of the Ridgewood Herald reported that money for the new soccer ball for the public school league was donated to principal Brooks by a "spirited citizen" who saw the principal on the way to the train station, noting he had heard of the need for a new ball. The citizen wanted to remain anonymous for his kind deed.

RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

DID YOU KNOW? ...SOME RHS ATHLETIC HISTORY

After many years playing as minor sport, soccer became a varsity sport in the fall of 1927. The sport was given major sport status after much discussion and an election by the RAA committee. As stated in the 1927 Arrow, "The fine spirit of the squad certainly deserves this reward."

The first cross country meet at RHS was run on November 22, 1918. It was an interclass competition over a two and one half mile course with the finish on the new football field (now located at RHS) before the crowd that had gathered to watch the home gridiron battle with Marist High School.

In 1915, the students of RHS had an intense fund raising campaign to complete the refurbishing of the new athletic field at RHS, which is now the new field turf stadium. They surpassed their goal of raising \$1,600, reaching nearly \$1,700. The fund raising total was kept on a giant board resembling a thermometer in a location that is now Wilsey Square. The athletic field was purchased in 1913 and has been used ever since for Ridgewood High School Athletic contests. The first RHS team to use it was the football team for the 1913 season, even though RHS would not be open to students until May of 1919. It is clear at this time that the athletic field property, currently our high school stadium complex, was purchased as part of the property secured on East Ridgewood Avenue by the Board of Education in 1913 in hopes of constructing a new high school in the not too distant future. The property, not including the Stevens Field site, was purchased from Captain Edwards at a cost of \$30,000.

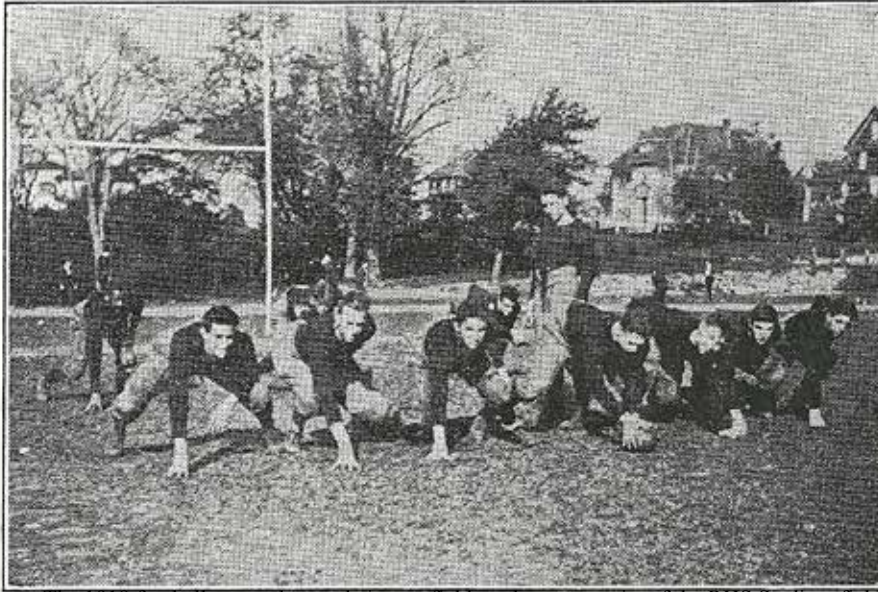
Prior to the purchase of the athletic field location that is now on the west side of the high school, a large field was often used for athletics which was owned by the Masons and located approximately where the Masonic Temple is now, just off of South Maple Avenue. The Masons also owned a large field space across from the old golf club grounds, now present day Veterans Field, which was also used for sporting events. The old YMCA grounds were often used for athletic contests also.

It was reported in the October 16, 1913 Ridgewood Herald that a group of citizens wanted to organize a group to oversee the organization, supervision, administration of and development of the town's (Ridgewood) inter school sports and games. This is a long ago predecessor of the "Sports Council" that we know of today that represents all of the youth sports activities in the village.

The 1913 group would be known as the "Athletic Advisory Council" and act in the same capacity as the organization in New York City that oversaw the administration of "The Public School Athletic League." According to the records, a motion was made to the Ridgewood Board of Education for approval. It was approved and Dr. Craig would be the lead advisor of a committee that would include community members Frank Kyothe, Rev. Charles O. Wright, Philip L. Shuyler, Charles Woodworth and Mr. Lousing P. Wood, who would represent the local Home and School Association, the Parent Teacher Association and the Alumni of the Ridgewood Public Schools.

RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

DID YOU KNOW? ...SOME RHS ATHLETIC HISTORY



The 1918 football team takes to their new field on the present site of the RHS Stadium field.
Line, left to right—Fielding, R. E.; Troup, R. T.; Hall, R. G.; Cheel,
Center; Burke, L. G.; Craig, L. T.; Knothe, L. E. Backfield—Beatty, L. H. B.;
Shannon, Q. B.; Dreier, F. B.; Batchelor, R. H. B.

1918 FOOTBALL TEAM ON THEIR NEW HOME GROUND



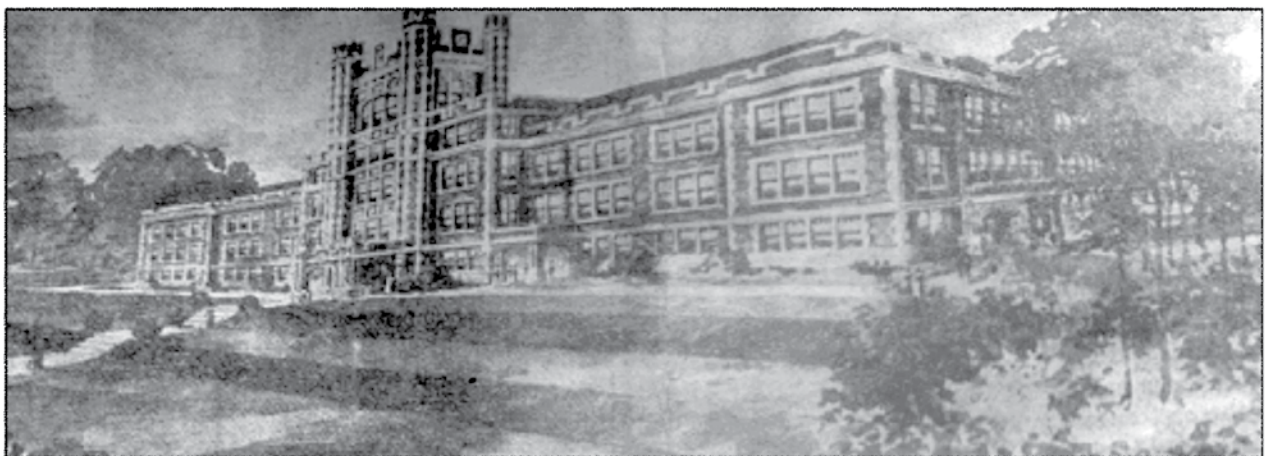


THE RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL THAT NEVER WAS!

In March of 1915 it was proposed by the Ridgewood Board of Education to build a new Ridgewood High School on the property acquired by the Board of Education from a Captain Edwards in 1913. The Board had spent \$30,000 in purchasing the land "on the hill" that is now home to RHS bordering on East Ridgewood Avenue. The cost of the new high school structure would be \$225,000 to construct and promised to be a spectacular facility to bring great educational opportunity to all of the children of the village and the surrounding communities. (Ridgewood had students from Glen Rock, Paramus, Midland Park, HoHoKus, and beyond). The old high school (the current Ed Center) was becoming highly overcrowded and according to some, unsanitary. Portable classrooms were brought in, (much the same as we have done in the 1970's, 80's and 90's) and many in town argued that this was enough to solve the problem and wished to be spared the expense of having to spend for any new construction. Ridgewood was facing some significant financial burdens at the time.

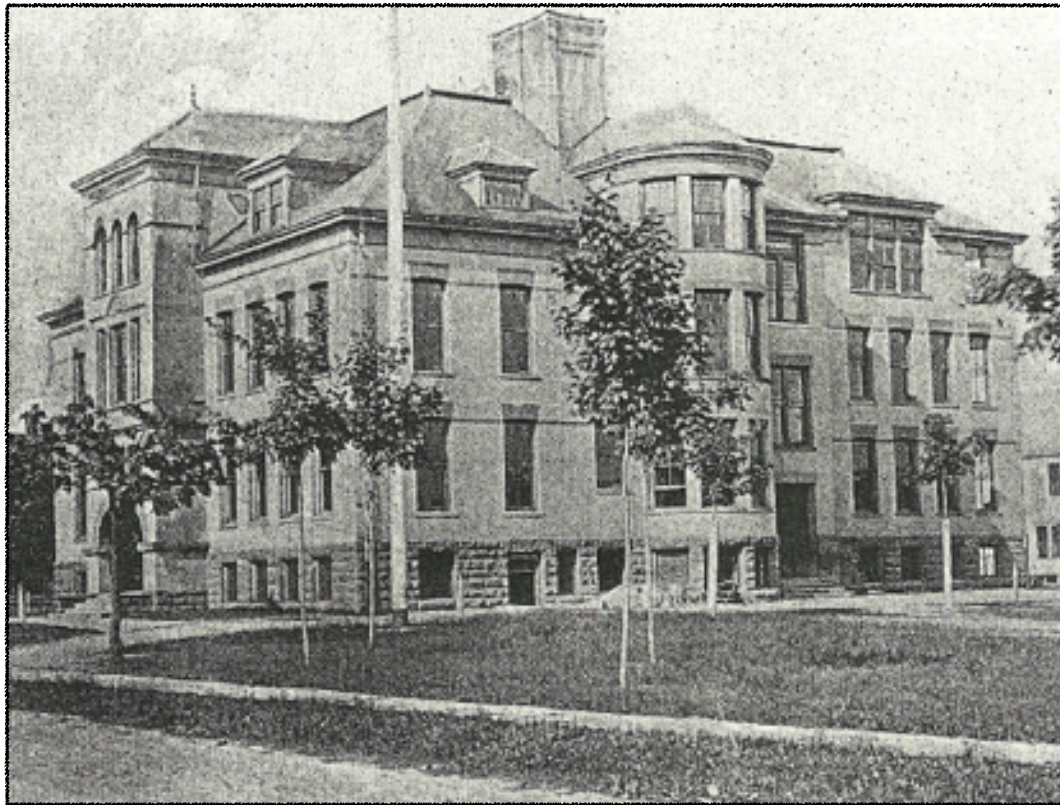
Another faction argued that the Edwards property was unsuitable and pushed to have a vote on the acquisition of a new site called the "DeMund-Mastin option." That option would have put Ridgewood High School closer to the center of town with the high school property being bordered on the North by East Ridgewood Avenue, the South by Dayton Street and the West by Oak Street. To the East were the lands of David D. Zabriskie and the estate of John McCroden, putting the high school essentially on the site that once was the acreage that made up the old Archibald-Vroom farmstead. The asking price was \$62,000. In an editorial that appeared in the Ridgewood Herald dated November 18, 1915, EB Lilly, arguing in favor for the Edwards site, stated, "It has more over in the contiguity of a fine athletic field, one of the most potent factors in fostering that school spirit which is so important to the development of any high school or college." Debate raged for months when finally a committee of town leaders and the women of the community brought the issue to a head in January of 1916. In one of the largest turn outs for a vote in the town's history to that point, the proposal to purchase the DeMund-Mastin tract was defeated by a total of over 1,100 against to 70 for. The Edwards's property purchased in 1913 was declared the site that the new high school would be built on.

In a vote that followed a few weeks later, the plan to build a new high school passed by nearly a 4 to 1 ratio. A new architectural firm was chosen from over forty submissions. The firm of Tracey L. Swartwout of New York was awarded the job. The firm had recently designed the plans for the new state capitol building in Missouri. An amount equal to the original proposal to build the high school, \$225,000, was approved for the project by the Board of Education and the building we now know with its classic lines, tower, and large cupola was born. Classes began to occupy the new building in May of 1919.



Picture of Proposed Ridgewood High School from "The Ridgewood Herald " dated March 18, 1915

**Ridgewood High School
under construction 1916-1917**



The old Ridgewood High School (current Ed Center)



RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Supreme Roll of Honor

<i>Name</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Sport</i>	<i>Died</i>
Lindley deGarmo	1908	Basketball	England, 2/16/18
Peter W. Ebbert	1913	Football	France, 8/7/18
James R. Hubbard	1914	Football	USA, 12/23/18
Ulmont A. White	1917	Football	USA, 9/28/18
Stephen K. Roos	1924	Soccer	New Guinea, 10/12/43
George T. Starck	1925	Track, Football, Basketball (Captain)	Australia, 9/23/43
Walter W. Jackson	1929	Basketball	USA, 7/8/43
Joseph E. Bowen	1930	Soccer, Track	Germany, 11/23/44
Howard Holmes Ford, Jr.	1930	Tennis	France, 7/10/44
Richard A. Dwenger	1931	Tennis, Track, Soccer	Italy, 10/10/43
William Todd Campbell	1934	Football, Track	Buka Pass, 1/8/44
Albert Montick	1935	Baseball	England, 12/29/44
Robert D. Stockbower	1935	Football, Golf, Track, Wrestling, Swimming	USA, 11/18/43
David Ellsworth Himadi	1936	Track	Japan, 8/20/44
Howard Anthony Smith, Jr. (3)	1936	Football (Captain), Track, Golf	Italy, 11/1/43
Edward A. Taylor	1936	Track, Baseball	Germany, 2/7/45
Edward Leonard Vanderbeck	1936	Soccer	Wake Island, 5/14/44
Charles McDermott	1937	Basketball	North Sea, 7/28/43
William M. Smyser	1937	Soccer, Baseball	Italy, 12/19/43
William G. Bavin	1938	Football (Captain)	Holland, 9/18/44
Charles J. Haeberle (2)	1938	Baseball	Italy, 3/18/44
Frank Hamilton	1938	Soccer	Germany, 11/30/44
Christopher Lambert	1938	Track	USA, 10/7/42
Harley Benton Lewis, Jr.	1938	Track	USA, 10/7/43
William Sprague	1938	Football, Track	USA, 7/18/46
Walter F. Livingston, III	1939	Football (Captain)	Guam, 7/21/44
Donald W. Maddox	1939	Soccer	Germany, 11/30/44
John Mansfield Mason	1939	Track, Football	Burma, 8/15/45
Charles Victor McHenry	1939	Track	Okinawa, 6/16/45
George Cotton Munroe, Jr.	1939	Track	Germany, 4/6/45
Alan R. Clarke	1940	Football, Track, Golf	N. Atlantic, 3/2/43
Davis H. Dunn	1940	Soccer	Pacific, 6/18/44
Elwood H. Hearne	1940	Track, Soccer	Philippines, 4/28/45

RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Supreme Roll of Honor - Continued

<i>Name</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Sport</i>	<i>Died</i>
Richard S. Lane	1940	Football	Japan, 8/15/45
George Alexander Tatosian	1940	Football	USA, 11/19/43
Betty Jo Hicks	1941	Baseball, Basketball	USA, 8/25/46
Walter J. Neske	1941	Track	Belgium, 9/13/44
Richard K. Robb (5)	1941	Football	France, 10/8/44
William R. Burnett	1942	Soccer, Tennis	Hawaii, 4/03/44
William R. Estell	1942	Baseball, Basketball, Soccer (Captain)	USA, 5/17/53
William Ralph Francis	1942	Football	USA, 9/27/44
Donald C. Haldane (4) (photo below)	1942	Baseball (Captain), Soccer Basketball (Captain)	USA, 7/3/44
Thomas L. Hawkins	1942	Football, Track	Italy, 3/7/44
Jeremy Leonard	1942	Football, Track	Germany, 11/16/44
John James Brickell	1943	Golf	Germany, 2/20/45
Richard H. Condo (6)	1943	Football, Baseball,	Italy, 4/14/45
Frank J. Roehrenbeck, Jr.	1943	Track	At sea, 7/18/50
David James Gunster	1944	Football	Vietnam, 6/6/68
Donald B. Koukol	1944	Track	Italy, 4/22/45
Lansing P. Shield	1947	Tennis	USA, 11/1/48
Jack Neil Moore	1948	Football, Track	USA, 5/28/54
William Ward Nichols, Jr.	1955	Track	Vietnam, 10/4/65
Peter Fransson Russell	1958	Football, Swimming	Vietnam, 5/23/69
Jay Julius Schmid	1960	Soccer	Vietnam, 12/7/68
Charles "Ken" Harvey	1962	Soccer	Puerto Rico, 12/18/68
Jon H. Holley	1963	Track	Germany, 8/4/68
Gerald T. Ramsdell	1981	Track (Captain, Soccer	Persian Gulf, 11/11/88



Don Haldane, US Navy Pilot
RHS Class of 1942
Hall of Fame Inductee, 2006

- 1) Team captains are mentioned above.
- 2) Charles Haeberle ('38) also pitched well in the service.
- 3) Howard Smith ('36) also was on the high school Polo team.
- 4) Donald Haldane ('42) was scouted by the New York Giants baseball team.
- 5) RHS still presents the Richard Robb ('41) Trophy to the best Senior lineman. *See article on following page.*
- 6) Dick Condo ('43) is said to have punted a football 70 yards. For many years after the war, the Dick Condo Trophy was presented to the winner of the annual Turkey Day game against Fair Lawn.

RECALLING FIRST LINE NEWS

History of the Robb Football Trophy

'The epitome of all good virtues'

BY CHRISTOPHER STOUT
Correspondent

As football season at Ridgewood High School gets under way, take a moment to read about an RHS football star from 73 years ago whose name comes back year after year.

A few of Ridgewood's 113 Honored Dead have been memorialized by friends and family so that even to this day we recognize their gifts and their sacrifice. One such memorial was created in the name of Richard Robb and is valued to this day.

Sometimes known as Roscoe, Robb lived at 12 E. Ridgewood Ave. and 334 Prospect St. His only brother died in 1934. He attended elementary school in Ridgewood, was a Boy Scout and was active in the High School League at West Side Presbyterian Church. He also worked an afternoon job at a local Texaco Station.

Before graduating from RHS in 1941 he was in the Willow Club, played the trumpet in the swing band, acted in the junior play and was on the music committee for the senior prom.

A lineman on the football team, his football coach later said, "Richie was the epitome of all good virtues. He was an aggressive football player who ran like a deer."

Roscoe went to Virginia Tech and later to Lafayette College to study engineering. While there, he was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity. He joined the service and received his aerial gunner's wings at Ellington Field in Laredo, Texas in October 1943 and his commission at



The Robb Football Trophy at Ridgewood High School, named after Second Lt. Richard Robb (far left), is presented to the outstanding varsity lineman upon the player's graduation in June.

PHOTOS COURTESY OF CHRISTOPHER STOUT

the Bombardier Quadrangle School in Childress, Texas on Feb. 26, 1944.

He was then assigned to Barksdale Field in Shreveport, La. Two months later, on April 15, 1944, he married June Gorham, his RHS classmate, in the Post Chapel at Barksdale Field. Three months later, he was best man at the marriage of another eventual Ridgewood casualty, Ronnie Helps.

As a member of the 584th Bomber Squadron, 394th Bomb Group Medium (9th AAF), he moved overseas in late August 1944. Flying the B-26 "Marauder" and the Douglas A-26 "Invader," the 394th hit strong points at Brest and then began to operate against targets in Germany. Robb's "Marauder" was powered by two 2,000HP engines, manned by a crew of six, carried a bomb load of up to 5,200 pounds and was cus-

tomarily armed with 10 30- and 50-caliber machine guns.

In October 1944, a revised interdiction program targeted rail lines further to the east and required attacks by all 4 Tactical

Air Commands of the 9th AF, with support from the British 2nd Tactical AF. More than 300 B-26s and A-20s, with fighter

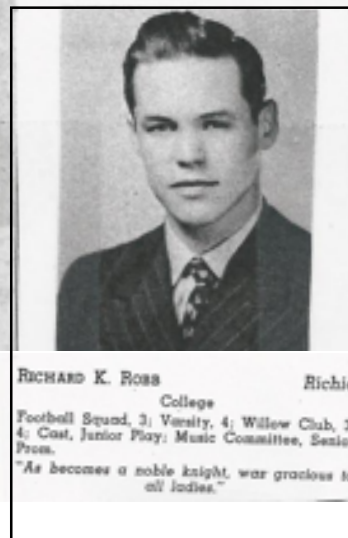
escort, hit strong points and bridges over wide areas of Eastern France and Western Germany.

Robb was engaged in low level bombing of railroad bridges and yards in the Rhine River Valley on their 158th mission. Flying out of Cambrai/Niergnies, France, Robb was killed Sunday, Oct. 8, 1944, when his B-26 col-

lided with another plane while landing upon return from a mission against the railroad bridge at Ahrweiler.

In 1983, his friends created the Robb Football Trophy at RHS, which is still presented to the outstanding varsity lineman upon the player's graduation in June. Roscoe is buried in Plot B, Row 20, Grave 71 at Epinal American Cemetery, Epinal, France.

At death, he was 21 years old.



RICHARD K. ROBB
College
Football Squad, 3; Varsity, 4; Willow Club, 3, 4; Capt. Junior Play; Music Committee, Senior Prom.
"As becomes a noble knight, war gracious to all ladies."



JUNE GORHAM

Undecided

Girls' Club, 2, 3, 4; Golf Club, 2; Decoration Committee, Junior Prom; Scenery Committee, Junior Play; Chairman, Decoration Committee, Senior Prom; Scenery Committee, Senior Play; Sewing Exhibit, 2, 3; Cabaret, 4.

"Always happy, full of fun,
She's not disliked by anyone."

1940 FOOTBALL

Given very little chance at the outset of the 1940 season, the R.H.S. football team proved its mettle by becoming one of the best to represent the Maroon in recent years. Teamwork and good spirit marked its efforts in all games and lack of weight was more than overcome by its speed and aggressiveness.

Led by Co-captains Bill Moore, tackle, and Pete Brown, back, the Maroon went through six straight before suffering its first set-back. Leonia was defeated 13-7 in the opener in a game which showed the versatility of the veteran "pony" backfield. The following week, Hackensack was defeated for the first time since 1936 by the score of 13-0. In the third game, Ridgewood was forced to come from behind in the last five minutes in order to tie Lodi 6-6. The Maroon continued its unbeaten way in its fourth encounter with Hawthorne 18-0 but was again forced to come from behind in its game with Lyndhurst, which finally ended 6-6. On Election Day, Passaic Valley, a new opponent, was soundly trounced 39-0. Pompton Lakes brought the undefeated string to an end by decisively trimming the Maroon 27-7,

but some prestige was retained as this was the first touchdown ever scored by Ridgewood against Pompton. Ridgewood continued its slump against Clifford Scott and lost 31-13. Some consolation may be had over these defeats since both teams which defeated Ridgewood were later awarded State Championships. The annual Thanksgiving Day game ended the season successfully as Westfield was defeated 18-0.

Pete Brown, Frank Bradley, Don McCullough and Bob Crandall composed Ridgewood's pony backfield with Frank handling the bulk of the passing attack which was a big factor in the success of the team. On the line, Bill Moore, Dick Simpson, and Stan Frank were stand-outs. Dick Casey, Paul Cook, Don Coyle, Rex Gearon, George Henry, Roger Probert and Richie Robb were other Senior letter winners.

With six letter-men from the Junior Class, two from the Sophomore Class and several promising prospects from among the numeral winners as a nucleus for the team next fall, it is hoped that R.H.S. will carry on from where it left off last November.





RHS Football Team, 1925-1926



RHS Track Team, 1925-1926



RHS Baseball Team, 1925-26

RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

BASEBALL TEAM, 1911



"For the first game, the Ridgewood team were faultlessly attired in their new suits which were cut decollete and up to date in every particular and so becoming!"

- *The Arrow*, 1911

BASKETBALL TEAM, 1907-1908



Reading from the left, those standing are:

DeGarmo, sub, R. Iserman, r. f., J. Merrihew, sub, A. Nathan, l. g.

Those seated are: R. DeRichmond, r. g., W. Ransom, Captain, l. f., W. Coyle, c.

RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL YOU'VE COME A LONG WAY!

It is 1922 and a premonition of things to come appears in the fall edition of the RHS Arrow Quarterly. Marion Delamater, class of 1924, writes an editorial about the lack of opportunity for girls to participate in varsity athletics at RHS! Women received the right to vote two years earlier when the 19th Amendment to the constitution was ratified August 18, 1920 guaranteeing a women's right to vote! Fifty years later, in 1972, Title IX legislation was passed, which allowed female athletics to expand protecting the rights of people from discrimination based on gender in educational institutions, programs or activities that receive federal financial assistance.



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MORE INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS FOR GIRLS

This year, in chapel, it was announced that the boys are to have two new sports, soccer and cross-country running. These two, with the other sports already open to the boys, make six different branches of athletics in which the boys of R. H. S. may earn school letters. That is all well and good, but what about the girls? Three years ago the Girls' Basketball Team was organized. Last year and this year the girls have had a hard time to persuade the authorities to let them have the team continued. It is true that the team has not been very successful, but it has been more successful than the boys' team and it must be remembered that the girls did not have basketball until three years ago. Last year the team expected to have a good year, but through poor refereeing and non-support of the student body, it became discouraged and finished third. But this year the girls have a good squad, and, with the support of the school will make a good try for the championship.

Enough for basketball. Why can't the girls have other sports in which to earn letters? The complaint has been made that only a few girls can play on the basketball team. Granted, but if there were more sports for the girls to win their 'R's' in, there would be more girls going out for athletics.

I believe that Mr. Somerville's plan is to have inter-class teams in the various branches of athletics. I think that is a good plan but I also think that interscholastic athletics for the girls would be better. Participating in games with other schools would give the girls better school spirit. There can't be any doubt but that every girl in this school would like to earn an 'R' and the 'R' would be a big incentive to the girls. There is not as much interest in inter-class athletics as in interscholastic. Then, too, I believe that the majority of students in this school are girls; therefore, the number of girls who support the A. A. equals or exceeds the number of boys; and yet the boys have six interscholastic sports and the girls one. Why should the boys spend six sevenths of the A. A. fund to the girls' one-seventh, when they are in the minority? Too much time spent on athletics would affect the studies, but if each girl had to have a fair report of her studies every so often or be dropped from her particular squad until her marks are better, there would be no need for complaint on that score.

But the most important thing which interscholastic athletics teaches so much better than inter-class is sportmanship. When you are having a game with your friends as opponents, for that is all an inter-class game is, you might think that, if you should gently but firmly push that opponent of yours out of the way without the referee's being able to see you, she wouldn't mind very much as you are a friend of hers. But when you have been shoved around by a girl you don't know, you appreciate the feeling which some girl has when you treat her that way, and you like the sound of that golden rule, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you". Or if you chance to play against a girl who is playing just as fairly as she can and saving you all

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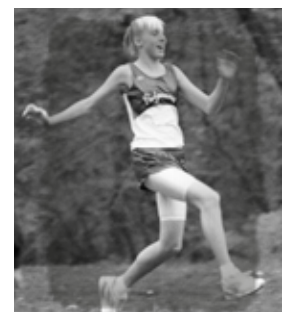
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the unnecessary foits that she can, believe me, you try your very best to do the same to her.

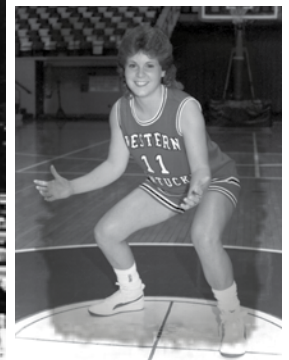
Give the girls a chance to take an active interest in their school and not just a "paying subscriptions" and "cheering" interest.

Marion Delamater, '24

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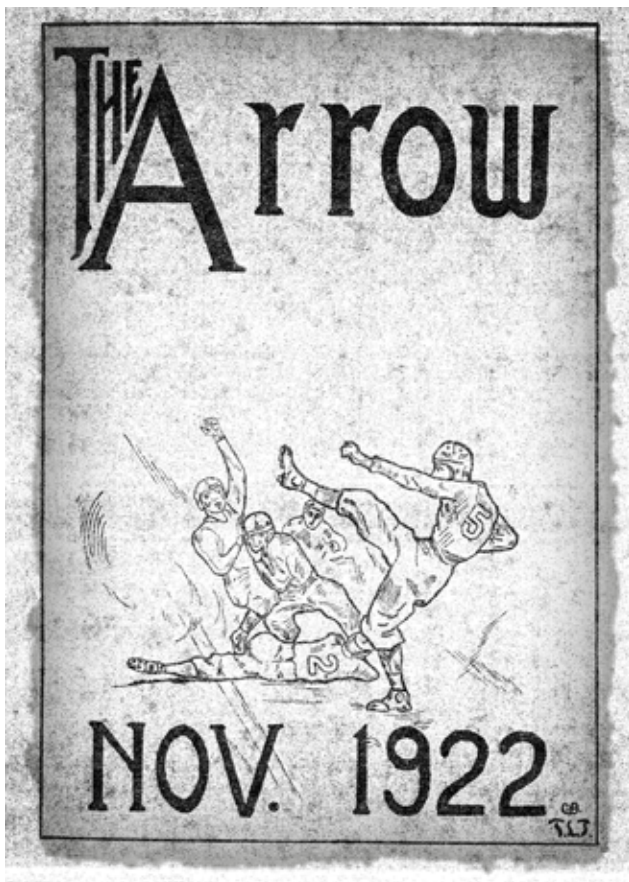


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RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL 1922 ATHLETICS OVERVIEW AND FOOTBALL

Until the early 1930's the Ridgewood High School yearbook The Arrow was published in four segments. The edition published in the Fall usually had as one of its main themes the state of the athletics programs at RHS. In this issue from ninety four years ago, November 1922, we can see the development of some of the athletic programs Ridgewood still has today as well as some that we don't. Girls (Field) Hockey is mentioned and was sponsored off and on throughout the 1920s. RHS dropped Girls Field Hockey after the 1982 season with the introduction of Girls Soccer into the athletic program in 1983. We find that Ridgewood did sponsor girls basketball the winter of 1922-23 in organized fashion and played in the Northern New Jersey Interscholastic league with the 1922-23 edition of the team, mentioned in this quarterly, going on to win the first ever girls interscholastic championship at the school. That team was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2008. We also see that Boys Soccer was introduced at the interscholastic level as a minor sport for the first time and would gain status as a major varsity sport for the 1927 season. Boys Cross Country is introduced for the first time in 1922 as well as the idea of Freshman Football. A history of Ridgewood Football is given in this quarterly and it might be mentioned that the account of the 1913 team gives reason as to why that team was inducted into the RHS Athletic Hall of Fame in 2014 as one of the first great interscholastic teams representing the school and setting a standard for what we call our "Tradition of Excellence " today.



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It's scarcely appropriate to welcome you back to school and ask whether you had a pleasant vacation; and we needn't introduce ourselves, for you met us during the Arrow drive. But since this is our first number it is fitting to say that we're very glad to be here and we hope to give you the kind of Arrow you want.

The results of the Arrow drive were very satisfactory and they proved that you're interested in your school magazine. Keep it up by handing in plenty of good material and new ideas, and the Arrow will be the kind of magazine you can be proud of.



ATHLETICS FOR ALL

A crisp November Saturday afternoon. Two brawny elevens lined up at the kick-off. The referee's whistle. The ball goes sailing through the air. The crowd yells. Blood goes pounding through your veins. That's foot-ball.

On such a scene as is described above, the spirit, the life of a school, is at its highest point. In such a scene the type of school is brought out. The individual is lost in the feeling of the school.

The eleven on the field—big, brawny, in the best of condition,—why not be one of them?

There is a kind of athletics for every single fellow in the high school. Every boy should participate in at least one organized sport. There is some kind of athletics in which you, if you do not excel in it, are at least average.

Find out what it is. Try something. The time spent on the athletic field is well worth it. You will be amply repaid.

No boy can be skilled in all sports but every boy in the school can have a knowledge of all kinds of sport. To know the fine points of a game makes it more enjoyable to watch and follow.

There are many kinds of athletics—football for the big fellows, soccer for those who prefer it. Have you good wind and endurance? Cross-country for you. Are you quick, agile? Basketball's the game. There are also baseball, track, and rifle shooting.

How about an 'R'? Surely wearing the athletic insignia of the school is something to be proud of. It should be the ambition of every boy to wear an 'R'. There is but one way to get an 'R', and that is—earn it.

William F. Young, '24

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Captain Wadsworth



Couch Ford

R. H. S. FOOTBALL TEAM -- 1922



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The next task was the Hindenburg line; but using the sleeping gas, which Medea had given him, this was nothing to our hero.

Soon he was in possession of the fleece and with Medea and his friends set out on the Rublyat. Arriving home he succeeded in taking the kingdom from his uncle, Pellas, and with his dear wife, Medea, lived happily ever afterward.

A. V. P., '23
M. J., '23

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RIDGEWOOD FOOTBALL, PAST AND PRESENT

Sportsmanship is an attitude of mind which seeks to find expression in certain qualities. It is very readily applied to athletics and school activities or life. One sees the most emphatic illustration of this spirit in athletics. Here one learns to fight for victory in a fair and square way. Men who have the requisites, vim, vigor, and stamina, have no better field to test them in than football.

From the time of the founding of our Athletic Association in Ridgewood High School, football has rapidly grown in favor in Ridgewood until today it is one of our major sports, well supported and well played. From the good old days when football was first played here up to this present season we have had pretty much the same opponents, and a summary of clashes with these teams shows that Ridgewood is to the fore in most cases.

In the days of 1913 in Ridgewood we have a fine example of past football. The high school started practice in September with eighteen men, and no coach but the captain. Captain Donnelly developed his team of that year into a fast, hard, clean-playing bunch. In that year we had such men as Hopper, conspicuous on account of his line plunging and punting, Pagano to rake in the forward passes, and Todd with his fine defensive work. This same Hopper, who played for Ridgewood, later achieved fame on the gridiron as captain of Pennsylvania. The standard which this group of stars helped to set established a precedent which Ridgewood has always tried to live up to. That year, pitted against some of the strongest teams, Ridgewood High School scored 246 points to its opponents' 68. Many a severe jolt was given to the aspirations of other schools by our warriors of that day.

Each succeeding year has been nearly as successful for the Red and White. In recognition of the efforts of our men an order was established about 1914 by the football team that was known as the Order of the "R". The requirements to be a wearer of the sacred "R" were very strict as compared to those of today. A player had to play in 50 per cent. of the games, not less than 4. Today it is 25 per cent. of the numbers of games played.

In former years these teams which so successfully carried the high school to victory had no such incentive as regularly organized cheering. Modes of travel to and from games and equipment also were below the par of those of today. But in spite of these handicaps the records of those former teams prove that it is largely hard work and not equipment that brings forth a winning team and season.

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A few years later we have men whose names are more familiar to us. In 1917-18, people were dubious as to the outcome of our football team because of the loss of such stars as Runk, M. Hopper, and others. The pessimists lost out, however. Other men stepped up to brighten the fame of our school. Caramella, Beatty, T. White, Troup, and Ford all came to the fore in the next couple of years. At this time our present coach, Judson Ford, played a very modest but hard game at guard.

A personage by the name of Mr. Tack L. Dummie made his first appearance in Ridgewood and according to an article by Mr. Ford, in a previous issue of the Arrow, his influence was considerably felt in the high school.

In 1917-18 a very successful year was experienced as the following score would indicate: R. H. S. 47—Cliffside 0; R. H. S. 38—Passaic 0; R. H. S. 27—Rutherford 0. Other games just as profitable for us followed. In 1918 and 1919 a new group of stars loomed up to carry on the good work. The backfield was one worthy of recognition, consisting of Joe Batchelor, H. B.; Gwynn Fielding, H. B.; Dave Shannon, Q. B.; and Duncan Cheel, F. B. The spirit of the school took a big jump up the ladder this year. Mellie Hiller first won fame at this time which earned him the position of all state center in 1921.

During this year many spectacular games were played. One battle of the season brought out the same "do or die" spirit as shown by Ridgewood teams in former years. In this game Bill Drier was "knocked out" six times but each time "came back", typically illustrating the fighting spirit of the team. Gwynn Fielding was also "knocked out" for the first time in his career as a football player.

A game with Paterson High School about this time showed what our "crew of huskies" really could do. The score was 38—0. This score was piled up against one of the best teams Paterson had turned out in several seasons. Last year we again met Paterson after a respite, and this game, replete with thrills, kept the audience continually on edge. The score was 7—0. About this time Rutherford, champions for three years and would-be champions of the time, clashed with Ridgewood on the gridiron in a game which will long be remembered. Four touchdowns to one shows what perseverance and hard playing did for us. This indomitable fighting spirit of past, present and future is one of Ridgewood's greatest assets on the football field.

As in the colleges, football in the high schools has made rapid advancement. The teams of football in Ridgewood today will rank as the standard set by other schools, our rivals Passaic, Rutherford, Englewood and Hackensack. True it is that a team cannot always be champions but we try to follow up the example and record before us as set by previous Ridgewood teams. The eleven we have today and the outlook for next year and ensuing years is good. One of the main reasons for this belief is the fact that we are fairly sure of having a permanent coach, Mr. Ford. In the past the coach has been with us for one season at a time and then again not at all. This is a handicap to any school.

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A very fine thing has started this year which will help the school in the future to carry on the work in football as a representative of athletics. Freshman football has been introduced and although in its infancy has promises of making good. In this way the rudiments of the game are learned by those who have four years in which to attain a coveted position on the varsity. Experience is a good teacher. This idea follows somewhat along that of the one at Rutherford. This school generally turns out a team of championship material. They, however, start in the grammar school to learn the game, a very good idea.

Fighting rallies in second half showing offensive strength is a noticeable factor in this year's games. Football so far this year has been fair to middling—nothing more. No special or dazzling advances seem to have been made. Let us note a few details of our games as played this year. Punting by Captain Wadsworth is good and well adapted for covering. Passing, also by Wadsworth is fine, accurate and swift. The offense seems to be fair but it does not seem to work together. The defense seems good when it comes to a pinch. With Cliffside and then once again this year the team has demonstrated this by standing like a stone wall with the ball on their own 5 yard line or thereabout. These facts when summed up compare fairly well with facts of the same nature from previous years. Next year a number of the good men will be back and start us off on one of our best schedules.

Thus in speaking of football both past and present in Ridgewood one might say that it has embodied the true spirit of Ridgewood High School; that it has always brought forth the truer, finer, qualities of school spirit that only clean fair play can produce. And because football has done so much to advance and uphold the traditions of the school it is to be hoped that it will always be a dominating sport in the future. Much has been said about the football player but the following lines seem to describe him perfectly:

He's just one man of the eleven,
A cog, or a link in the chain;
The best type of man under heaven,
A user of muscle and brain.

For ev'ry wrong move he is scolded;
He knows he must play hard and clean;
Sometimes for his good work they praise him,
And sometimes he does it unseen.

The crowd is but fickle and changing;
It's ready to cheer or abuse.
He knows how to take knocks or praises;
He knows how to win—and to lose. —Author unknown.

Wallace Carr, '24

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R. H. S. 12—DOVER 0

In spite of very hot weather and the first game of the season, the team showed up well. Although it was not included in the regular schedule the game was of great importance as it showed definitely what the team could do. Ridgewood's offense was in good shape after the start of the game and made telling gains through the Dover line.

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R. H. S. 0—CLIFFSIDE 0

This game was closely contested. It was a steady game, neither side exhibiting any brilliant plays. Ridgewood had a slight advantage due to Wadsworth's punting. Our defense was good when a touchdown threatened. There was a great deal of loose handling of the ball.

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R. H. S. 0—NUTLEY 31

The Nutley game was played under adverse conditions. The contest was played during a heavy rain which, because our backfield is light and fast, greatly handicapped our offense. However in spite of the apparently onesided score, the game was interesting from start to finish. Captain Wadsworth was out of the line-up because of injuries, which also handicapped the team. The wet weather naturally caused loose handling of the ball by both teams.

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R. H. S. 6—DICKINSON H. S. 27

Ridgewood, not playing her full line-up, was no match for Dickinson, who ranks well in State football standing. A large Election Day crowd attended the game.

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R. H. S. 0—PASSAIC 19

A clean, hard-fought, well-played game. Although a one-sided score, Passaic had to fight for every point. Quite a number of rooters followed the team. This helped Passaic to avenge her two defeats at our hands in the last two years.

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R. H. S. 14—MIDDLETOWN 13

A hard fighting team, never ready to give up was Middletown. With a few moments left to play and the score 14-6 against them they carried the ball over for another touchdown. Pretty playing by Terhune and Morrison in the backfield featured the game. Wadsworth was removed from the game for the first time on account of injury.

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THE REGULAR LINE UP

Carlin	Right End
Sheffield	Right Tackle
Asten	Right Guard
Johnston	Center
Smith	Left Guard
Thompson	Left Tackle
Hendrickson	Left End
Terhune—Morrison	Quarterback
Hanks—Starck	Right Half
Arentzen—Cumins	Left Half
Capt. Wadsworth	Full Back

W. C., '24

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FRESHMAN FOOTBALL

One of the most important additions to the high school in athletics is our freshman football team. Under the coaching of Mr. Walker they are showing up well.

The real work of this team is to prepare players who are not quite up to standard in weight and ability for the first team in succeeding years, giving the younger folks a firm grounding in the rudiments of football.

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SOCCER

A new addition to league sports is soccer. Joel Bowen is our efficient manager for this year by a vote of the A. A. Quite a number of games are scheduled so far. With men like Cantrell and Howard we have all kinds of expectations for a successful first season.

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CROSS-COUNTRY

Many league teams have taken up cross-country this year and it will probably number among the league sports in the near future. Ed. Krech of the Senior Class was elected manager. Our first meet with Hackensack, there, will give us an idea of what kind of a team we have. At present Russell and Bruder are two promising men to cover the distance in fast time. The distance run is anywhere from three to five miles. Great weather, this, for cross-country.

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BASKETBALL

Under Frank Terhune as captain we are looking for a very successful season. As the season starts the outlook is good. Most of last year's men are back and many new men are out. With a good bit of cheering this winter to follow the team we are sure they will be able to avenge many last year's scores. Come out and see, you rooters.

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GIRLS' ATHLETICS

The girls' athletics opened this year with the organization of hockey and basket ball teams. The hockey team plays every Wednesday. The team has three good coaches, Mrs. Duncan, Miss Tufts, and Miss Sellier, and great things are expected of it. When enough girls from each of the classes are out for the team and make good, hockey will become an interclass sport.

The basket ball teams play on Tuesday and Thursday. As the season has only just opened, the positions of the girls on the Varsity Team are not known. The Varsity Team is practicing and doing good work. The members of the team are as follows: Florence Hopper, Ruth Leffler, Frances Malmes, Janet Marshall, Adele Gilbert, Marian Delamater, Gladys Haddon, Sara Fitzhugh, Florence Surpluss, Betty Rogers, Betty Welles, Helen Willard, Evelyn Ireland, and Mary Blauvelt. Let us stand behind the team and help win the games.

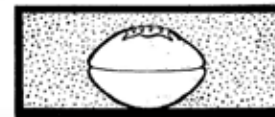
Miss Sellier has organized game teams in every gym class. Around Christmas, picked girls from among the Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors, will compete against each other in an interclass game contest. Now girls, your chance is here to get in and help win medals and honor for your class. Let's show people the good stuff we have in us.

H. C. B., '25

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At the time of its final printing, The Arrow is able to announce the scores of three additional football games played since it first went to press:

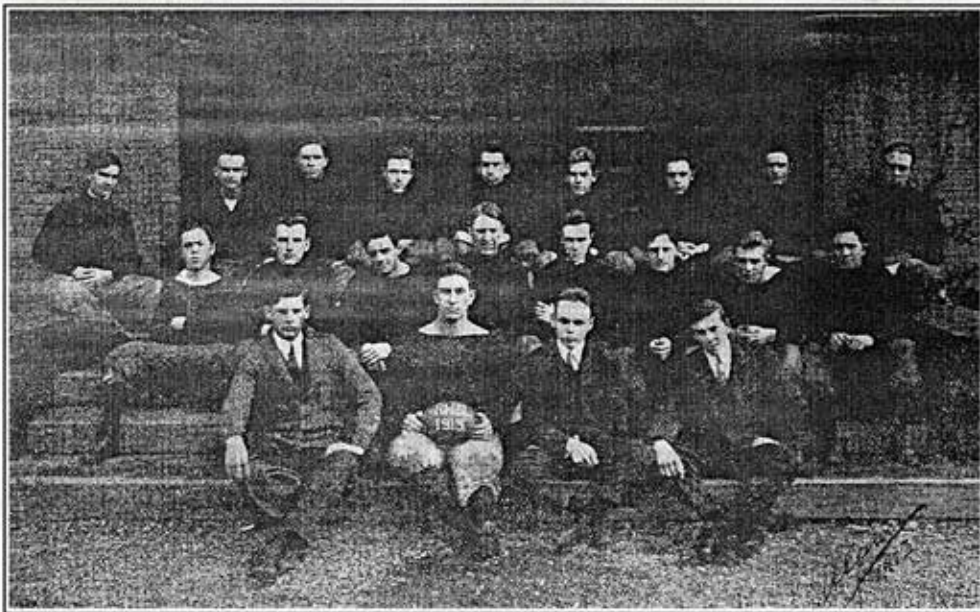
R. H. S. 0	Hackensack 7
R. H. S. 6	Englewood 0
R. H. S. 0	Rutherford 49



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RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM 1913

Back row left to right: McCreedy, Wandless, Sloat, Abbott, Todd, Hubbard, Westorhoff, Pagano, Wardeoff. Second row left to right: Donnelly,
 Williams, Feeney, Keyser, MacKenzie, Runk, Paul, Knowlton. Front row Mr. Eason, Hopper, (Capt.), Cheel and Wardell (Managers)

RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL RHS ALUMNI COACHES WORKING FOR THE COMMON GOOD



Jeff Yearing 1966, Jack Van Yperen 1968, Jim Stroker 1970, and Chuck Johnson 1970

Between 1966 and 1970 RHS graduated 4 boys who to date have combined to coach girls and boys in NJ for over 160 years, and we are still counting. I am among those who call these men "Coach." It doesn't matter if they are no longer active RHS coaches or even if they were my coach. They all answer to this moniker without hesitation and we offer it as a sign of our respect and admiration.

The personality trait which all four men share is a belief in the common good. Team sports require everyone to work together. A team cannot be successful if everyone is preening for the cameras and just looking out for themselves.

These coaches grew up in an era when the common good was discussed with the paramount importance it deserves and was never far away in everyday conversations. They were taught in their homes and in school that we all live in a community and have obligations to others. They took these lessons of their youth and made them their own, in word and deed.

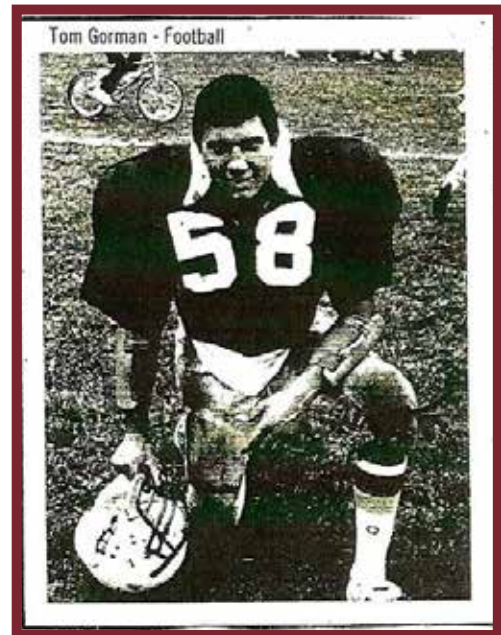
It seems incredible to imagine we'll ever assemble such a team of men or women again with such deep roots in the community and loyalty to their institution, their players, and each other. Though we can always hope.

Paul McCubbin RHS "77"
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**THE RHS ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME SENDS CONGRATULATIONS
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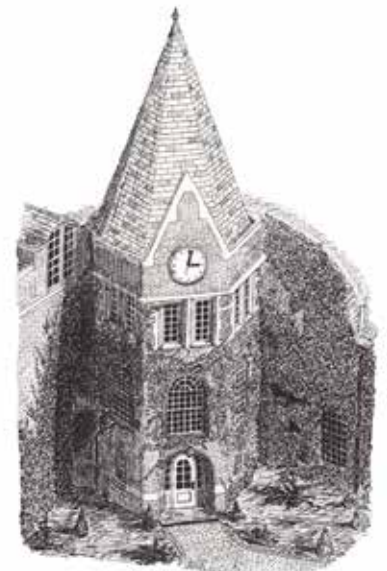


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LINEBACKER, FOUR YEAR VARSITY
LETTER WINNER.**

Serving the Ridgewood district nine years as the Principal of Ridgewood High school, Dr. Gorman added many successful initiatives under his leadership including the addition of STEM curriculum, the expansion of mental health and well-being offerings for students and the implementation of the 1:1 Chromebook program. He oversaw the transformation of the RHS learning commons and fitness center while also leading the initiative to increase the RHS standardized test scores and college acceptances.



RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
FAIR LAWN – RIDGEWOOD THANKSGIVING DAY RIVARY 1944–1983

YEAR	RESULT	H-A	WINNER	RECORD RHSvFL	RHS RECORD	COACH
1944	Fair Lawn 0 Ridgewood 27	A	Ridgewood	1-0 (1.000)	8-2	Mozeleski
1945	Fair Lawn 0 Ridgewood 38	H	Ridgewood	2-0 (1.000)	8-1	“ “
1946	Fair Lawn 18 Ridgewood 19	A	Ridgewood	3-0 (1.000)	7-2	“ “
1947	Fair Lawn 7 Ridgewood 6	H	Fair Lawn	1-3 (.250)	2-7	“ “
1948	Fair Lawn 6 Ridgewood 32	A	Ridgewood	4-1 (.800)	6-3	“ “
1949	Fair Lawn 19 Ridgewood 0	H	Fair Lawn	2-4 (.333)	5-4	“ “
1950	Fair Lawn 2 Ridgewood 38	A	Ridgewood	5-2 (.714)	9-0	“ “
1951	Fair Lawn 6 Ridgewood 18	H	Ridgewood	6-2 (.750)	7-2	“ “
1952	Fair Lawn 20 Ridgewood 12	A	Fair Lawn	3-6 (.333)	3-5-1	“ “
1953	Fair Lawn 26 Ridgewood 6	A	Fair Lawn	4-6 (.400)	5-3	“ “
1954	Fair Lawn 6 Ridgewood 20	A	Ridgewood	7-4 (.636)	4-3	“ “
1955	Fair Lawn 19 Ridgewood 7	A	Fair Lawn	5-7 (.417)	6-2-1	“ “
1956	Fair Lawn 6 Ridgewood 7	H	Ridgewood	8-5 (.615)	9-0	“ “
1957	Fair Lawn 6 Ridgewood 34	A	Ridgewood	9-5 (.643)	8-0-1	“ “
1958	Fair Lawn 0 Ridgewood 0	Vets*	Tie	9-5-1 (.643)	5-3-1	“ “
1959	Fair Lawn 7 Ridgewood 13	A	Ridgewood	10-5-1 (.667)	4-4-1	Sweeney
1960	Fair Lawn 7 Ridgewood 27	H	Ridgewood	11-5-1 (.688)	7-2	“ “
1961	Fair Lawn 0 Ridgewood 19	A	Ridgewood	12-5-1 (.706)	6-3	“ “
1962	Fair Lawn 19 Ridgewood 0	A	Fair Lawn	6-12-1 (.333)	4-5	“ “
1963	Fair Lawn 19 Ridgewood 12	Vets*	Fair Lawn	7-12-1 (.368)	3-4-1	“ “
1964	Fair Lawn 6 Ridgewood 6	A**	Tie	12-7-2 (.632)	5-3-1	“ “
1965	Fair Lawn 13 Ridgewood 6	A**	Fair Lawn	8-12-2 (.400)	4-5	“ “
1966	Fair Lawn 34 Ridgewood 40	A**	Ridgewood	13-8-2 (.619)	3-6	“ “
1967	Fair Lawn 12 Ridgewood 18	A**	Ridgewood	14-8-2 (.636)	5-3	“ “
1968	Fair Lawn 14 Ridgewood 21	A**	Ridgewood	15-8-2 (.652)	7-1-1	“ “
1969	Fair Lawn 36 Ridgewood 20	A**	Fair Lawn	9-15-2 (.375)	4-5	“ “
1970	Fair Lawn 0 Ridgewood 22	A**	Ridgewood	16-9-2 (.640)	7-2	“ “
1971	Fair Lawn 8 Ridgewood 14	A**	Ridgewood	17-9-2 (.654)	6-3	“ “
1972	Fair Lawn 7 Ridgewood 9	A**	Ridgewood	18-9-2 (.667)	7-1	“ “
1973	Fair Lawn 18 Ridgewood 26	A**	Ridgewood	19-9-2 (.679)	7-2	“ “
1974	Fair Lawn 15 Ridgewood 24	A**	Ridgewood	20-9-2 (.690)	6-3	“ “
1975	Fair Lawn 0 Ridgewood 13	A**	Ridgewood	21-9-2 (.700)	6-3	“ “
1976	Fair Lawn 14 Ridgewood 43	A**	Ridgewood	22-9-2 (.710)	6-3	Vanderbush
1977	Fair Lawn 9 Ridgewood 25	A**	Ridgewood	23-9-2 (.719)	6-3	“ “
1978	Fair Lawn 17 Ridgewood 7	A**	Fair Lawn	10-23-2 (.303)	4-4-1	“ “
1979	Fair Lawn 14 Ridgewood 14	A**	Tie	23-10-3 (.697)	5-3-1	“ “
1980	Fair Lawn 26 Ridgewood 14	A**	Fair Lawn	11-23-3 (.324)	2-7	Reamer
1981	Fair Lawn 6 Ridgewood 12	A**	Ridgewood	24-11-3 (.687)	2-7	“ “
1982	Fair Lawn 6 Ridgewood 14	A**	Ridgewood	25-11-3 (.694)	6-3	“ “
1983	Fair Lawn 7 Ridgewood 20	H	Ridgewood	26-11-3 (.703)	6-3	“ “



Ridgewood went 26-11-3 (.703) and outscored Fair Lawn 1,152 – 703 (1944-1983)
 Coaches TDay 1944-83: Mozeleski 9-5-1, Sweeney 12-4-1, Vanderbush 2-1-1, Reamer 3-1
 Longest winning streak: Ridgewood 8 games 1970-77 Coaches longest winning streak 6.
 Roger Sweeney 1970-75. Dave Vanderbush becomes head coach in 1976 winning in 1976
 and 1977 to complete the 8 game winning streak.

Fair Lawn High School opened September 13, 1943 and played an independent schedule
 in 1943 and 1944. That first Thanksgiving Day saw the CUTTERS bite the TERRIERS of Holy
 Trinity High of Westfield 19-0 before beginning the rivalry against Ridgewood in 1944.

Fair Lawn joined the Bergen-Passaic Interscholastic League (B-PIL) in 1945. Ridgewood
 joined in 1950. The league became the Northern Bergen Interscholastic League (NBIL)
 in 1956 when Hawthorne, the only Passaic County school, left. Fair Lawn and Ridgewood
 moved up to the Northern New Jersey Interscholastic League (NNJIL) in 1959. Fair Lawn
 returned to the NBIL in 1984 ending the 40-year rivalry.

Fair Lawn was B-PIL champion in 1945, co-champion with Bogota in 1946, co-
 Champion with Lyndhurst in 1947 and champion in 1953 and 1955. Ridgewood won the
 B-PIL in 1950 and 1951 while taking three NBIL championships in a row in 1956, 1957 and 1958.
 The 1956 and 1957 seasons were back to back undefeated campaigns for Frank Mozeleski's
 Maroons.



In the 1950s the Turkey Day Classic often determined the NNJIL championship.

In 1959, Fair Lawn upset Hackensack 27-6 and lost 6-0 to Tenafly in a hurricane. It was the only game played in New Jersey that day. Going into the Thanksgiving game Fair Lawn had one loss and Hackensack had the loss to Fair Lawn and a tie against Ridgewood. The upset 13-7 Ridgewood victory gave Hackensack the NNJIL championship by half a game despite being beaten by Fair Lawn and tied by Ridgewood, the two new kids on the block!

Fair Lawn won the NNJIL championship in 1965 and 1966 and was tri-champion with Clifton and Passaic Valley in 1980. Ridgewood won NNJIL championships in 1960 and 1972 under head coach Roger Sweeney.

Going into the 1966 Thanksgiving game, Fair Lawn was 8-0 (1,000) and had a 24 game non-losing streak going including ties against Ridgewood in 1964 and Hackensack in 1965.



The shocking 40-34 Ridgewood upset by an upstart (2-6) Ridgewood team before a crowd of 13,000 at what later became SASSO FIELD ended the streak giving the MAROONS what many consider to be the greatest victory in the 44 year history of the rivalry. But, Fair Lawn still took the NNJIL title. NBIL Division 1 titles followed in 1984, '85, '87 and '89.

In 2012 the rivalry was renewed in Big North Conference (BNC) crossover action, but not on Thanksgiving. Ridgewood took all four games in the revival of the rivalry under head coach Chuck Johnson.

REGULAR SEASON (NON-THANKSGIVING GAMES)

YEAR	RESULT	H-A	RECORD	RHS v FL
2012	Fair Lawn 0	Ridgewood 38 A	Ridgewood 27-11-3 (.711)	
2013	Fair Lawn 6	Ridgewood 53 A	Ridgewood 28-11-3 (.718)	
2014	Fair Lawn 6	Ridgewood 46 A	Ridgewood 29-11-3 (.725)	
2015	Fair Lawn 14	Ridgewood 41 A	Ridgewood 30-11-3 (.732)	

* The 1958 and 1963 games were played on Veterans Field in Ridgewood.

** All games 1964 -1982 were played at Fair Lawn's enlarged stadium later named SASSO FIELD. The game returned to RHS in 1983. When the series was revived for four straight seasons 2012-15, all games were played at Fair Lawn, but not on Thanksgiving.



Ridgewood High School Football Squad



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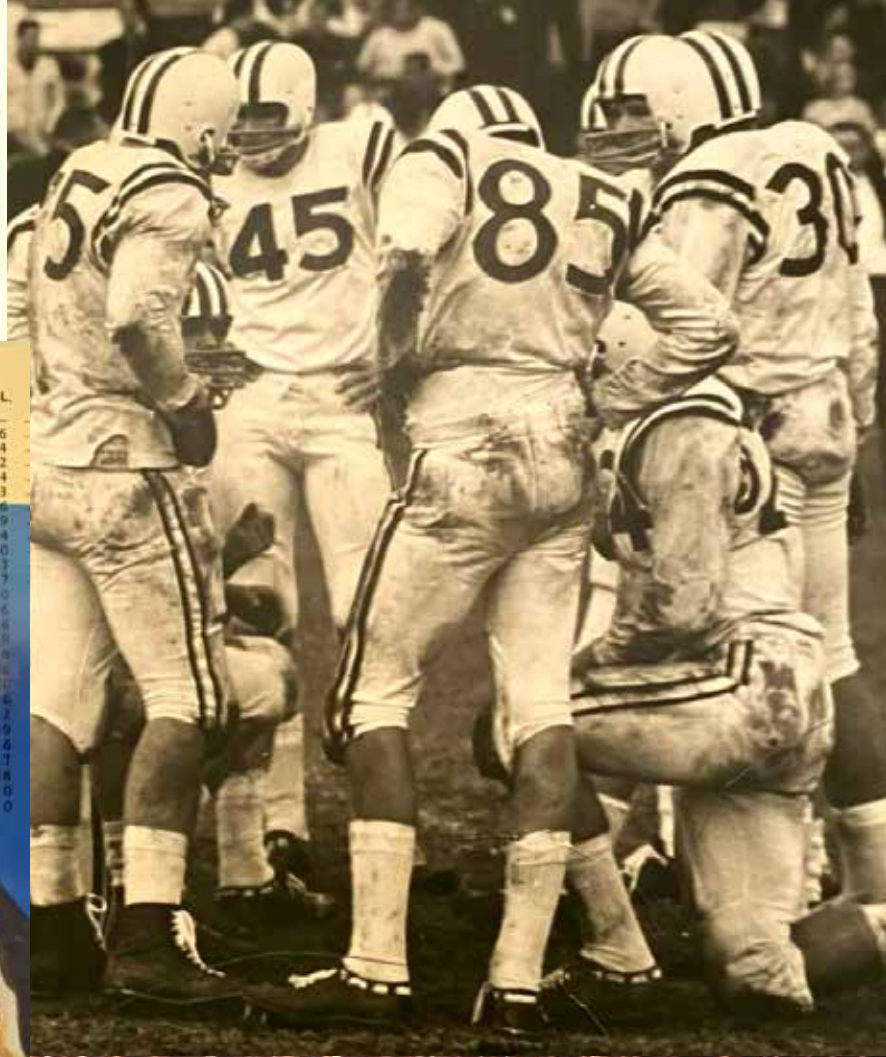
Top Row, Left to Right—T. Watson, W. Lindell, W. Douglas, G. Laffey, R. Wight, W. Temple, G. Berger, K. Ringold, W. Perdue, R. Pappay.

Middle Row—P. Reis, C. Harvey, D. Starsted, M. Fitts, E. Mann, J. Stewart, J. Stubbs, R. Gould, N. Peller, E. Kretzschmar.

Bottom Row—A. Siger, P. Moyer, M. Pruzali, J. Morrison, J. Green, C. Burdick, D. Greenlaw, P. Traasman, C. Hesser, J. Davidson, L. Allen.



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TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DAY GAME

	F. L.
1970	—
1969	36
1968	14
1967	12
1966	34
1965	13
1964	6
1963	19
1962	14
1961	0
1960	7
1959	7
1958	0
1957	0
1956	6
1955	18
1954	0
1953	26
1952	27
1951	6
1950	7
1949	19
1948	4
1947	7
1946	18
1945	0
1944	0

THURSDAY NOV. 26, 1970

10:30 A. M.

VARSITY CLUB PROGRAM - 40c

FAIR LAWN HIGH SCHOOL

VS

RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

13th ANNUAL Senior Parents Day



Fair Lawn 24-Game String Ends As Ridgewood Triumphs, 40-33

Special to The New York Times

FAIR LAWN, N. J., Nov. 24 —Bruce Jankowski, the leading scorer in the Northern New Jersey Interscholastic League, scored three touchdowns today but it wasn't enough to prevent Ridgewood from recording a 40-33 upset victory over Fair Lawn. The loss was the first for the previously undefeated Cutters, who had not been beaten in 24 games over a three-year period.

Cliff Hendry completed eight of 15 passes for 244 yards and four touchdowns. The Maroon quarterback passed to George Lewis for a pair of last-period touchdowns on plays of 83 and 60 yards.

Jankowski scored on runs of 75 and 30 yards and on a 32-yard pass from Don Kober to run his season scoring total to 160 points. He also passed for a touchdown.

Fair Lawn 0 6 13 14-33
Ridgewood 0 13 13 14-40
Ridgewood scoring—Touchdowns: Smith (23, run), Durheimer (45, punt return), Brown (31, pass from Jankowski), Rigler (2, run), Lewis (83, 60 passes from Hendry). Conversions: Durheimer 4 (kicks).
Fair Lawn scoring—Touchdowns: Jankowski 3 (75, 30 runs, 32, pass from Kober), Zager (64, pass from Jankowski), Ferlonani (26, pass from Kober). Conversions: McKean 3 (kicks).



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Varsity Club Football Program

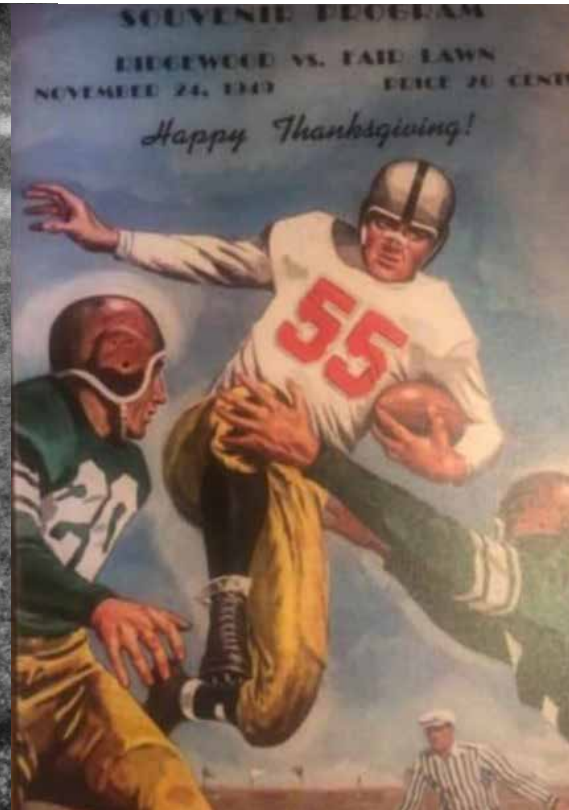
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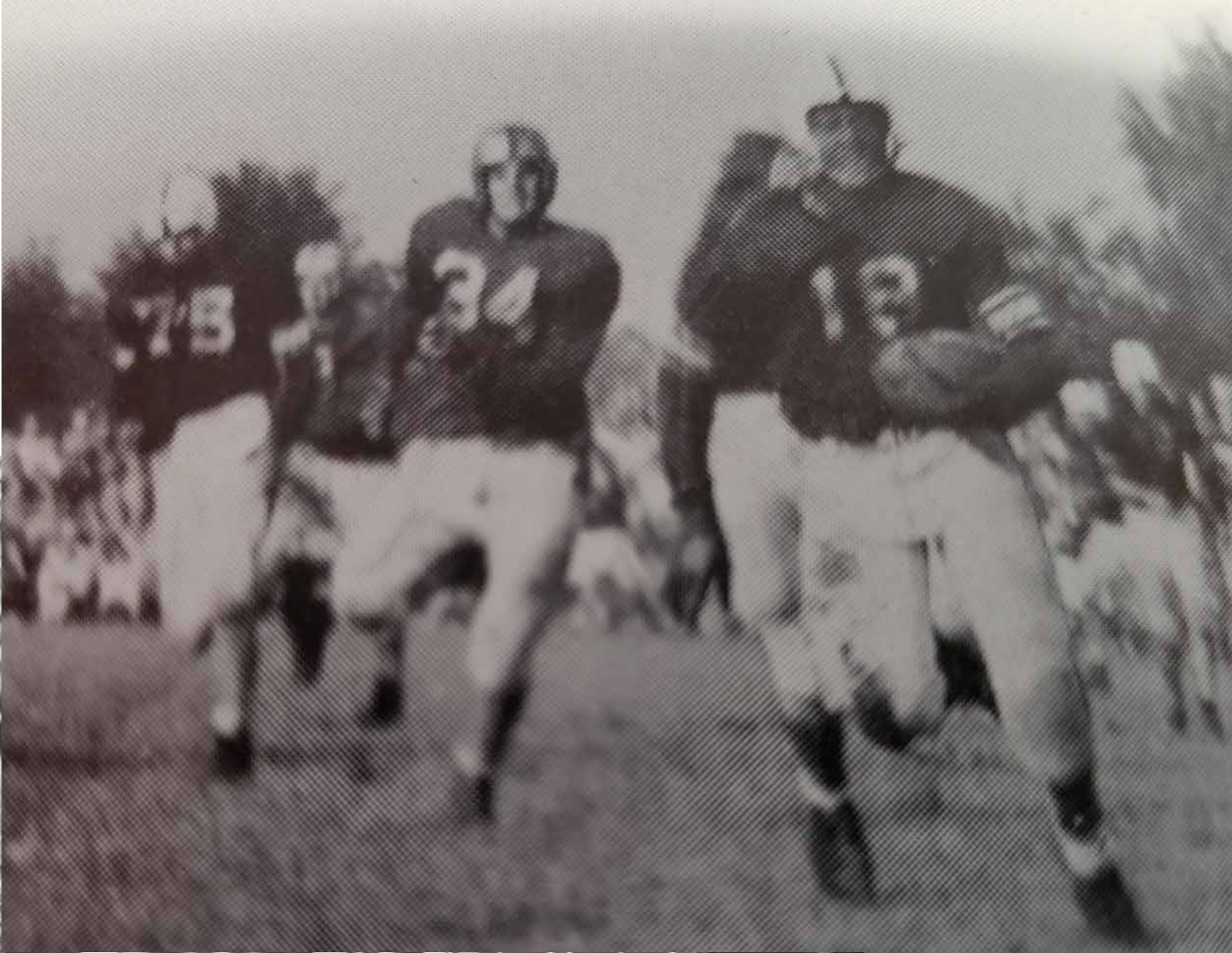
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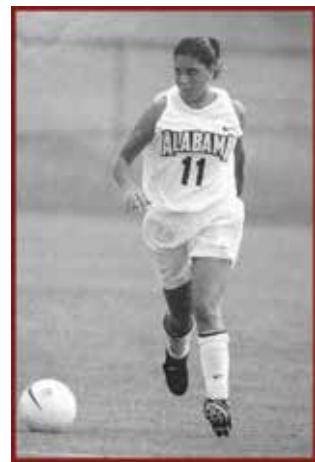
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RHS Class of 1995
HOF 2012



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RHS Class of 2003
HOF 2012



Rachel Grygiel
RHS Class of 1993
HOF 2014



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HOF 2020



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"51" HOF 2020



ANDREW CLARKE
"2000" HOF 2020



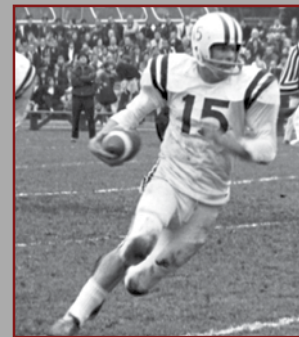
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"41" HOF 2008



1913 FOOTBALL TEAM



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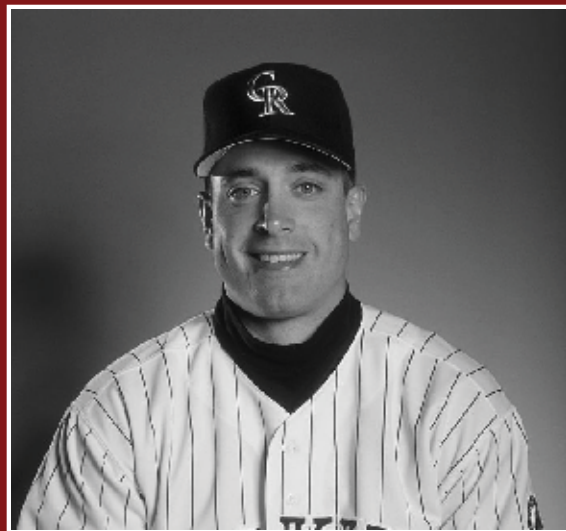
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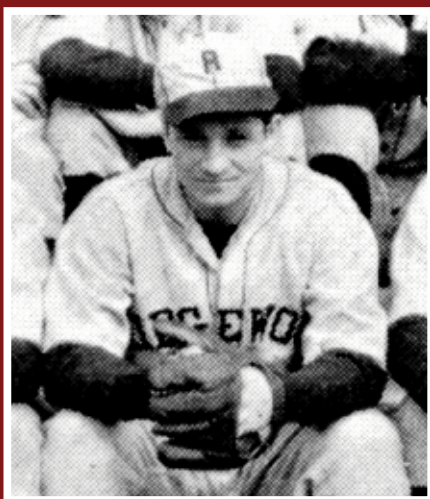
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**MARK STRITTMATTER
CLASS OF 1987**



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1933**



**DON HALDANE
1942**



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1942**

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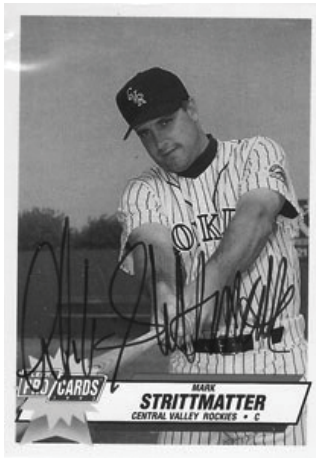
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RHS Boys & Girls Coach
1967-1987
HOF class of 2008



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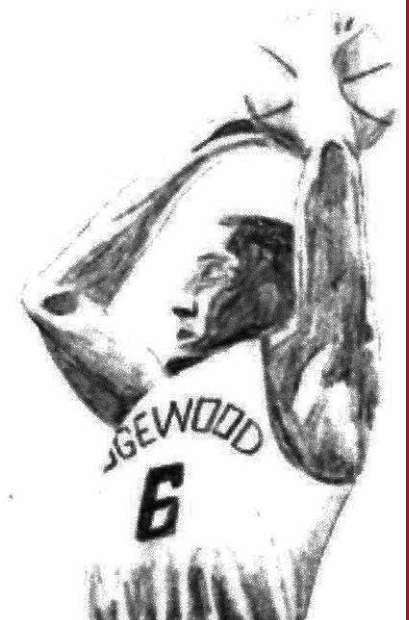
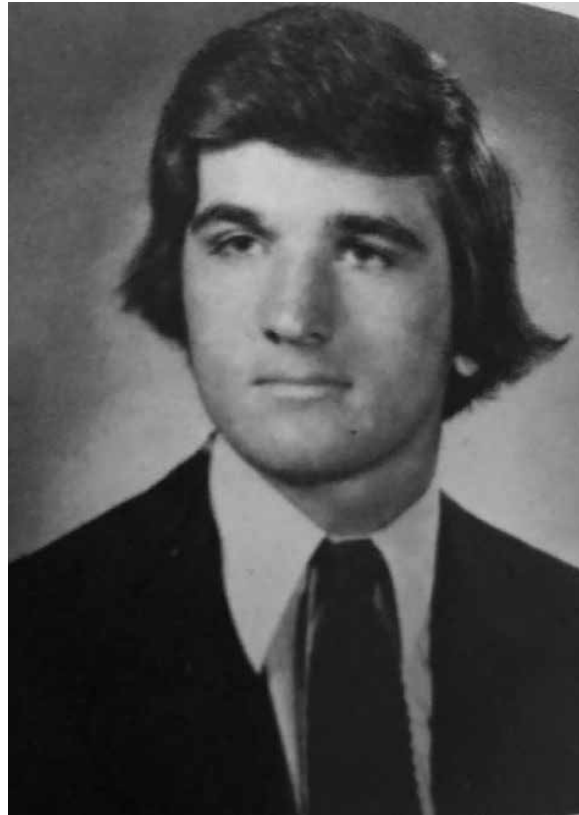
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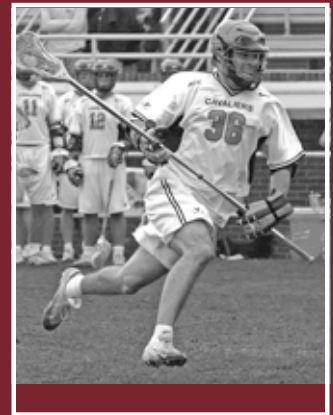
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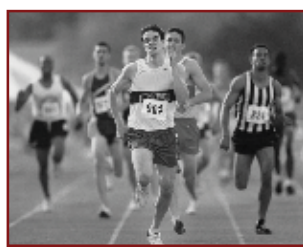
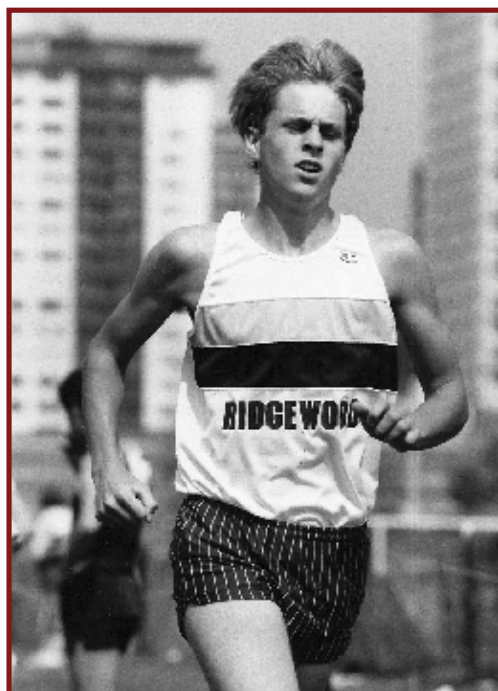


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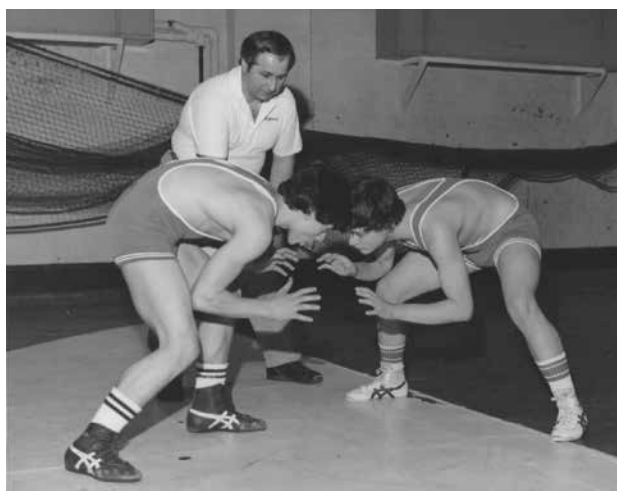
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Andrew Gorman

President Ridgewood Junior Wrestling
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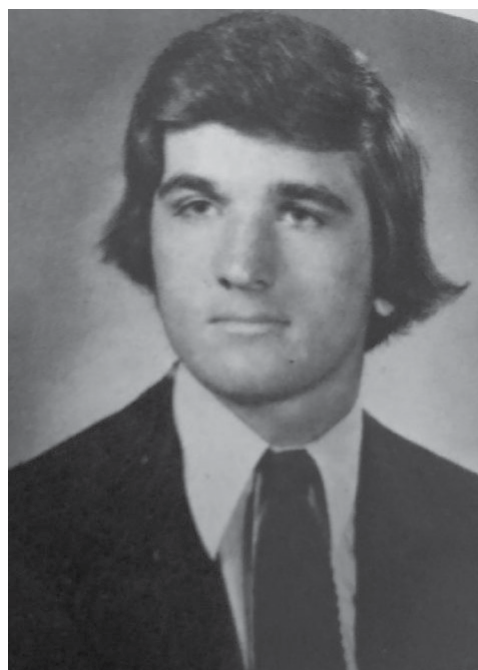
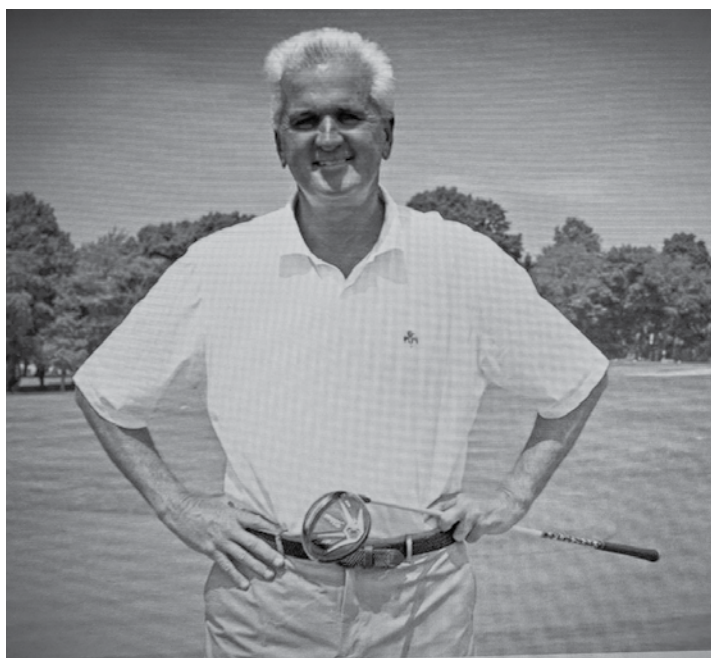


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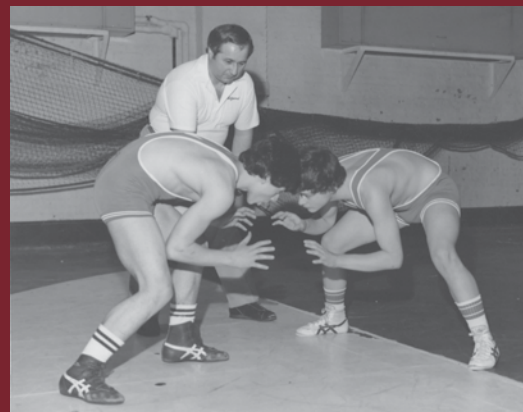


HUSBAND, DAD, PEEPA, BROTHER,
UNCLE, COACH AND FRIEND

WE LOVE YOU, MISS YOU, AND ARE SO PROUD OF YOUR INDUCTION
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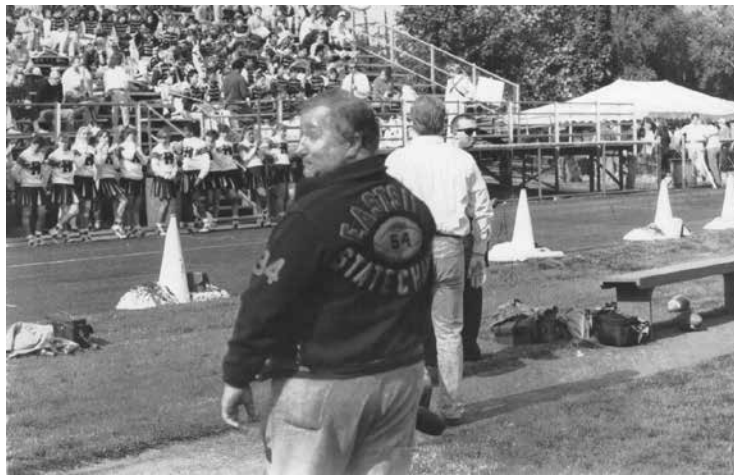


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We will aspire to your legacy of excellence!

**Congratulations to Ridgewood High School
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Phil Ross Sr. past President and Coach



Andrew Clark



We are forever grateful for the many lessons that Coach
Jeff Yearing taught us both on and off the field.
He has made a lasting impact on our lives.

THANK YOU YEARS!



With love, admiration and gratitude,
Wendy Hartwig Vos '94, Aimee McGuire Coen '94
& Tricia Pappalardo Rogers '95

Congratulations Kelly!!!



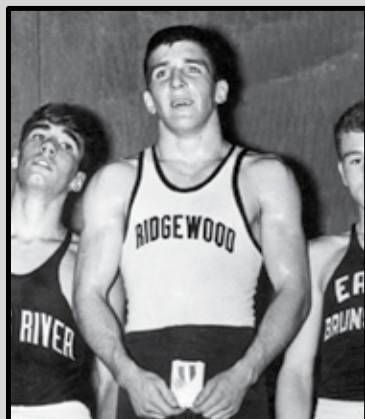
**It's been a joy watching you play soccer
through the years!**

**Love,
Your Biggest and most loyal Fans!
Mom, Dad and the family!**

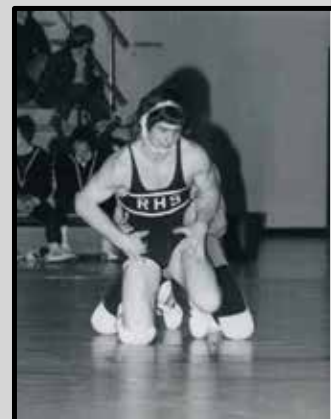
RIDGEWOOD JUNIOR WRESTLING

CONGRATULATES THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF THE RHS Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2020!

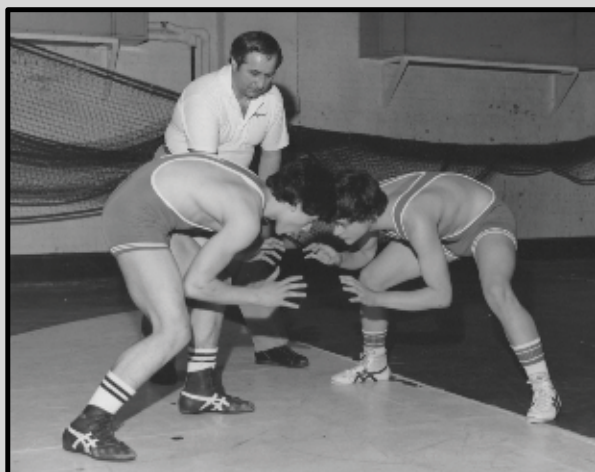
We salute our former wrestling Hall of Fame inductees,
and our 2020 INDUCTEE and founder PHIL ROSS Sr.



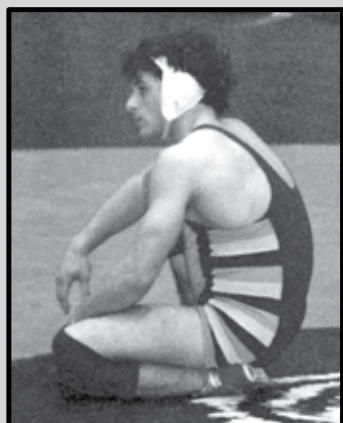
Bob Whitaker
RHS Class of 1965
RHS HOF 2004



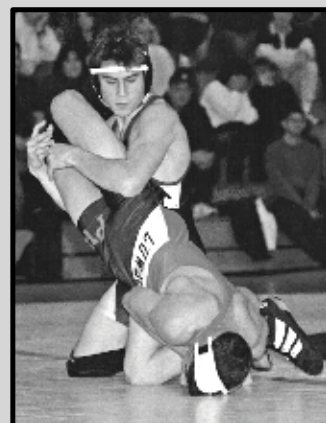
Paul Ferraro
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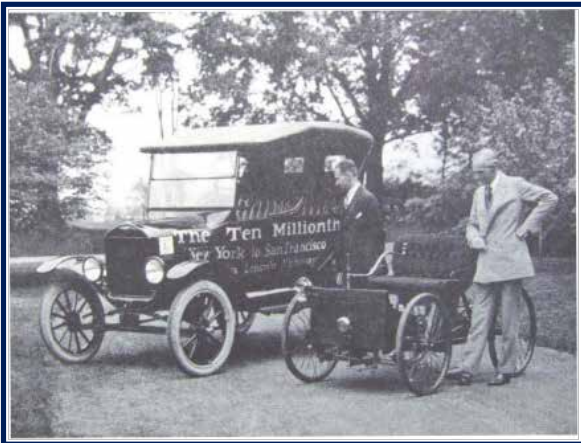
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Try our Sundaes and Sodas. There is always plenty of room for you and your friends in The Garden where the service will be just as quick as certain. We make a specialty of High School Sundaes served with Cake, etc.

A fresh line of Schaff's and Martha Washington Cakes.

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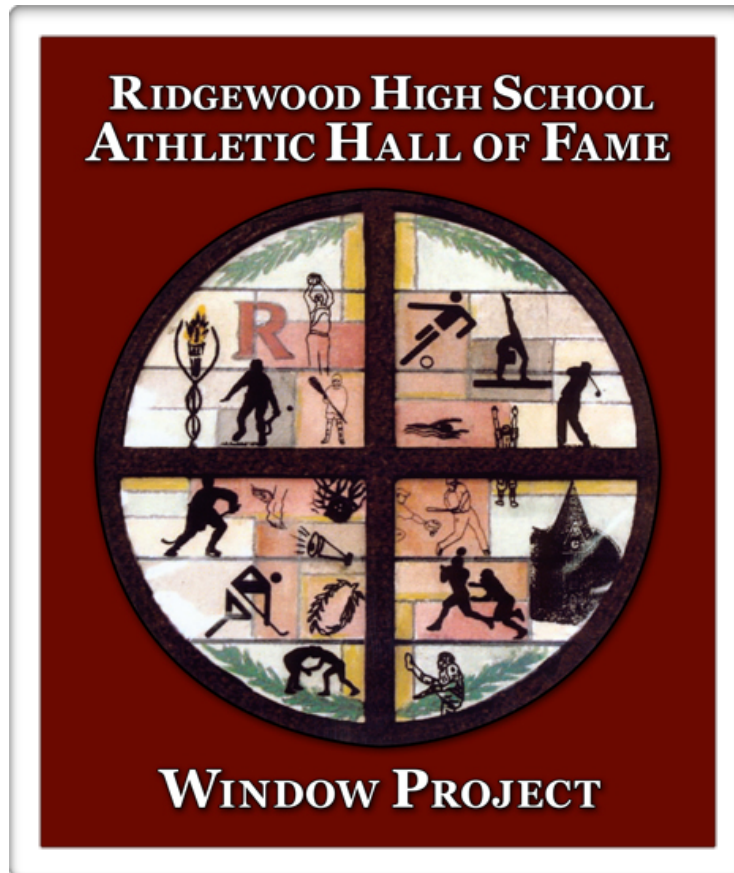
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MAROONS



RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME RECOGNITION ATRIUM

Stained Glass Window by Pattie Walker, Class of 1966
for a west-facing window in the New Athletic Facility
to illuminate the site of the plaques of the Hall of Fame Inductees



Design Elements

Laurel: A symbol of victory and excellence crown the top

Building Blocks: Representing the building and metaphor for the strength, endurance, and focus required to produce excellent athletes

Sports in Silhouette: A collage of many sports played by students of RHS, representing a sense of movement and action inherent in sports

Clock Tower: A historic distinguishing feature of RHS

The "R"

Torch: From the school insignia, the flame symbolizes the creative spirit, the sense of timelessness and the passing along of traditions and training in sports

The technique is traditional leaded stained glass: colored glass cut and joined together with lead. Details of the laurels will be acid etched. Figures will be painted and fired. Details of the flame in silver stain.

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RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME PROJECT

Dear Alumni and Friends of RHS,

Ridgewood High School has a long tradition in both academic excellence and athletic success. In recent years, a formal committee has been established to honor those Ridgewood High School student athletes who excelled on the high school playing fields and courts, while students at RHS. These individuals exemplify the virtues of participation in sport as part of a well rounded, holistic, educational experience. We wish to recognize these individuals' accomplishments as beacons to others, that they may clearly see and be inspired by the outcomes of lives lived in the love of sport and competition.

In this regard, the athletic program at RHS would like to also recognize that one does not need to be a star athlete to enjoy the values and benefits offered through an educationally based athletic program. Many thousands of Ridgewood High School graduates can point to lessons learned through their coaches and teachers that have prepared them for the life beyond our doors.

To honor all students athletes past, present and future at Ridgewood High School, the Hall of Fame Committee has commissioned Ridgewood High School graduate Pattie Walker, Class of 1966, to create a visual centerpiece for our athletic recognition area that will reflect the endeavors and qualities attained by all who participate on Ridgewood High School Athletic teams.

To make this window a reality, we need your help. This project must be funded by outside resources. We are counting on all those who have worn the "Maroon and White" in athletic competition, have been friends and parents of Ridgewood High School athletes, or individuals who have a deep regard for RHS and its rich traditions, to raise the thirty five thousand dollars to make this dream a reality. Business or corporate sponsorship will be gladly accepted.

I sincerely hope you can help. As a former RHS athlete and co-captain of two sports (soccer and baseball), I have looked back many time to the camaraderie and time spent with others on or playing fields as building blocks of my life. If you wish to make this project a reality, please make checks payable to, RHS Athletic Hall of Fame and forward your donations to:

Hall of Fame Project Att: Jeff Yearing c/o Keith Cook
Ridgewood High School Athletic Dept.
627 East Ridgewood Ave.
Ridgewood, NJ 07450

Our most sincere thanks to you for your help with this important project
"Go get 'em, Ridgewood"

Regards,

Jeffrey L Yearing '66
Chair RHS Hall of Fame Committee

_____ I am not an alumnus of RHS but wish to donate to the RHS Hall of Fame Project
_____ I am an alumnus of RHS (Class of _____, Sport(s) Played _____)
Name _____ Address _____
Email _____ Phone _____

_____ Tower Club--\$1,000 and up
_____ Maroon & White Club--\$500 and up
_____ Athletic Associate--\$100 and up
_____ Hall of Fame Associate--up to \$99



OUR SPIRIT WON'T DIE!
WE ARE FROM
RIDGEWOOD HIGH!



RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

“GO GET EM RIDGEWOOD” CHEERLEADERS AT RHS

The history of the cheer squads at RHS go back many years to the early years of the athletic programs at the school. As can be seen by the early photos of these squads it was a co ed activity with a mix of both boys and girls participating to raise the spirit level of the school and lend support to the Maroon griders and hardwood champions of the era. Today Cheer is considered a sport by the school and the sanctioning body of high school sports in New Jersey. The RHS cheer teams now compete at the local, state and national levels in their own competitions as well as upholding the tradition of supporting all levels of both male and female athletic teams at the school. They are an important part of the ever-evolving “Tradition Of Excellence” at the school.







CHEERLEADERS

Left to right: Noel Starke, Barbara Price, Biz Sakostis, Gerry Tullock, Barbara Heberlein, Gretchen Rohrbach, Carol Holt, Ellie Shorey, Dinny, Tilt, Judy Christman.

THE CHEERLEADERS

"T-E-A-M, yea team!" screamed junior girls, Barbara Heberlein, Carol Holt, Biz Sakostis, Noel Starke, and Dinny Tilt at the climax of the tension-packed tryouts last June as they united with veteran cheerleaders, Judy Christman, Barbara Price, Gretchen Rohrbach, Ellie Shorey, and Gerry Tullock. In that first cheer together, the new team assured proud RHS-ers that they would do their best to uphold Ridgewood's famous "never say die" spirit.

To herald the traditional Ridgewood-Ramsey opener, Captain Judy Christman's ten rekindled the spark of school spirit in the year's first pep rally. The girls spent every seventh period and many hours after school perfecting new cheers and formations for the games. On Saturdays, each cheerleader took her turn serving lunch to the other nine. While they feasted, they excitedly discussed plans, until game-time arrived. Then they would pile into their cars and ride down Ridgewood Avenue toward the field singing, "Go get 'em, Ridgewood." Ringing the curtain down on another football season, the cheerleaders breakfasted with the twirlers before braving bitter

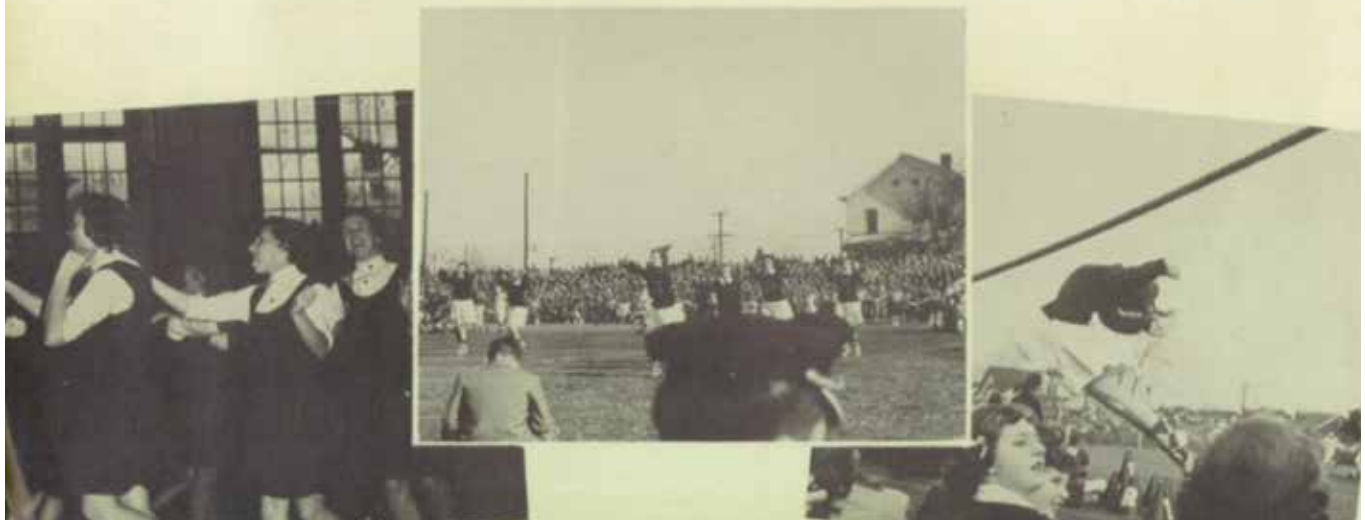
winds at the Thanksgiving Day game.

Cries of "Shoot 'em, pass 'em!" replaced "We want a touchdown!" as the basketball season commenced, and pre-game dinners replaced the luncheons. The letter-women shed their heavy maroon sweaters and white corduroy skirts to don maroon jumpers and crisp new blouses purchased from the proceeds of their December Bake Sale.

Amidst a flurry of Spring activity, the yell leaders began teaching their cheers to sophomore aspirants of the coveted posts. At the same time the girls enthusiastically entered the Bergen County Cheerleading Jamboree.

The cheerleaders will never forget the great times they had when they staged mammoth bake sales; when they acted as a "Juvenile Jury" at the "Football Dance;" when they received their letters at the Football Banquet; or when they astonished everyone by twirling and strutting at the last fall pep rally while the majorettes led the cheers.

Diana Robin, '53





CHEERLEADERS

Every June the high school witnesses one of the most talked-about events of the year—the cheerleading tryouts. To five girls this day brings just reward for the many sore muscles and bruises acquired perfecting a jump or turn. Last June, Judy Christman, Barbara Price, Gretchen Rohrbach, Ellie Shorey, and Gerry Tullock were chosen to join Captain Annette Littlefield, Mary Brown, Sue Herz, Sue Nealy, and Lucky Schmitt as the 1951-52 cheerleading squad.

As cheerleaders they automatically acquired a sixth period pass to practice and produce cheers. In the fall cries of "Center, End" and "34, 54, 62, Hike" resounded from the football field where the girls practiced for the oncoming season. With the games came their bake sale, pre-game luncheons, marches to the field with the band, half-time talks with the other cheerleaders, cases of laryngitis and the Football Banquet. On Turkey Day the girls donned their maroon sweaters and white corduroy skirts, breakfasted with the twirlers, and prepared for their final football game. Despite the mud-soaked field, they cheered their loudest and closed the successful football season.

After Christmas their cry changed. The gym corridor now echoed with "Shoot 'Em, Pass 'Em" as they yelled their way into basketball season. Their pre-game luncheons became pre-game dinners and their uniforms became maroon jumpers and white blouses. However, they still met the other cheerleaders at the half, and their voices became just as hoarse.

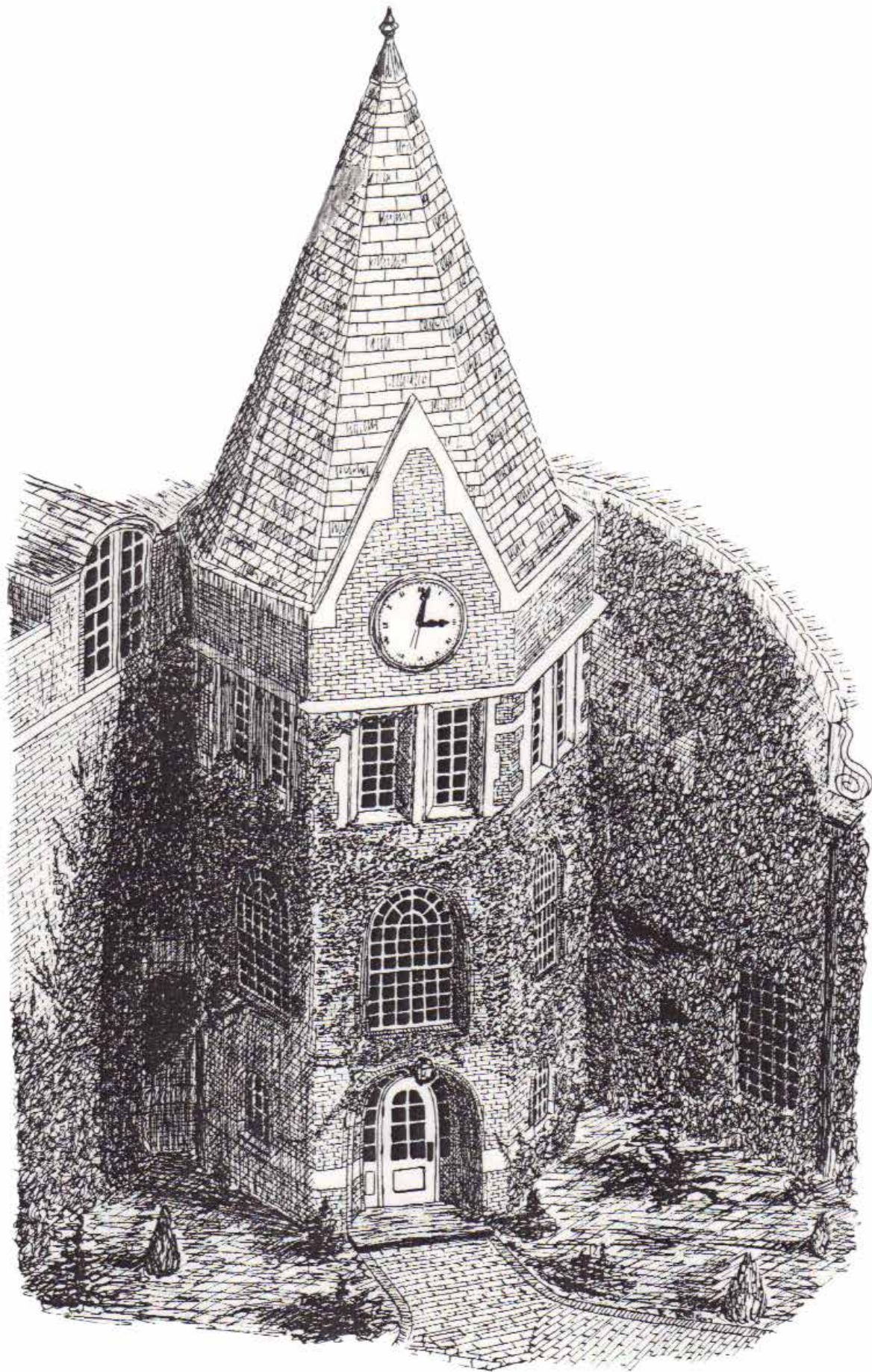
They had their annual Cheerleaders' and Basketball Players' Steak Party and climaxed the season by a trip to the Bergen County Basketball Jamboree. They also entered a cheerleading contest at Ramsey.

These girls will long remember cheerleading at R.H.S., and R.H.S. will long remember them. We may have lost a few games, but they made sure we never lost our spirit.

MARTHA BUCK

Maroon Moments





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A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE

