

RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

• **CLASS OF 2022** •



**INDUCTION DINNER
NOVEMBER 5, 2022**

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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, Co - Chair Ridgewood High School Athletic Hall Of Fame
Jeff Yearing, Co - Chair Ridgewood High School Athletic Hall Of Fame

RHS CHORAL GROUP

"The National Anthem"

"Ridgewood High School Alma Mater"

"Go Get Em Ridgewood" (Traditional Fight Song)

INVITED GUESTS

Dr. Leonard Fitts, Interim 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

Eunae Jo	Girl's Golf	RHS Class Of 2008
Julia Rappa	Girl's Golf	RHS Class Of 2008
Peter McGinley	Hockey	RHS Class Of 2012
Patti Auger	Softball Player/Head Coach	RHS Class Of 1979
Karla Mixon	Girl's Lacrosse Head Coach	2001-2018
Joe Pedone	Basketball	RHS Class Of 1992
Clair Nowakowski	Cross country Track	RHS Class Of 2002
Eric Benedict	Football Lacrosse	RHS Class Of 1991
1983 Girls Softball Team		

CLOSING REMARKS

POST BANQUET SOCIAL GATHERING

9:30 PM – ?



RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL **ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME**

Good Evening to All Attendees of the 2022 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 2022.

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 9th induction class, "The Class of 2022," 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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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



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PAST MEMBERS OF THE RHS ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE

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



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

RHS Class of 1973
Capt. First RHS Girls Track Team
Capt. RHS Field Hockey and Girls Basketball
Ithaca College Field Hockey
Cornell university track and field
Michigan State University Cross Country.



RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL **ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME**

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: BS Phys Ed/ Health 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



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CURRENT HOF COMMITTEE MEMBERS WHO ARE FORMER MAROON STANDOUTS

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



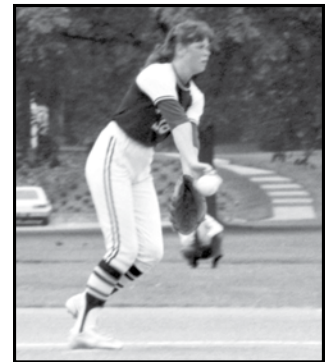
Donna O'Connell Skettini, HOF Facilities Committee

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



Bob Lasky, HOF Researcher

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





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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 bsquared 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. They help to create the special recognition that all of our inductees deserve.

A large tip of the cap to Graham Schreiner of bsquared 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 bsquared 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.



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Jeffrey M. Nyhuis
Principal

November 5, 2022

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 2022 inductees!

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Nyhuis
Principal



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November 5, 2022

2022 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,

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!

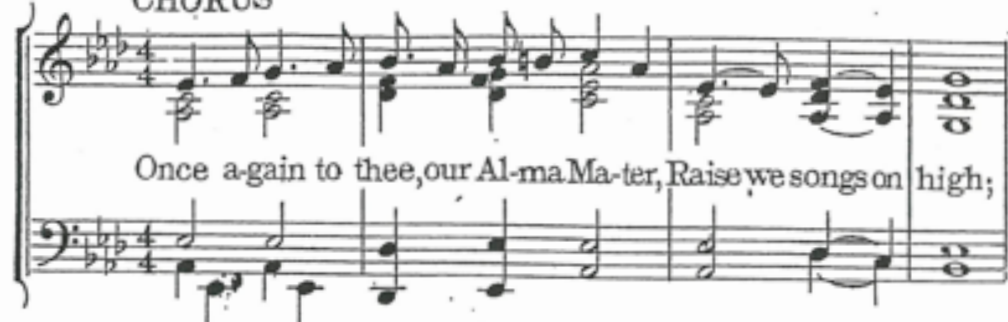
Go get ‘em, Go get ‘em NOW....

Ridgewood High School Alma Mater

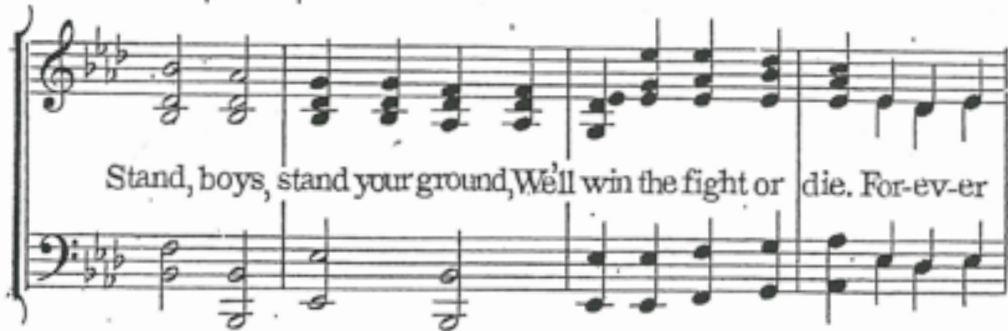
Words and Music
By Percy C. Fisher '14

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



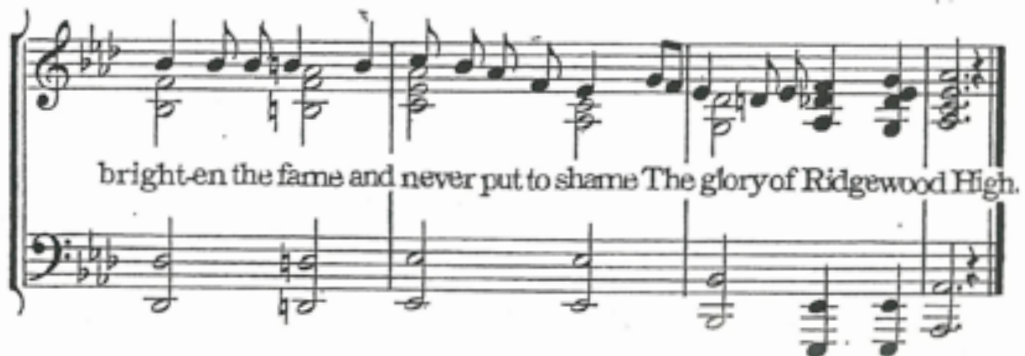
Once a-gain to thee, our Al-ma Ma-ter, Raise we songs on high;



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.

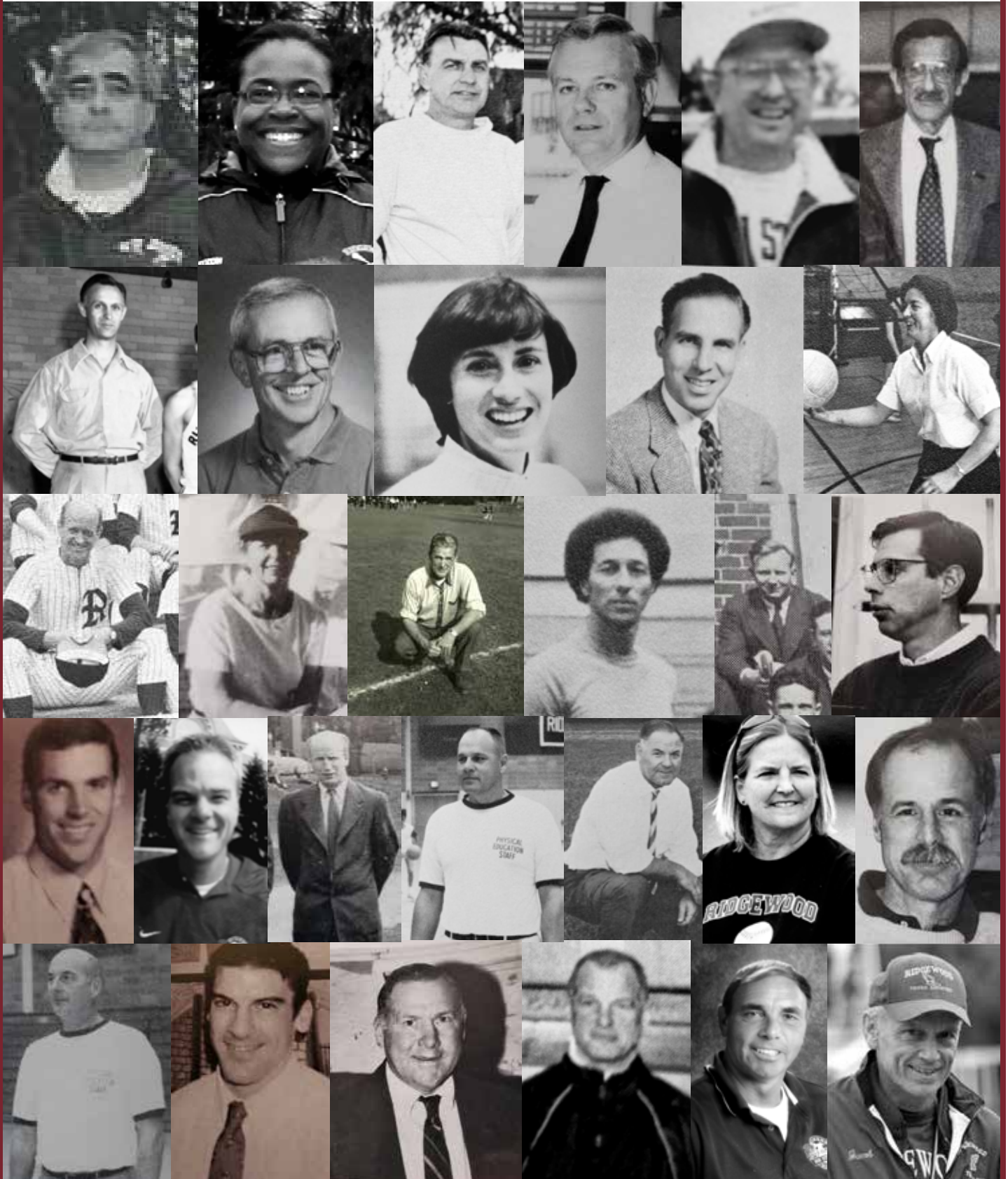
Note: In the original 1914 lyrics presented here, the school colors are referred to as Red and White. Research indicates that throughout early literature in reference to the school colors, the color red is interchanged with the color maroon on a regular basis. Earliest reference to Maroon and White as 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

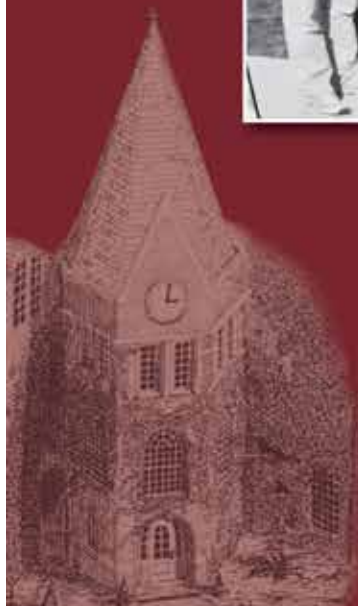
The Ridgewood High School Coaches Award of Merit recognizes varsity head coaches and athletic administrators who have provided outstanding leadership to the athletic program at Ridgewood High School. Head coaches must be retired with 10 or more years of service to their sport. Athletic administrators 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 Yearling	Girls Soccer	1987-2017
Patti Auger	Girls Softball	2007- 2021
Karla Mixon	Girls Lacrosse	2001- 2018

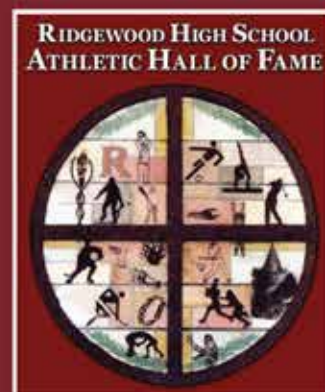
RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL COACHES AWARD OF MERIT



EUNAE JO GIRLS GOLF



**CLASS OF 2008
INDUCTED 2022**



EUNAE JO

CLASS OF 2008

GIRLS GOLF

According to retired girls golf head coach Dave Vanderbush, "Eunae Jo is the best female golfer ever to play at Ridgewood High School.

Eunae Jo began playing golf at the age of five. Her father was a teaching pro and he served as her coach all throughout her golf career. Not only did her father coach her in the mechanics and tactics of the game, he always continued to motivate her. Eunae will tell you it was her father that always encouraged her to "work hard and dream big."

Going through the many layers of development and competition as a teenager, Eunae eventually came onto the golf scene at Ridgewood High School. Eunae recounts how she always considered golf a lonely sport spending many hours on the range and golf course, alone, perfecting her game.

However, when she joined the golf team at RHS, she quickly learned how special it was to be a part of a team working towards a single goal together. Eunae remembers how playing rounds without her teammates, but knowing everyone was working to achieve one goal, was motivating and comforting. Eunae recalls "it was such an exciting time for us, especially as Julia (Rappa), our other teammates and I started to look forward to team practices, matches and tournaments". She goes on to say she will always remember "the special bond we had as teammates."

Bond they did and brought RHS girls golf right to the top of the list of girls golf programs in the state. The NJSIAA recognized girls' golf as an individual sport from boys golf in 2004. In 2005 Dave Vanderbush organized the first girls' golf team at Ridgewood. There was no league and the girls played an independent schedule. There was a state tournament that year for girls' golf sponsored by the NJSIAA. Golfers had to shoot forty-five or better over nine holes during the state qualifier to qualify to play in the state tournament. Eunae and her teammate Julia both qualified. Not only did they qualify, but they won the tournament with freshman Eunae Jo shooting an 89 and freshman Julia Rappa shooting a 90 for a 15-stroke victory over JP Stevens.

The pair of Jo and Rappa would qualify for the tournament again for the next three years 2006, 2007 and 2008 winning the state championship in 2006 by one stroke in a one-hole playoff with Red Bank Catholic and then again in 2008 with a two stroke victory over Haddonfield. It was sweet revenge as Haddonfield had defeated Ridgewood by 3 strokes for the championship in 2007.

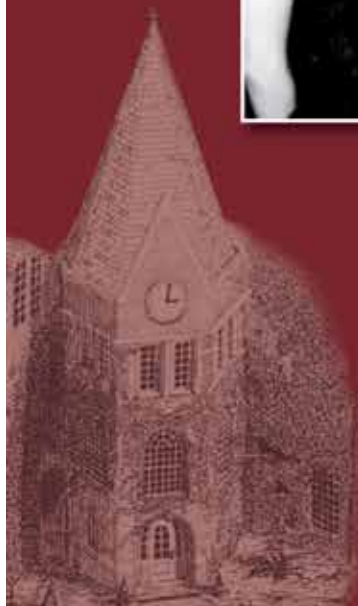
Eunae was named to many individual honors including first team all state twice and went on to play golf for four years at Georgetown University. During her time at Georgetown Eunae was named team captain for both her junior and senior years. She qualified and played in every tournament for her collegiate team over her entire four years as a Hoya.

The learning experience and opportunities presented to her by her devotion to the game ring true her father's words from many years before, "work hard and dream big" That she did and it has paid off competitively as well in life lessons learned with many valuable relationships made.

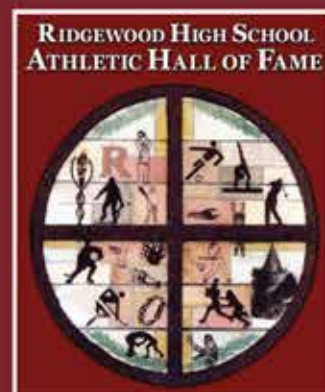
Eunae Jo welcome to the Ridgewood High School Athletic Hall Of Fame.

JULIA RAPPA

GIRLS GOLF



CLASS OF 2008
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JULIA RAPPA

CLASS OF 2008

GIRLS GOLF

Julia Rappa was introduced to golf through her Dad. As a young child, Julia was introduced to many sports, but golf was the one that Julia says "she picked up on quickly." As Julia got older she began taking lessons and competing in the Pioneer Junior Golf Tour which was a Bergen County based program for young people getting into golf.

According to Julia it was a great place to meet other kids that played golf and a good place to sharpen her skills. Julia also competed in many junior tours such as the NJSGA, IJGT and AJGA tournaments that gave her a great deal of exposure to competitive golf.

Having played golf since she was about ten years of age, Julia was very excited about the opportunity to join the Ridgewood High School golf team as a freshman. Initially joining the boys' team, Julia said playing competitive golf against the boys was a great experience that sharpened her competitive drive and proved to her how strong her game had become and how strong it could be. As Dave Vanderbush built the girls golf program from that beginning, Julia and her teammate Eunae Jo were excited to support the new girls joining the team as they built on their skills. From that point on Julia would be an integral part of putting Ridgewood girls' golf on to the top of the list for all of the girls' golf programs in New Jersey.

The NJSIAA recognized girls' golf as an individual sport from boys' golf in 2004. In 2005 Dave Vanderbush organized the first girls' golf team at Ridgewood. There was no league and the girls played an independent schedule. There was a state tournament that year for girls' golf sponsored by the NJSIAA. Golfers had to shoot forty-five or better over nine holes during the state qualifier to qualify to play in the state tournament. Julia and her teammate Eunae Jo both qualified. Not only did they qualify, but they won the tournament with freshman Julia Rappa shooting a 90 and freshman Eunae Jo shooting an 89 for a 15-stroke victory over JP Stevens.

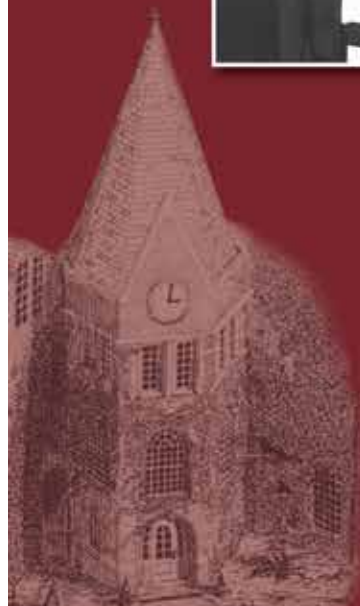
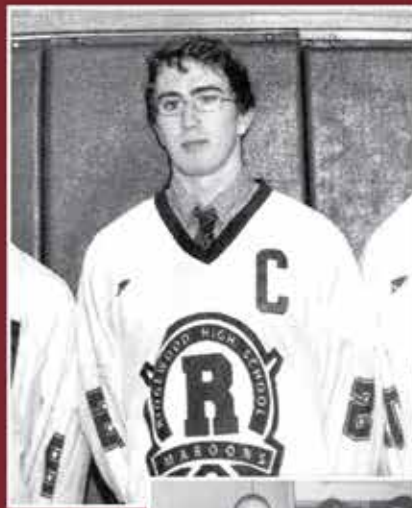
The pair of Rappa and Jo would qualify for the tournament again for the next three years 2006, 2007 and 2008. Ridgewood would win the state championship in 2006 by one stroke in a one-hole playoff with Red Bank Catholic with Rappa making a par 4 on the playoff hole. The pair would win again in 2008 with a two-stroke victory over Haddonfield. It was sweet revenge as Haddonfield had defeated Ridgewood by 3 strokes for the championship in 2007.

Winning many individual honors through her interscholastic days, Julia went on to play golf for four years at Long Island University Brooklyn. Julia states that golf was a big part of her decision to go to LIU. She wanted an education in New York City and her ability in golf afforded her the opportunity to do so. Julia recounts the incredible teammates she had from different parts of the world. She was the only American on the team. Julia states "when you are competing and traveling for tournaments each weekend, your teammates become family. It was an incredible experience to study in NYC during the week and play on beautiful golf courses all along the East coast during the weekends.

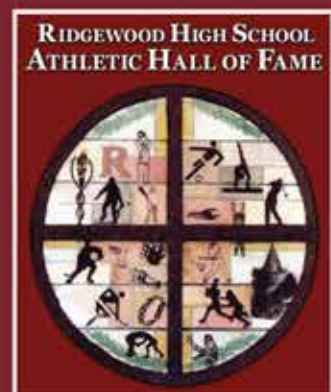
Julia placed in many tournaments during her collegiate career at LIU, but her high school coach Dave Vanderbush summed it up by saying "Julia was an excellent, steady golfer who always played team golf". Julia Rappa, welcome to the Ridgewood High School Athletic Hall Of fame.

PETER MCGINLEY

ICE HOCKEY



CLASS OF 2012
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PETER MCGINLEY

CLASS OF 2012

ICE HOCKEY

The Ridgewood High School Athletic Hall Of Fame proudly welcomes Peter McGinley to the 2022 induction class for his accomplishments in boy's ice hockey. He is the first inductee for this sport at RHS. Peter a class of 2012 graduate was a standout for the two times Gold Cup champion Maroons. During this period, the team enjoyed a remarkable 40-10-5 record. Upon his departure from the program, Peter left behind numerous season and career records. For his career Peter played a total of 102 games recording 79 goals and 78 assists for a total of 157 points averaging 1.54 points a game. His 79 career goals and 157 career points stand today as program records, and his 78 career assists are second. The single standout season for the center skater was his senior campaign, where he totaled 39 goals, and 72 points, season highs that still rank first today. These statistics support the recognition of Peter's unselfish play. At 5' 8" and 160 lbs. Peter made up for size with knowledge, skill and love of the game.

Like all great players, Peter had the gift of seeing plays develop before they would happen. Adept at both finishing and feeding his teammates his ice presence and vision were incredible. His knowledge of where to be on the ice without the puck led to his uncanny ability to get lost enabling him to get free of opponents defenses to effectively add to the Maroons offensive capabilities. His versatile and tenacious play led to his selection to numerous all league and county recognitions. In 2012 Peter was named "The Records" North Jersey player of the year.

Peter was just one of 400 players that took part in the famous Boston Showcase Hockey Night in Haverhill, Massachusetts. It has been a showcase for many players who go on to professional careers in the sport. Hockey players from over 20 US states and many Canadian provinces were selected to participate. Peter was selected to play for the Mid-Atlantic squad based on his stellar performance for the North Jersey Avalanche team where he scored 25 goals and 23 assists. After another successful season with Ridgewood High School, Peter went on to continue his education and hockey career postgraduate at Avon Old Farm Prep School.

At Avon, Peter was led by legendary coach John Gardner. Coach Gardner commented on how difficult it is to play as a 5th year walk on player. Peter earned his stripes starting out as a third line player. He began to earn the coaches trust with each shift he skated. As he learned and became confident employing Coach Gardner's system, he began logging many minuets as a penalty killer. His discipline and positioning were highly valued and other players on the team thrived off of his work ethic. Peter quickly became an integral part of the team, helping to lead Old Avon to a winning season of 16-9-4 while tallying 5 goals and 5 assists.

Peter continued his education and hockey career at Providence College where his team competed in the American College Hockey Association Division 2 (ACHA II). At Providence Peter competed in 75 total games at center while tallying 17 goals and 26 assists in his four years of collegiate competition. He captained the team for three seasons 2014 through 2017.

In 2020 Peter came back to Ridgewood High School, to take a position on the Maroons ice hockey coaching staff.

PATTI AUGER

SOFTBALL

RHS PLAYER AND HEAD COACH
1977-1979 2007-2021



2010 COACH OF THE YEAR

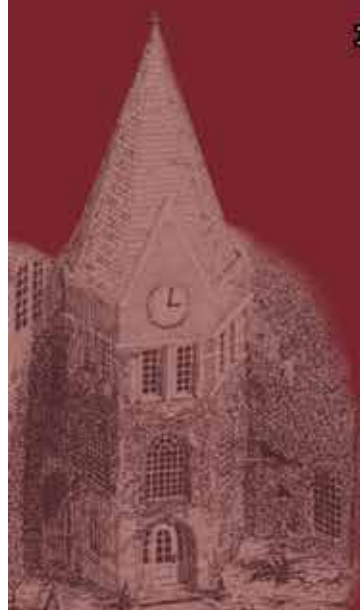
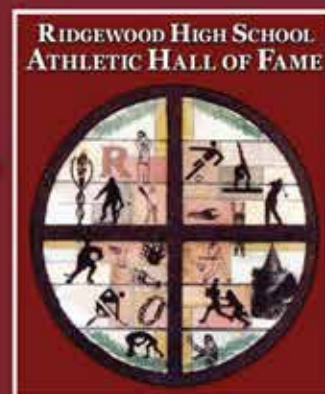
**1977-79 ALL LEAGUE, COUNTY, STATE
RHS SOFTBALL PLAYER**

1978-1979 RHS TEAM CAPTAIN

**1980-83 4-YEAR STARTER
EAST STROUDSBURG UNIV.**

**TEAM MVP, TEAM CO-CAPTAIN,
ALL CONFERENCE**

**CLASS OF 1979
INDUCTED 2022**



PATTI AUGER
RHS PLAYER 1977-1979 • HEAD COACH 2007-2021
SOFTBALL

The Ridgewood High School Athletic Hall of Fame proudly welcomes Patti Auger as a class of 2022 inductee for her dual accomplishments in the sport of Softball at RHS both as a player and a coach – a first for the Hall of Fame. Patti was a multi-sport athlete, competing in Tennis and Bowling, but it was on the Softball field where she stood out. The 1979 graduate was a 3 year starting outfielder for fellow HOF inductee coach Debbie Paul and in her senior year, captaining the team, led the Maroons to garner the New Jersey state championship. In her senior year, Patti was named first team all league, first team all Bergen County and second team all state. These accolades followed on her junior year recognition of first team all league and second team all county. After her high school career, Patti continued her softball career at East Stroudsburg as starting centerfielder all four college years, and being named team captain her junior and senior seasons. Patti continued play after her college career, participating on numerous teams competing at a national level. Notably were her affiliation with the Montclair 81's and the Bergen Blue Jays, both of which won national titles.

Several years after college graduation, Patti joined Coach Debbie Paul's staff as an assistant coach in 1988. In 2007, Patti succeeded the legendary Coach Paul, and led the Maroons to a career W/L record over 15 seasons of 246 – 101, a 71% winning record. Patti summarizes her 33 year softball coaching association with the Maroons best in her own words – “Mainly to help carry on the amazing tradition that Debbie Paul had created. I can't begin to express the amount of life lessons that I learned from Debbie in high school and as her assistant. I loved working with so many amazing female athletes and perhaps having a positive influence on some of their lives. Nothing made me prouder than watching these athletes develop into confident and successful women on and off the field”

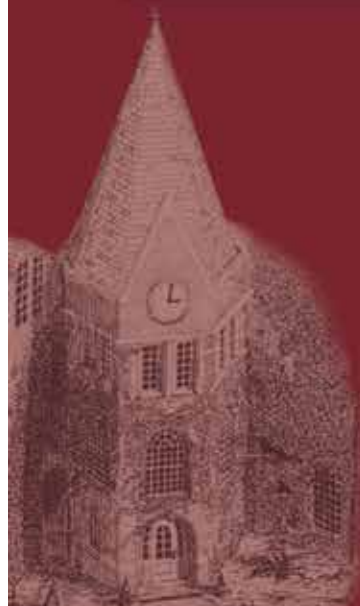
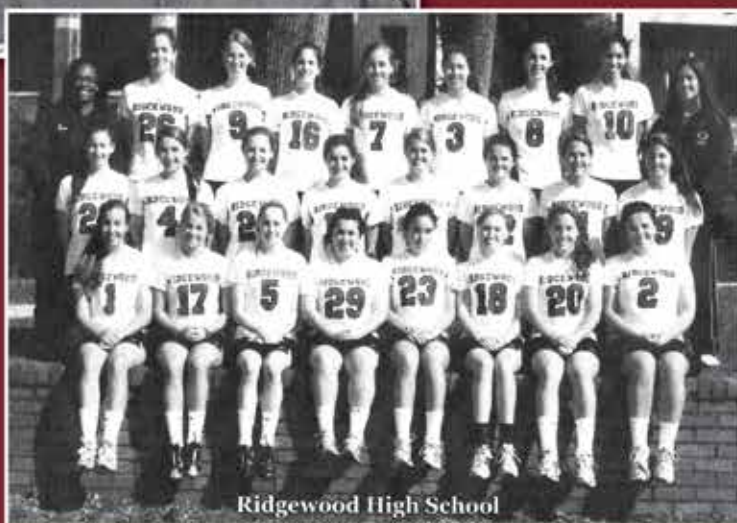
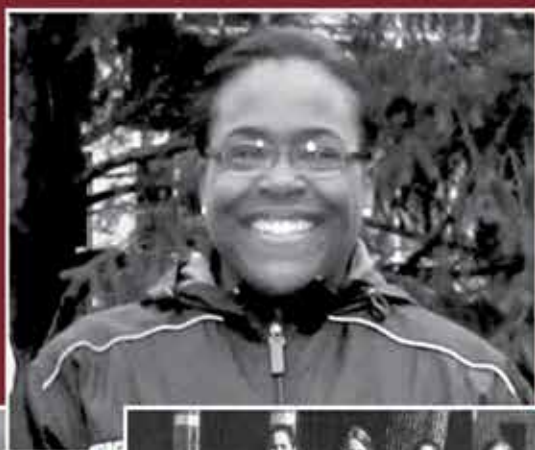
Congratulations and welcome to Patti Auger as a member of the Ridgewood High School Athletic Hall Of Fame Class of 2022.



KARLA MIXON

GIRLS LACROSSE HEAD COACH

2001 - 2018



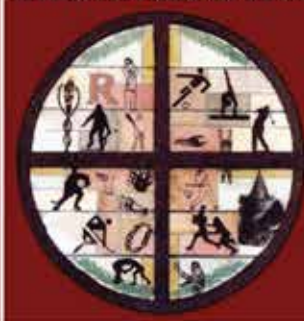
**2011 NJ STAR LEDGER
COACH OF THE YEAR**

CAREER RECORD 337- 59

**6 NJ STATE GROUP 4
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

INDUCTED 2022

**RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME**



KARLA MIXON
2001-2018
GIRLS LACROSSE HEAD COACH

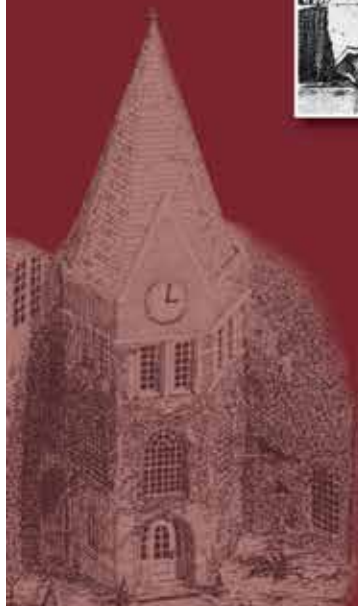
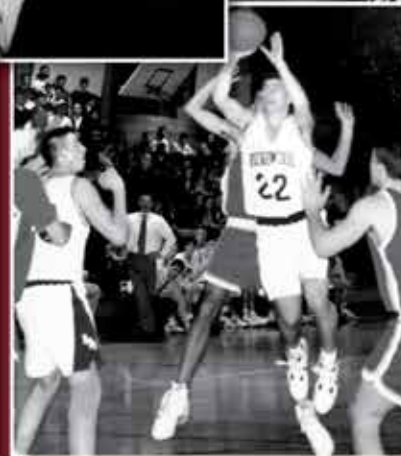
The Ridgewood High School Athletic Hall of Fame proudly inducts Karla Mixon into the 2022 Class for her accomplishments as Head Coach for the Ridgewood High School Girls Lacrosse program. At the helm of the program from 2001 to 2018, an eighteen season run, Karla lifted the program to a nationally ranked elite status, with perennial national rankings in the top 20. Her career won – loss record stands at 337 – 59, for a winning percentage of 85.1%, the winningest program in RHS history. Under Karla's leadership, RHS Girls Lacrosse, in its history, has never lost to a Bergen County opponent, and garnered 14 consecutive Bergen County Girls Lacrosse Tournament championships. At the New Jersey State level, Karla's teams amassed 6 Group 4 championship titles and two Tournament of Champions banners – consecutively in 2010 and 2011. She was feted as Bergen County Coach of the Year and NJSIAA Coach of the Year in 2010, and for the success of her 2011 team, she was honored by the New Jersey Star Ledger as the New Jersey Girls Lacrosse Coach of the Year, and the 2011 team honored by the Star Ledger as Team of the Year. Additionally, in 2010, the Bergen Record named the Ridgewood Girls Lacrosse program as Team of the Decade, and Karla as Coach of the Decade.

Karla developed many female scholar athletes during her tenure who would achieve success at the collegiate level at nationally prominent programs – Duke, Johns Hopkins, Notre Dame, UVA, JMU, USC, Elon, Lehigh, Boston College, numerous Ivy League schools, to name a few. Karla was a fearless promotor of the RGL program, and supportive of Ridgewood Lacrosse Association's youth program, which was the feeder system to the High School level.

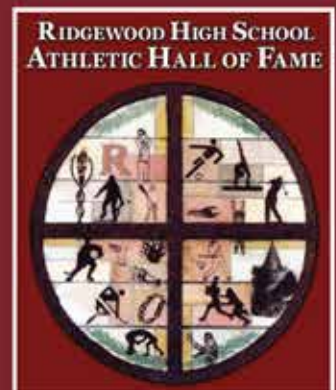
Upon her retirement, in looking back at her coaching success, Karla's balanced approach to coaching is summed up in this quote – "Extremely dedicated, athletic, hardworking, they work outside of the sport, and they have to work hard in the classroom too. I think, you know, though, that it mostly comes from their internal drive, but I think they push themselves, and I think their parents also want them to do well, and help them become better people. Everyone that's in your life, your family, your teachers, and your coaches all push you to be the best you can be."



JOE PEDONE BASKETBALL



**CLASS OF 1992
INDUCTED 2022**



JOE PEDONE

CLASS OF 1992

BASKETBALL

When Joe Pedone finished his high school basketball career in 1992 his coach, Jim Stoker, was quoted at the year end team banquet as saying, "if there is ever a Ridgewood High School Hall of Fame, Joe Pedone will be in it." It has taken some time for that statement to come true but with his inclusion in the Class of 2022, Joe Pedone is now a member for the Ridgewood High School Athletic Hall of Fame where he joins other Ridgewood High School Basketball greats; Pete Campbell, Doug Cook, Tom Hopper, Tim Mullen, and Jim Dee. Joe was a two year varsity starter and a four year player for the Maroons. A slick, ball handling guard, he could get to the rim and score but he was most feared as a deadly accurate outside shooter.

In 1990-91, his junior year, Pedone averaged 15.1 points per game while shooting 54% from the field, 35% from the 3-point arch, and 84% from the foul line. As a result of those marks Joe was awarded 1st Team All-NNJIL, 1st Team All-Suburban, and 3rd Team All-Bergen County. As noteworthy as that season was it only set the stage for his senior year where he really put himself on the North Jersey Basketball map. The 1991-92 basketball season saw Pedone put himself not just among the elite of all-time Ridgewood High School basketball players but on the list of outstanding players in Bergen County and North Jersey history. He averaged 24.5 points a game, second in the county by .4 points a game. He shot 39% from three point range, 78% from the foul stripe, and 49% from the field against defenses designed and focused on stopping him. Joe finished his career with 973 points a number that would have exceeded 1,000 if not for three games lost late in the season to an ankle injury.

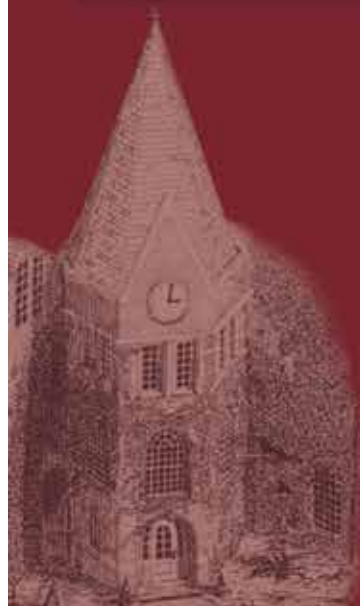
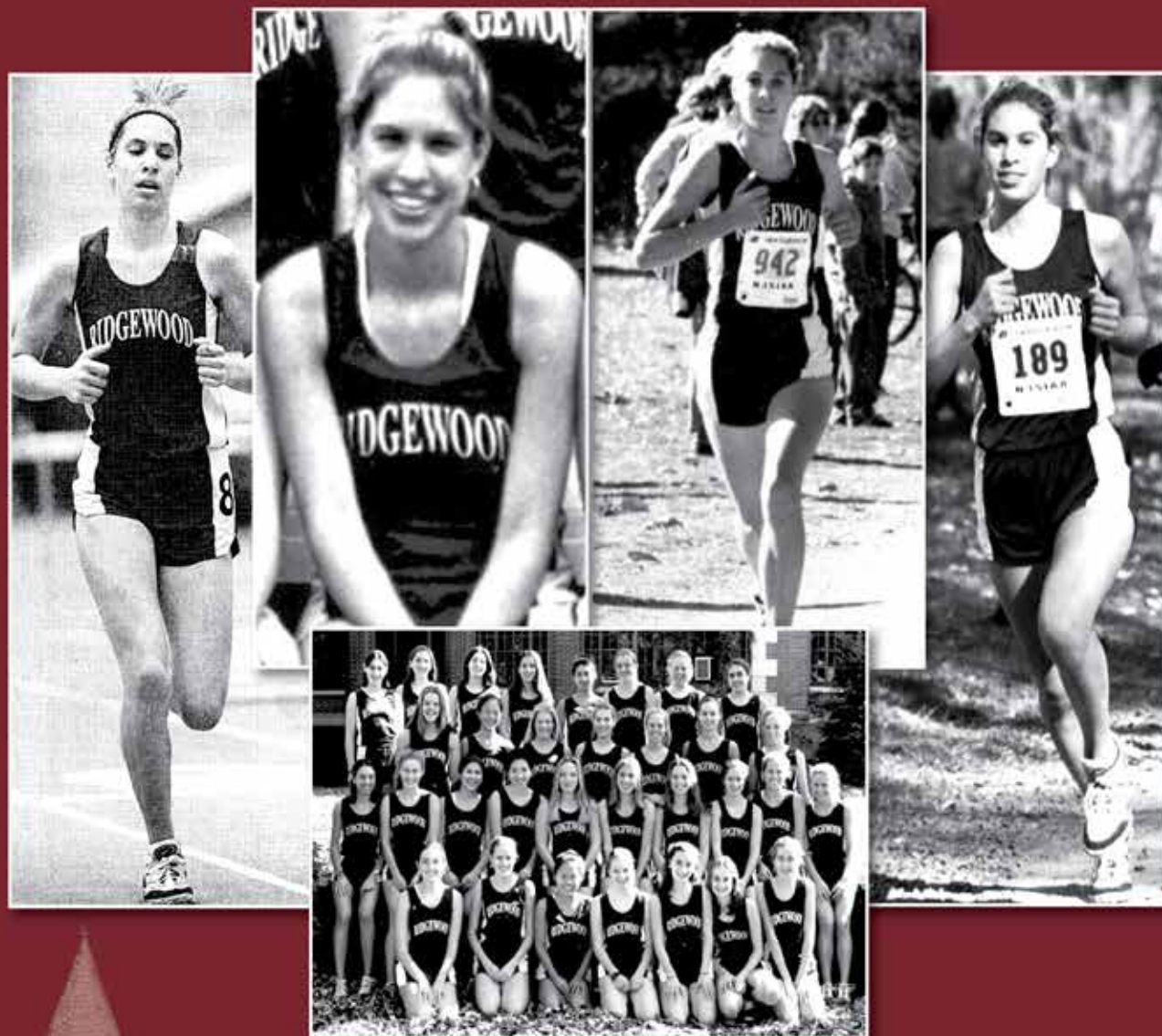
Career highlights included nine 30+ point games, 17 games of 20 points or more, 78 total points (38 & 40 respectively) against New Jersey state power Eastside High School, and an 18 win season for the 91-92 Maroons in the always tough NNJIL where every game was a challenge. As much as the focus on Pedone was his offensive skills and scoring prowess, Coach Stroker lauded him for his hard work in becoming an outstanding defensive player. All that know Coach Stroker know he is a "team first" guy and he speaks very highly of Joe's work ethic, his quiet leadership, and steady team play. There were many coaches who felt Joe was the best player in Bergen County his senior year.

As a result of his great play his senior year Pedone was voted 1st Team All-NNJIL, 1st Team All-Suburban, 1st Team-All Bergen County, chosen for the Bergen/Passaic All Star Game, and recognized nationally when nominated for the 1992 McDonald's All American High School Basketball Team. He accepted a full four year basketball scholarship to Stonehill College in Massachusetts where he had an outstanding career leading the Chieftains to the Northeast 10 Conference semi-finals his sophomore year. He earned numerous Northeast 10 weekly honor roll acknowledgments before missing his senior season due to a fractured femur.

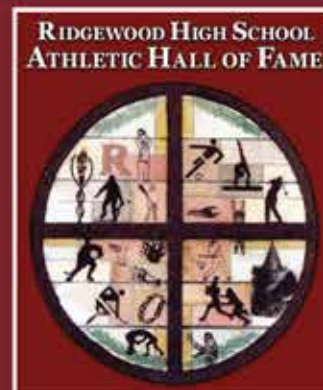
Ridgewood High School is steeped in tradition of outstanding athletic teams, coaches, and athletes. With records of accomplishments in a wide variety of sports going back decades there are a thousands of athletes who have worn the Maroon and White and excelled during their high school and some later in their collegiate careers. Only the best are recognized with induction in the Hall of Fame. Joe Pedone is truly one of the best and now joins the Ridgewood High School Athletic Hall of Fame in recognition of his outstanding accomplishments in the sport of basketball.

CLAIR NOWAKOWSKI

CROSS COUNTRY AND TRACK



CLASS OF 2002
INDUCTED 2022



CLAIR NOWAKOWSKI

CLASS OF 2002

CROSS COUNTRY AND TRACK

Clair Nowakowski had played soccer in the Ridgewood youth leagues, but her family was on vacation during 9th grade soccer tryouts, so she showed up and started running with the cross-country team which had no tryouts. She trained easily up to the first meet making no impression on teammates, coaches, or herself. Then came the first race at Garret Mountain. She won easily and a star was born.

Clair has a positive and upbeat demeanor and she brought this to her life at Ridgewood High School. A hard worker, she brought her best every day to her classmates, teachers, and teammates. She is one of those people that make the "Tradition of Excellence" sign on the Ridgewood High School wall have meaning.

Clair's statistics are remarkable. At Ridgewood she ran three sports: Cross Country, Winter Track and Spring Track, earning 12 varsity letters. In Cross Country she was 1st team all Bergen 3 times and won the Bergen individual championship as a senior. Statewide she was state group 4 champion and named 1st team all-state as a senior. In her sophomore year she led the Ridgewood team to the New Jersey State Championship. During Clair's 4-year career the Ridgewood cross country team never lost a meet in northern New Jersey. In winter track Clair won All Bergen Country honors in the distance events and was an integral part of one of the best winter programs in the county. In spring track, her range from the 400 to the 3200 enabled her to lead the team to numerous championships. She frequently won 3 events at the league and country level. She was even on the Bergen championship 4x400 team! She ended her Bergen career with 9 straight all country selections from sophomore to senior year. In both her junior and senior year she competed in the National Scholastic Outdoor Championship in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Her 1600-meter personal record of 5:04.28 is still on the Ridgewood All-time list.

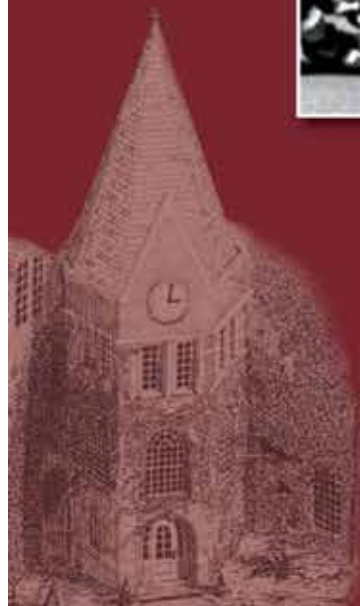
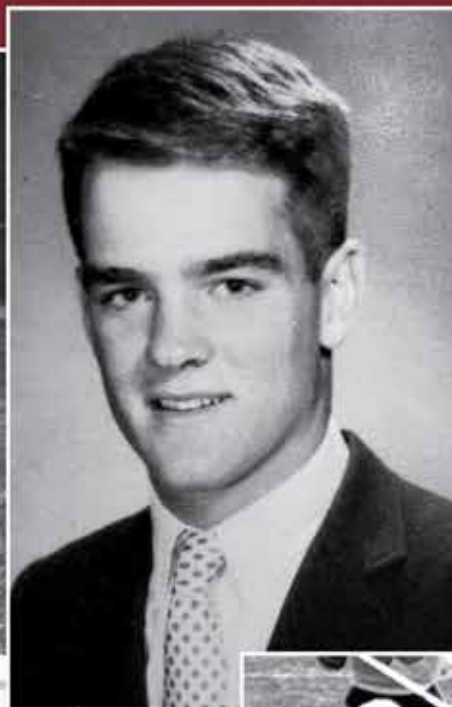
At the University of Georgia Clair continued to improve her running. She was an important part of improving the Georgia cross country program and ran in the NCAA regional championship several times. In Track she continued her distance running exploits adding the steeple chase to her repertoire. Her pinnacle moment at Georgia was scoring in the SEC championship steeplechase and standing on the podium with other great college runners.

After college Clair remained in the Atlanta area working a career in human resources. She met the love of her life, Chris Looney, married and had their child, Maddie, (the cutest child ever). She still runs most days and would do just fine on the Ridgewood team today! Clair has always exhibited an innocent enthusiasm for life in whatever she is doing. The qualities that made her a great teammate at Ridgewood High School now inform her life as a career professional, wife, and mother.

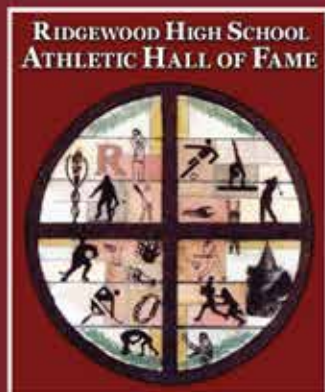
The Ridgewood High School Athletic Hall of Fame is proud to have her as a member!

ERIC BENEDICT

FOOTBALL AND LACROSSE



CLASS OF 1991
INDUCTED 2022



ERIC BENEDICT

CLASS OF 1991

FOOTBALL AND LACROSSE

Ridgewood High School has a long and storied past in athletics, fielding teams as far back as the early 1900's. The sport of lacrosse does not go back that far at Ridgewood but since its inception in 1985 Ridgewood Lacrosse, both boys and girls, quickly became recognized on the local, state, and national levels as a premier program. The boy's program had a combined record of 20-34 in its first four years of competition. In 1989 the tide turned. Ridgewood finished 16-1, undefeated in the regular season and then went 16-1 and 19-0 in 1990 and 1991 respectively. It is no coincidence that those three seasons correspond with Eric Benedict's time competing for the Maroons.

Eric was a 4-year letter winner for Ridgewood in lacrosse and part of the "Streak of 44" teams which established the Tradition of Excellence for Ridgewood Lacrosse and were inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2014. He was selected 2nd Team All-Gibbs Conference in 1989, and 1st Team in 1990 and 1991. He was 1st Team All-State in 1990, an All-American and was awarded the Governor's Cup as the Outstanding Athlete in lacrosse at the Garden State games. In 1991 Eric was again 1st Team All-State, All-American, the NJ Co-Player of the Year and finished his high school career playing in the United States National All-Star game.

At the completion of his Ridgewood HS lacrosse career Eric ranked #3 in career goals, #3 in career assists and #3 in total career points. His 1990 19-0 team remains the best record in school history and the 1991 team set the school record for fewest points allowed in a season (51) and fewest goals per game given up, 2.68. The 1990 team gave up 53, and 3.12 respectively to take second in both categories.

Eric also played football at Ridgewood, and he played it very well. As a Senior Captain he rushed for 605 yards on 103 carries and had 10 catches for 115 yards. On the defensive side of the ball, he roamed the secondary where he was the team's third leading tackler and punted compiling a 33 yards per kick average. At the end of the season, he earned 1st Team All NNJIL as a running back and All-Suburban as the Most Versatile Player. To cap off his HS football career, Eric was honored with the coveted Stroker Award given to a Ridgewood HS senior football player who distinguished himself at RHS and participated in a meaningful way in the Ridgewood Junior Football Association.

Upon graduation from RHS, Benedict moved on to Brown University to play Division I lacrosse. He was elected Captain his senior year despite missing much of his junior year with an injury. His senior year Brown finished as Ivy League Champions with a 5-1 league record and was awarded the #7 seed in the NCAA tournament where they lost to #2 Virginia in the quarterfinals. Eric finished the season with 5 goals, 10 assists in 16 games while also taking 80% of Brown's face-offs and winning 60% of them. In his career at Brown, he played in 45 games, scored 10 goals, with 11 assists and garnered two Ivy League Championships.

As a member of the 2022 Ridgewood High School Athletic Hall of Fame, Eric Benedict joins a long line of successful student athletes who not only excelled in their chosen sports at RHS but continued to compete and have success at the college level. His success on the lacrosse field was instrumental in laying the foundation for what has become one of Ridgewood's premier sports programs. Events like "Lax Day," and continued success in league, county, and state competitions can be traced directly back to Eric and his teammates success in the late 80's and he now takes his place amongst the "Best of the Best" at RHS.

1983 SOFTBALL TEAM



FRONT ROW: L TO R

DEBBIE O'CONNELL, DEBBIE SPELL, ANN STAPLETON, ELLEN SCHNEIDENBACH

MIDDLE ROW: L TO R

DIANNE BEARD, HEATHER HALM, CLAIRE FORESTER, TERI HOWARD

BACK ROW: L TO R

CATHY VICKERY, KAREN RANNALA, KATHY MELVIN, LIZ GETTNER, DONNA O'CONNELL

BELOW:

TEAM WITH HEAD COACH DEBBIE PAUL & ASST.COACH DICK BENNETT



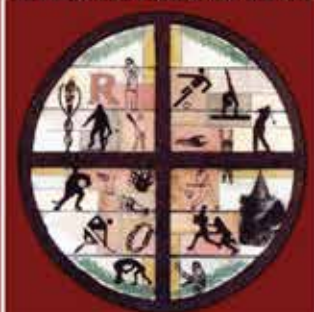
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STAR LEDGER # 1 TEAM IN NEW JERSEY

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ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME**



1983 SOFTBALL TEAM

UNDEFEATED 29-0

NNJIL, BERGEN COUNTY, STATE GROUP 4 CHAMPIONS

STAR LEDGER #1 TEAM IN NEW JERSEY

After the first game of the 1983 season, a victory, the Ridgewood players filed back to the dugout and said "only twenty eight more to go" according to Kim Norris in her article about Ridgewood High Schools incredible 1983 softball season. "It seemed too unrealistic at the time to think about going undefeated" recalled head coach Debbie Paul. But the reality was that when the 1983 season came to a close Ridgewood did in fact go undefeated making them the only public high school to do so that year with a record of 29 victories, no loses and no ties, with the championship of the Northern New Jersey Interscholastic League's Bergen Division, the Bergen County championship with a hard fought 1-0 victory in eleven innings versus a very strong Ramsey team (25-3 Ranked # 6 in the state) and the New Jersey Group 4 State Championship. The team received the #1 ranking by the Star Ledger as the best team in New Jersey after a 7-0 RHS victory over Cherry Hill West behind the pitching of junior Donna O'Connell's 2 hitter. According to Norris in her article about the team "Anyone fortunate enough to have seen Ridgewood in action could readily understand the reasons for their success." Thoroughly coached in the basics of the game, the Ridgewood players displayed a discipline and knowledge of the game rarely seen at the high school level. As Norris recounts 'each player was well versed in the A, B, C's of softball." Coach Debbie Paul also pointed out the contribution the teams skill in base running played during the season. Coach Paul considered that phase of the game "crucial "in order to have success in the high school game. She went on to explain "In high school a lot of runners reach on errors and walks and base running becomes particularly important. If you run the bases intelligently, hitting is not that important". Running the bases well offensively was an important part of the Maroons game as well as all of the other parts of the game on the defensive side of the diamond. On the field, the coaching showed as well as the players' capabilities. Routine plays were executed flawlessly throughout the season with the players making the difficult plays look easy. In the county final against Ramsey, the game was on the line as Ramsey was bringing the winning run home on a base hit when Karen Rannala made a great play and throw from the outfield to catcher Debbie O'Connell blocking the plate and tagging the runner out on a close play to end the Rams bid at victory. In the bottom of the 11th inning, Heather Halm led off with a single, stealing second on the first pitch. When the catchers throw went into the outfield, Halm raced home on the error giving RHS a 1-0 victory and the county tournament title. Part of the reason for this kind of play was described by the teams' assistant coach Dick Bennett."There was no weakness in the lineup. All the players were contributors with the key being the consistency of their performance. If one player was having an off day, others would come through to pick up the slack." As Debbie O'Connell recounts, "Most of our starters played together in competitive tournaments for many years. We traveled together, had fun together and were friends". She goes on to explain "We all had determination and focus on playing our best and winning. We believed in ourselves and each other. Everyone worked hard and always gave their best effort every day". Much of the motivation for the team's success can be traced back to the leadership of their coach Debbie Paul. O'Connell states "There was an expectation of excellence, without the pressure of expectation. Coach Paul would push us individually and as a team to excel in terms of the fundamentals, effort, energy, and then cheered us on to execute. If the execution didn't go as planned, we learned and improved." Much of this philosophy can be attributed to Coach Paul's own background athletically. Growing up in Milford, Conn. in a time before Title IX, Coach Paul Played semiprofessional softball for the Raybestos Braketts for five years and went on to Springfield College where she was a member of the intercollegiate field hockey and basketball teams. Bringing her skills to Ridgewood as a teacher at RHS, she formed the first girls' softball team there in 1974. The rest is history as they say. The RHSAHOF committee would like to welcome to the 1983 softball championship team as the newest team to enter the Ridgewood High School Athletic Hall Of Fame.

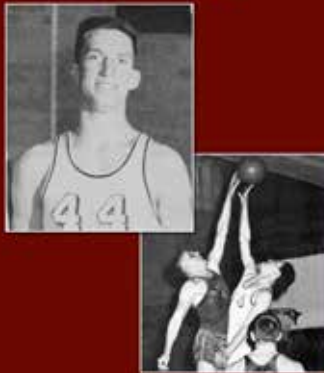
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ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME
• 2004 INDUCTEES •

PAUL ARRIGONI
 BASEBALL • FOOTBALL



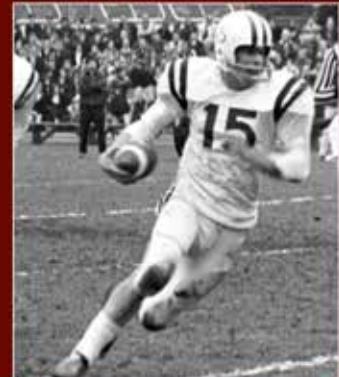
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PETE CAMPBELL
 BASKETBALL



CLASS OF 1957 • INDUCTED 2004

JACK VAN YPEREN
 FOOTBALL • BASKETBALL • BASEBALL



CLASS OF 1968 • INDUCTED 2004

OTIS GRENDLER
 TENNIS COACH



1946-1963 • INDUCTED 2004

GENE LINKS
 FOOTBALL



CLASS OF 1946 • INDUCTED 2004

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

RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

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AIMEE MCGUIRE
BASKETBALL • SOCCER



CLASS OF 1994 • INDUCTED 2004

DOUG COOK
BASKETBALL



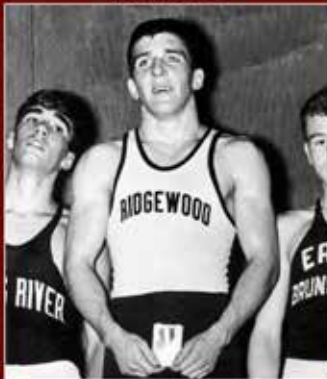
CLASS OF 1966 • INDUCTED 2004

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
ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME
• 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

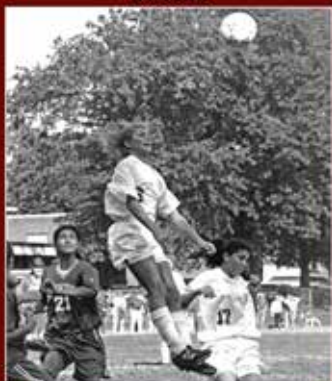
JENNA ROGERS
CROSS COUNTRY



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
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CARIN CONE
SWIMMING



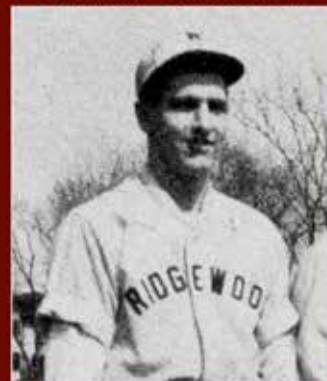
CLASS OF 1958 • INDUCTED 2006

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



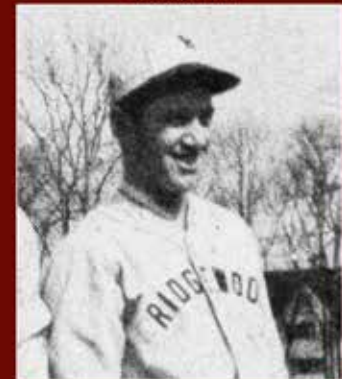
CLASS OF 1941 • INDUCTED 2008

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
 ABILE LOUISE GILBERT • CLASS OF 1924 • SIDE CENTER

REAR ROW L TO R:
 MISS ELIZABETH M. SELLIER • COACH
 FLORENCE SURFLESS • CLASS OF 1923 • FORWARD
 JANET MARSHALL • CLASS OF 1924 • GUARD
 BETTY WELLES • CLASS OF 1924 • SUBSTITUTE

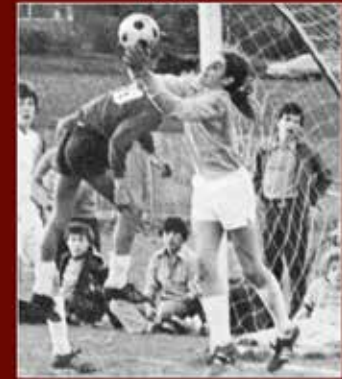
• INDUCTED 2008 •

VINCE ROBERTIELLO
(JAMIE ROBERTS)
SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR



SPORTS WRITER • SPORTS EDITOR
 PATERSON MORNING CALL
 RIDGEWOOD NEWSPAPERS
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INDUCTED 2008

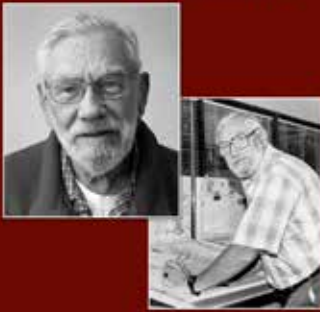
CHRIS DUFLOCQ
SOCCER



CLASS OF 1977 • INDUCTED 2008

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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



CLASS OF 1994 • INDUCTED 2008

TONY NAPIER
GYMNASTICS COACH



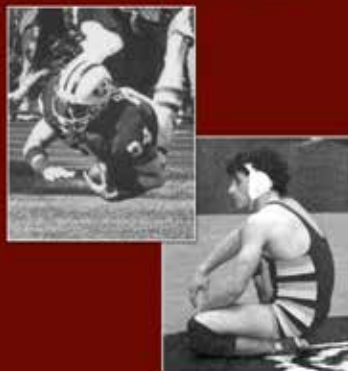
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MARGARET NIEMANN
VOLLEYBALL • BASKETBALL • SOFTBALL



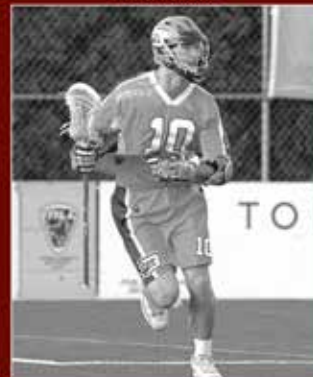
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DAMIAN ROSS
FOOTBALL • WRESTLING



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

RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

• 2010 INDUCTEES •

MICHAEL CULVER
LACROSSE



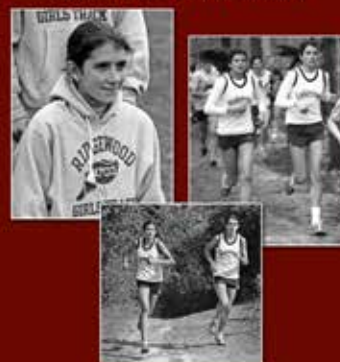
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KEITH O'CONNOR
SOCCER



CLASS OF 1994 • INDUCTED 2010

PATTI MILESKE
CROSS COUNTRY & TRACK



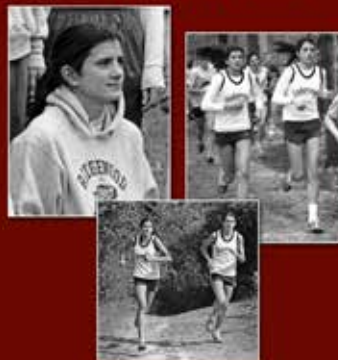
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JOSH KAUCHE
TRACK & FIELD



CLASS OF 2000 • INDUCTED 2010

MARY ELLEN MILESKE
CROSS COUNTRY & TRACK



CLASS OF 1983 • INDUCTED 2010

RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

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



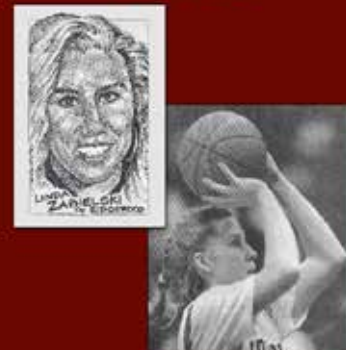
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ROGER SWEENEY
HEAD FOOTBALL COACH



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 & DOTTIE 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



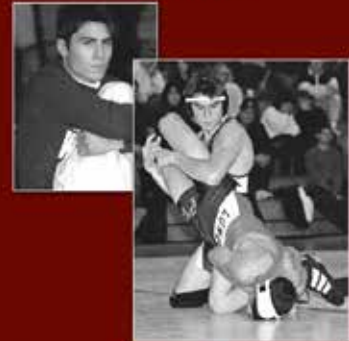
CLASS OF 1971 • INDUCTED 2014

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



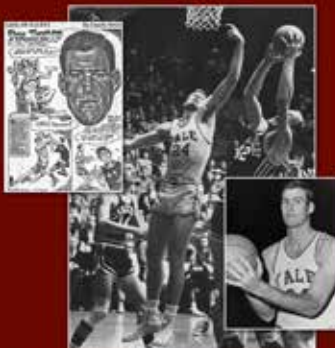
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RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM 1913
"THE RIDGEWOOD INVINCIBLES"



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
USATE 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 1985-1986
ASST. COACH - BOYS VARSITY SOCCER 1975-1984
ASST. COACH - VARSITY BASEBALL 1988-1998
COACH - JUNIOR VARSITY BASEBALL 1980-1982
COACH - FRESHMAN BASEBALL 1975-1979, 2010-2013
ASST. COACH - WRESTLING 1976-1982



NATIONAL LETTER OF COMMENDATION
NATIONAL INTER-STATE COACH ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
NEW JERSEY SCHOLASTIC COACHES ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME 2009
NEW JERSEY GIRLS SOCCER COACHES ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME 2011
CHIEF CAPTAIN BOYS SOCCER AND BASEBALL 1981-1982

CLASS OF 1966 • INDUCTED 2018

RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

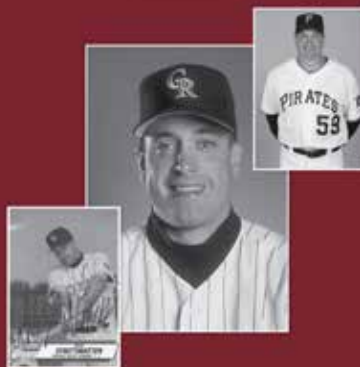
• 2020 INDUCTEES •

CHELSEA STEINBERG
GYMNASTICS



CLASS OF 2007 • INDUCTED 2020

MARK STRITTMATTER
BASEBALL



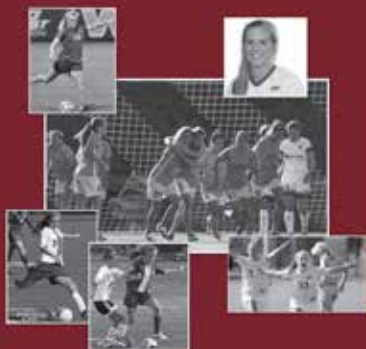
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JIM DEE
GOLF • BASKETBALL



CLASS OF 1972 • INDUCTED 2020

KELLY CONHEENEY
SOCCER



CLASS OF 2009 • INDUCTED 2020


CARLOS PEAY
FOOTBALL • TRACK



CLASS OF 1951 • INDUCTED 2020


RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME • 2020 INDUCTEES •

LOUIS "EDDIE" PEAY
FOOTBALL • BASEBALL



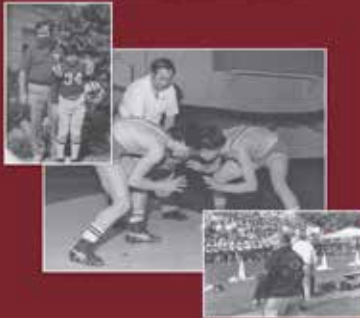
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CHRIS RAE
TRACK



CLASS OF 1987 • INDUCTED 2020

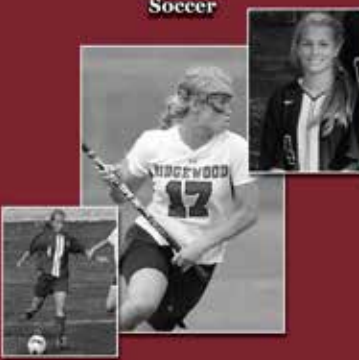
PHIL ROSS SR.
SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR



LONG TIME CONTRIBUTOR TO RIDGEWOOD YOUTH SPORTS
FOUNDER OF RIDGEWOOD JUNIOR WRESTLING PROGRAM
LONG TIME COACH AND PRESIDENT OF RIDGEWOOD JUNIOR FOOTBALL

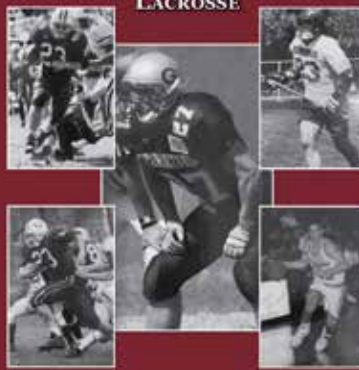
INDUCTED 2020

Sammy Cermack
Lacrosse
Soccer



CLASS OF 2010 • INDUCTED 2020

ANDREW CLARKE
FOOTBALL • BASKETBALL
LACROSSE



CLASS OF 2000 • INDUCTED 2020

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 Yearling, Head Coach Girls Soccer 1987-2017

2020 INDUCTEES

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

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 townspeople 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 Hiller	1924 Everett Wadsworth	1925 George Cantrell
1926 Lucius Howard	1927 Henry Blauvelt	1928 Walter Vandenburg	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 Scuto, 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 Conheeney, 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
2022 John Dunphey, -Lucia Rabolli			

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
ReneeDuflon, 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 Conheeney, 2009, 2020	Sammy Cermack, 2010, 2020	Clair Nowakowski 2002, 2022

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



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 Reggio
Katherine Harrison Hattie Hussey (Manager)
Helen Nuhlman (Captain)



BASEBALL TEAM, 1915

Back row—Orr, umpire; Lilly, Reinbrecht, Ankamp, Hopper, Barnes, Pagano, an Orden (Captain); Moseyenny (Manager). Sitting—Westerhoff, Clark, Long, Grassella.



FOOTBALL SQUAD, 1915

Harrison, Crozier (Coach); Pagano, Billings, Burkhardt, Anker, Yankin, Ridge, Harward, Koon, Sanford, Seidag (Manager); Westerhoff, Van Orkin, Hagan, Lily, Ward, Lee, Jones, Van Doren, Conner, Rahn (Captain), Grassella.



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 Ridgfield 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.

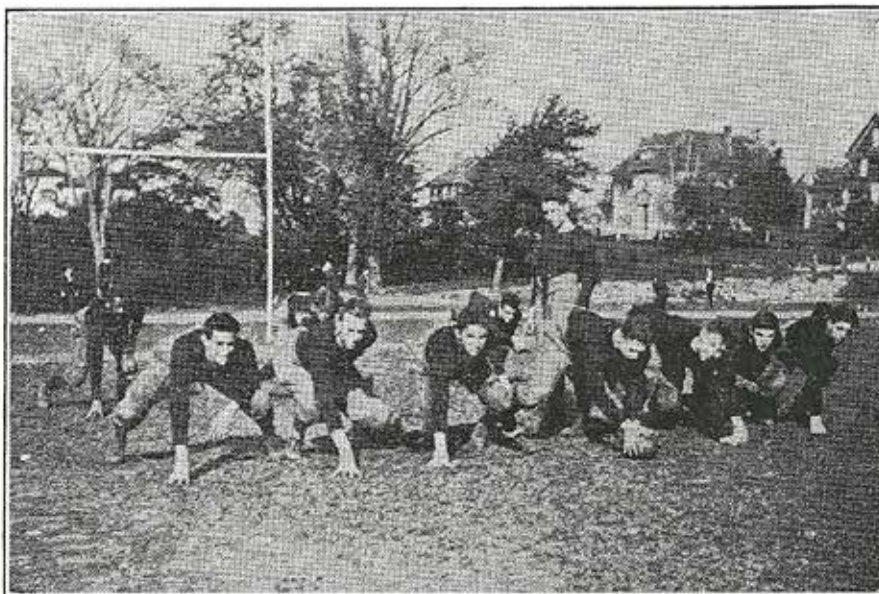
It was reported in the October 16, 1913 Ridgewood Herald that a group of citizens wanted to organize a group to oversee the organization, supervision, administration of and development of the town's (Ridgewood) inter school sports and games. This is a long ago predecessor of the "Sports Council" that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



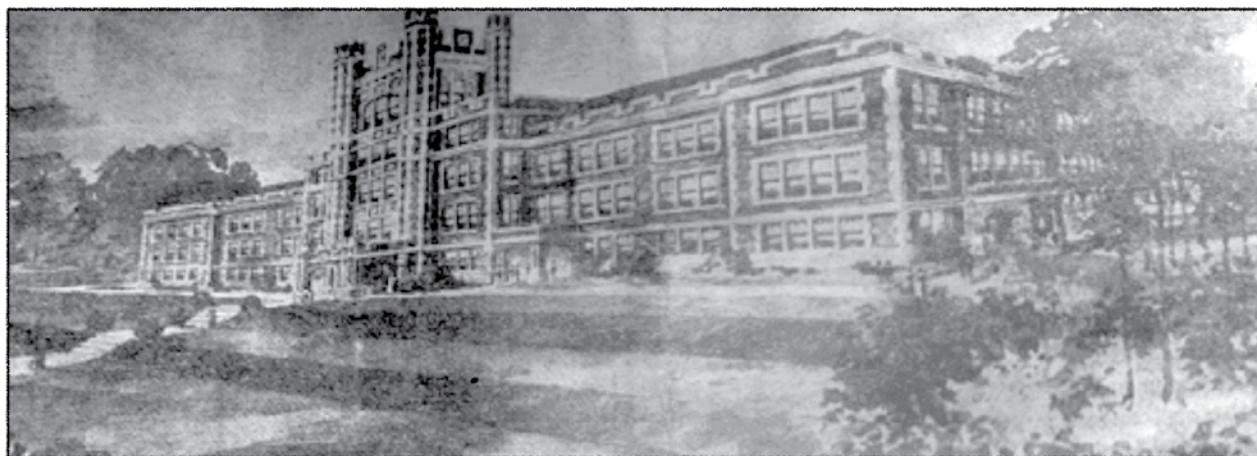


THE RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL THAT NEVER WAS!

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

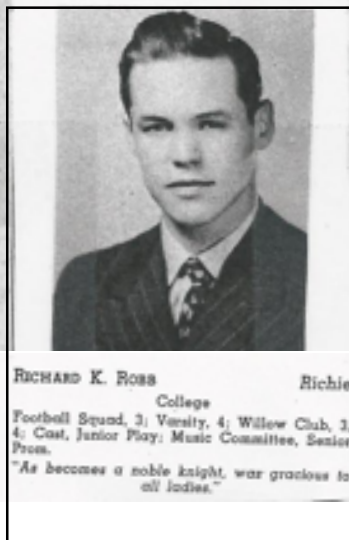
escort, hit strong points and bridges over wide areas of Eastern France and Western Germany.

Robb was engaged in low level bombing of railroad bridges and yards in the Rhine River Valley on their 138th 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; Cast, 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.

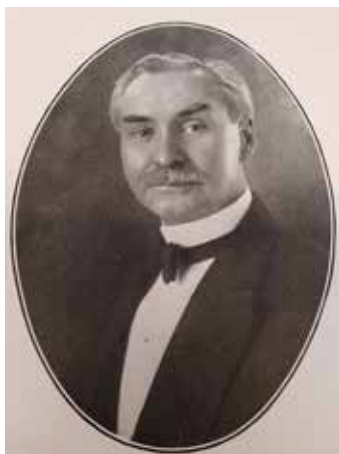


RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

HISTORY OF RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL



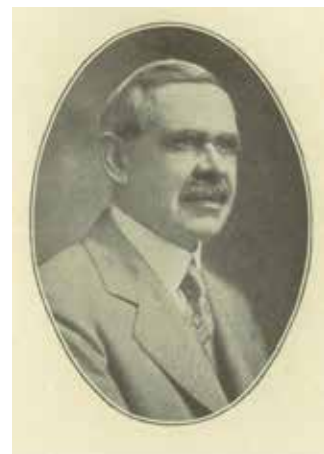
Ridgewood High School is a unique institution. It has a long reputation of fine service to youth. It provides a huge number of opportunities for students to further their academic, social, or athletic interests. At no time in the past have the students of Ridgewood High enjoyed as many rights and privileges as they do today. Students are becoming increasingly involved in determining the course of their own education. These privileges are to be encouraged and expanded, but they will bring with them ever-increasing responsibilities for the students of Ridgewood High School. More than ever, each student must realize that there are over 1,650 other students who are a part of this high school and that whatever one student does has an effect on all others. If we can keep this in mind and act accordingly, Ridgewood High School will be that much better.



B. C. Wooster 1890-1905



W. T. Whitney 1905-1912



Ira W. Travell 1912-1915

Ridgewood High School was founded in 1892 when the principal, B.C. Wooster, reorganized the ninth grade into a freshman class and made it the first-year class of high school. The following year, a sophomore class was added. These two classes met in a four-room structure on Union Street. In 1895, the building on Beech Street (now named Cottage Place) was completed. Due to its spacious rooms, the high school was able to offer a three-year course. That year, Ridgewood High School was added to the approved list of high schools by the High School Commission of New Jersey. The first class to graduate from this three-year course consisted of two persons. At the end of Mr. Wooster's principalship, the number of students reached 87 and the number of alumni, 57. By 1912, the high school had 223 students and had outgrown the Beech Street Building. Planning began for a larger facility. The Board of Education purchased the Edwards property on East Ridgewood Avenue and the field





Irwin B. Somerville 1915-1931



George A. F. Hay 1931-1944



Ellis D. Brown 1944-1960

between the Edwards property and the Ho-Ho-Kus Brook, formerly called the White Star Baseball Field. In 1915, the voters defeated a proposal to erect a high school to accommodate 450 students at a cost of \$150,000. A year later, \$225,000 was appropriated for a new high school to accommodate 600 students. In 1918, the sum was raised to \$285,000. Ground was broken in November 1916, and on July 19, 1917, the cornerstone was laid. The formal opening of the new school, delayed by World War 1, was May 7, 1919. In 1915 when Ira Somerville was appointed principal, there were 26 faculty members. The decade was a period of rapid



growth. By 1929, the size of the faculty had more than doubled and the number of students had increased greatly. In September 1929, the high school was reorganized into a senior high containing the three upper classes. Freshmen were placed in two junior high schools. One of these was the Benjamin Franklin School which was housed in the high school building. The other, George Washington School, was located on Washington Place. Once again, more space was needed, so a plan was proposed to join the main building with the gymnasium. After several unsuccessful votes, the proposition passed and in the fall of 1930 work was started on the new structure. It was completed in 1931. At that time, Mr. Somerville became supervising principal and George A. Hay was appointed principal. The Village was growing rapidly and within five years, still more space was needed. In 1937, school was dismissed in May so that work could begin building a second floor on the existing building—rooms 202-216. In September 1945, Ellis D. Brown was appointed acting principal and a year later, he became principal. He served in that capacity until his retirement in June 1960. After World



William C. Leach 1960-1975



John G. McCutcheon 1975-1977



Robert W. Honsinger 1977-1987

War II, the enrollment again climbed and in 1955 the Benjamin Franklin School was removed from the high school and housed in its new home on North VanDien Avenue, leaving the East Ridgewood Avenue building devoted entirely to grades 10-12. In July 1960, William C. Leach was appointed principal and plans were completed for remodeling and building new additions to provide space for 1,800 students. Work was completed in 1963. In 1970-71, enrollment was 2,040. A bond issue proposing \$7,320,000 for a four-year high school was offered to village voters but turned down in October, 1971. Also defeated at that time was a request for \$150,000 for property to enlarge the grounds at East Ridgewood and South VanDien Avenues. In June of 1971, the Ridgewood voters turned back a bond issue for \$95,000 to purchase the property at the corner of East Ridgewood and South VanDien Avenues. In order to make instruction and the quality of student life in so large a school more personal

and less centralized, the Board of Education in June, 1971, directed that units (Houses) of approximately 700 students each be established. Each house was administered by a dean and a team of three guidance counselors. In 1974, John G. McCutcheon was named principal of the school with an enrollment of 1,935. Under his administration, the House plan gave way to a more centralized administration in which each dean was responsible for a particular area of school life.



John R. Crews 1987-1997



John M. Mucciolo 1997-2005



John Lorenz 2006-2011

Over the years, Ridgewood High School has served students of neighboring communities including Glen Rock, Paramus, Radburn (in Fair Lawn), and Ho-Ho-Kus. The last sending/receiving relationship was terminated in 1975 when Ho-Ho-Kus residents voted to send their secondary students to Midland Park. In April, 1976, an extensive renovation program (the result of a \$4,000,000 bond issue in June 1975) was undertaken. During the 1976-77 school year, students were housed in five different buildings including Bethlehem Lutheran Church and Emmanuel Baptist Church. To accommodate the building program, a 5-period modular scheduling program was developed with students attending 80-minute classes on alternate days. On July 1, 1977, Dr. Robert Honsinger was appointed as the ninth principal of Ridgewood High School. In September of 1980, the Grade Administrator structure originated with each class having one administrator in charge of attendance, discipline, and class activities during their three years at Ridgewood High School. In September of 1986, the high school became a four-year school with the addition of the Class of 1990 as freshmen. In 1987, after an intensive review and on-site evaluation by independent observers, Ridgewood High School was one of the few public and private schools of the nation to be granted the prestigious Secondary School Recognition Award by the United States Department of Education. Dr. John R. Crews became the tenth principal of Ridgewood High School on July 1, 1989.



**Jeffrey Nyhuis,
Basil Pizzuto 2012-2012**



Thomas A. Gorman 2012-2021



Jeffrey Nyhuis 2021-

In an evaluation conducted by the Middle States Association in February, 1990, members of the evaluating committee commended many aspects of the curricular and co-curricular programs and pronounced Ridgewood High School an excellent institution with a superior academic program. In 1991, Ridgewood High School was honored to receive the College Board's Advanced Placement Recognition Award. During the 1992-93 school year, the schedule was modified in an effort to balance class size and better address student learning styles. The new schedule also introduced Unit Lunch, during which the entire high school stopped classes and all students and staff had a common lunch break. In 1989 and again in 1993 New Jersey Monthly recognized Ridgewood High School as one of the eight best high schools in the state. In April of 1994 Redbook Magazine's program titled AMERICA'S BEST SCHOOLS recognized RHS for Overall Excellence. During the 1993-94 school year the high school eliminated tobacco use from the campus and within the line of sight of the campus. While this caused some controversy, initially, the national concern about harmful effects of



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tobacco and secondary smoke confirmed the correctness of the school's policy change. Dr. John M. Mucciolo was named the eleventh Principal of Ridgewood High School in July of 1997.

In December of 1998, voters approved a 19.8 million dollar referendum of which 18.9 million dollars was earmarked for Ridgewood High School. The end result is a new wing that currently houses Science, Mathematics, and Technology. An Art Gallery and renovated classrooms for fine and practical arts, as well as new physical education facilities, including a new gym, locker rooms, and a Fitness Center were all part of this construction project. In addition, a new Campus Center (multi-purpose room) was constructed utilizing part of the courtyard area. Ridgewood was once again evaluated by the Middle States Association, commended, and granted accreditation for the period of May 1, 2000, through May 1, 2010. Dr. John Lorenz was named the twelfth Principal of Ridgewood High School in July 2006. He was succeeded by Jeffrey Nyhuis & Basil Pizzuto as Co-Principals for the 2011-2012 school year.

In July 2012 Dr. Thomas Gorman became the thirteenth Principal of Ridgewood High School and the first RHS graduate, class of 1987 to serve in the position. He was succeeded by former Co-Principal Jeffrey Nyhuis as the fourteenth Principal of Ridgewood High School in July 2022.

Ridgewood remains in the forefront of America's finest twenty-first century high schools by consistently upholding its Tradition of Excellence.



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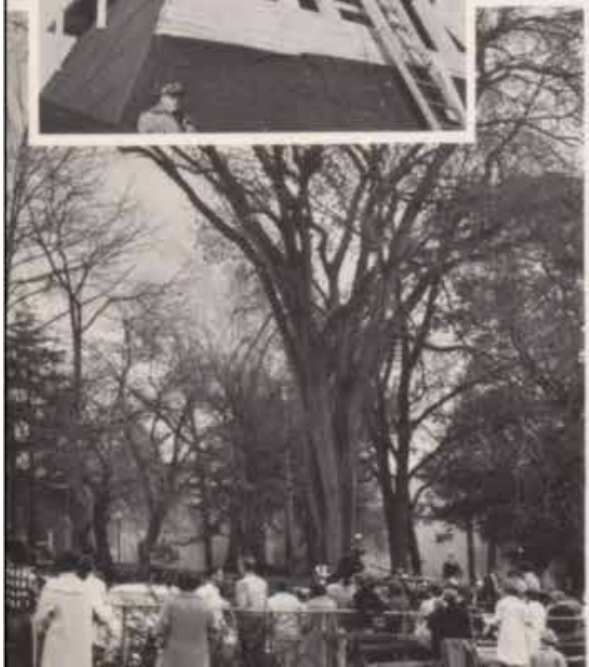


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THE RHS FIRE OF 1961





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RHS GRADUATION A BEAUTIFUL TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE

Ever since the first graduates, Laura Jessalene Taft and Robert Leroy Hutton in 1896, Ridgewood High School has always upheld and prided itself on being one of the most beautiful and spectacular high school graduation ceremonies in the country. This tradition which reflects our student's excellence and the excellence of a Ridgewood education is an event that is cherished and looked forward to every year by the village residents.



THE CLASS OF 1896
Laura Jessalene Taft and Robert Leroy Hutton







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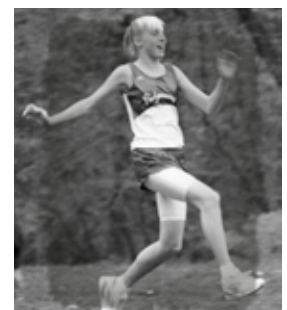
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the unnecessary jolts that she can, believe me, you try your very best to do the same to her.

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

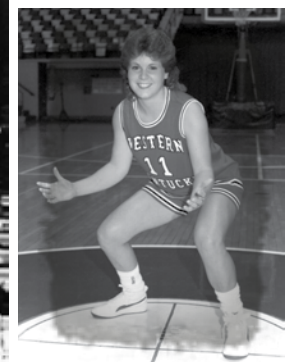
Marion Delamater, '24

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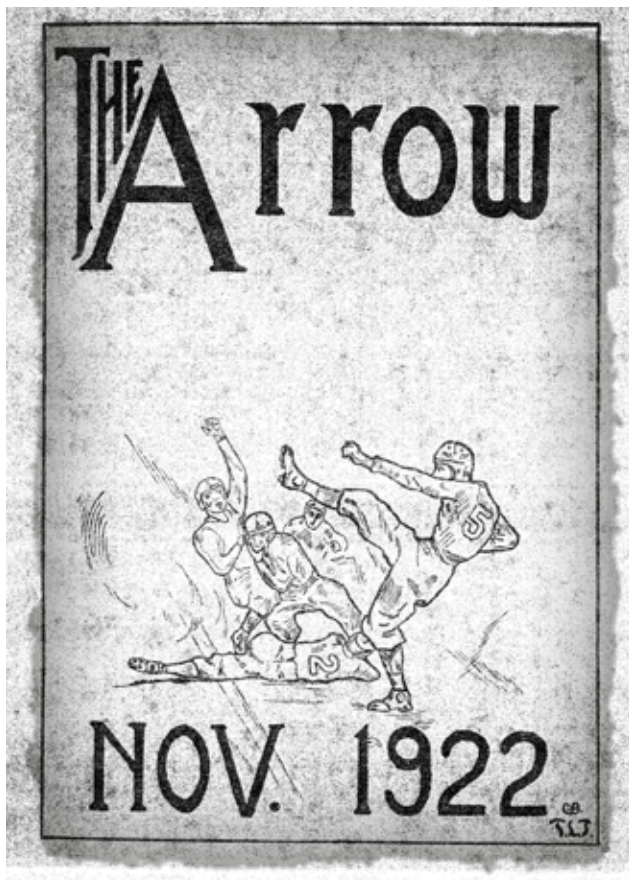
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Until the early 1930's the Ridgewood High School yearbook The Arrow was published in four segments. The edition published in the Fall usually had as one of its main themes the state of the athletics programs at RHS. In this issue from a century ago, 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.

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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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R. H. S. FOOTBALL TEAM -- 1922

Captain Wadsworth



Coach Ford





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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 Rubiyat. 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 Hiler 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.

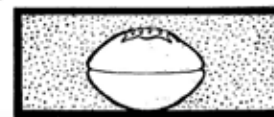
Miss Sellier has organized game teams in every gym class. Around Christmas, picked girls from among the Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors, will compete against each other in an interclass game contest. Now girls, your chance is here to get in and help win medals and honor for your class. Let's 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 **1922 ATHLETICS OVERVIEW AND FOOTBALL**



RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM 1913

Back row left to right: McCreedy, Wandless, Sloat, Abbott, Todd, Hubbard, Westorhoff, Pagano, Wardell. Second row left to right: Donnelly, Williams, Foeney, Keyser, MacKenzie, Runk, Paul, Knowlton. Front row Mr. Eloan, Hopper, (Capt.), Chael 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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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	" "

The Ridgewood High School vs. Fair Lawn High School Thanksgiving Day football rivalry grew during the 1944-1983 time period into one of the fiercest, meaningful and anticipated athletic contests in Bergen County. Thousands would fill the stands to cheer the Maroons and Cutters on, to defend their honor for the next year. Each team's school had their traditions leading up to the game with RHS students burning the effigy of "Freddy Fair Lawn" at their annual Thanksgiving eve bon fire on Stevens Field (Insert Stevens field Plaque picture). Meanwhile the Fair Lawn student body would be involved in doing the same to their rivals and counterpart with the ignition of "Reggie Ridgewood". These traditions, although somewhat questionable today were a great source to raise the emotion both communities shared for their team, game and communities. Bragging rights for the next year concerned everyone involved and were always in order.



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 NBIL 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 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.



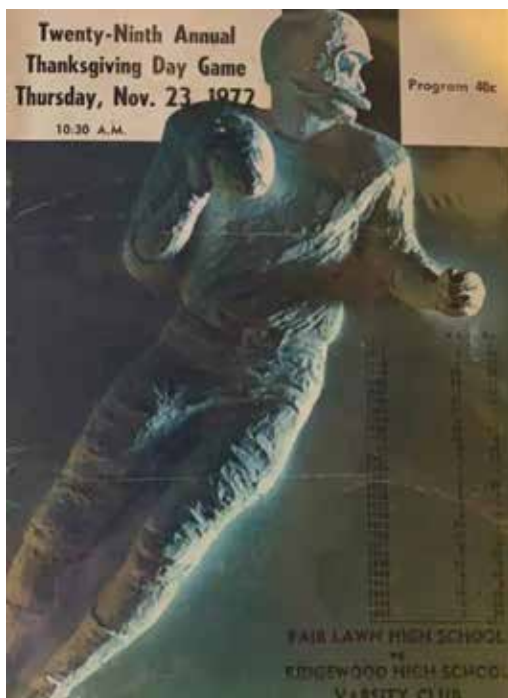


REGULAR SEASON (NON-THANKSGIVING GAMES)

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



Photo Courtesy — Ridgewood Herald-King.

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

Middle Row—P. Reid, C. Harvey, D. Stimpert, M. Fildes, E. Mann, J. Stewart, J. Stubbins, R. Gould, N. Peller, E. Krasnowski.

Bottom Row—A. Sigler, P. Mover, M. Presutti, J. Morrison, J. Green, E. Burdick, D. Greenlaw, P. Trappan, C. Hopper, J. Davidson, L. Allen.



MR. OTIS GRENDLER
J. V. Coach



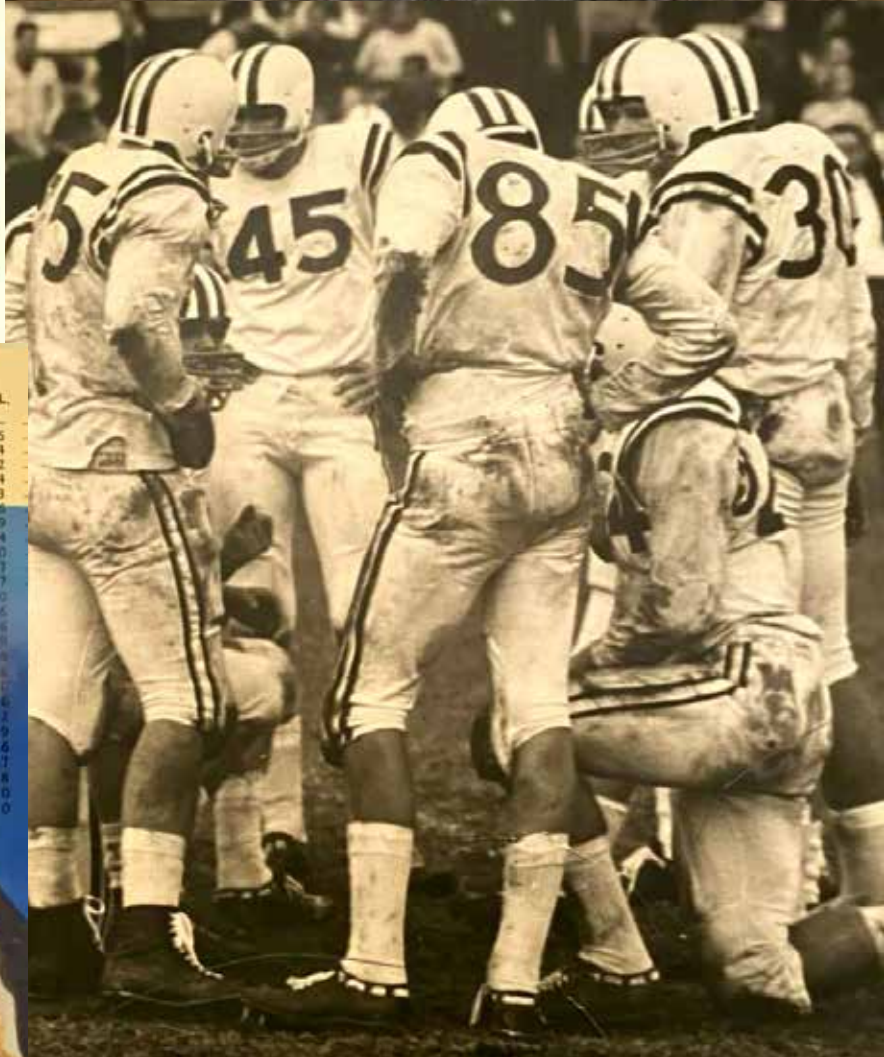
MR. LEO PALMISANO
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MR. FRANK WOZALESKI
Head Coach



MR. PRIMO E. DE RUCHI
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TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DAY GAME

THURSDAY NOV. 26,
1970

10:30 A. M.

VARSITY CLUB PROGRAM - 40c

FAIR LAWN HIGH SCHOOL

VS

RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

	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	6
1956	6
1955	18
1954	0
1953	26
1952	27
1951	6
1950	7
1949	19
1948	4
1947	7
1946	18
1945	0

13th ANNUAL

Senior Parents Day





Varsity Club **Football Program**

RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

VS.

FAIR LAWN HIGH SCHOOL

Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28, 1946

Price 25c

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.

Chir 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 Lawn0	6	13	14-33
Ridgewood0	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).



The New York Times

Published: November 25, 1966

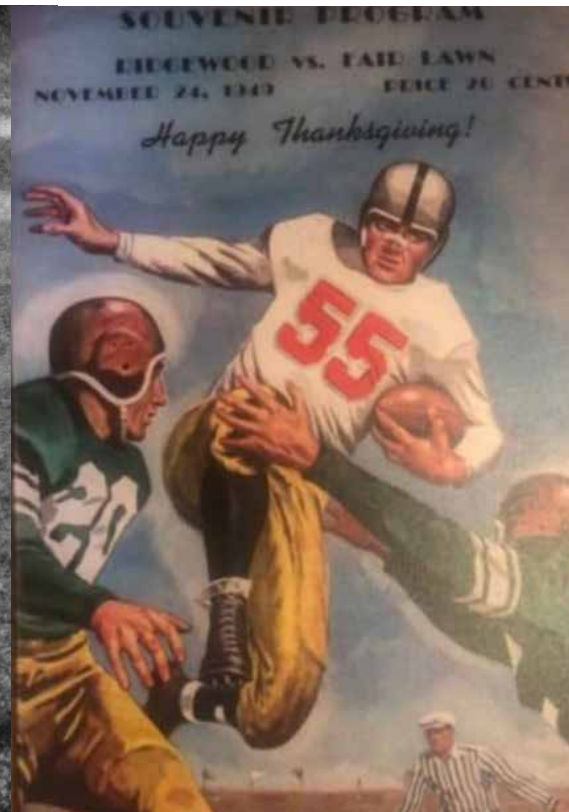
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Thanksgiving Day

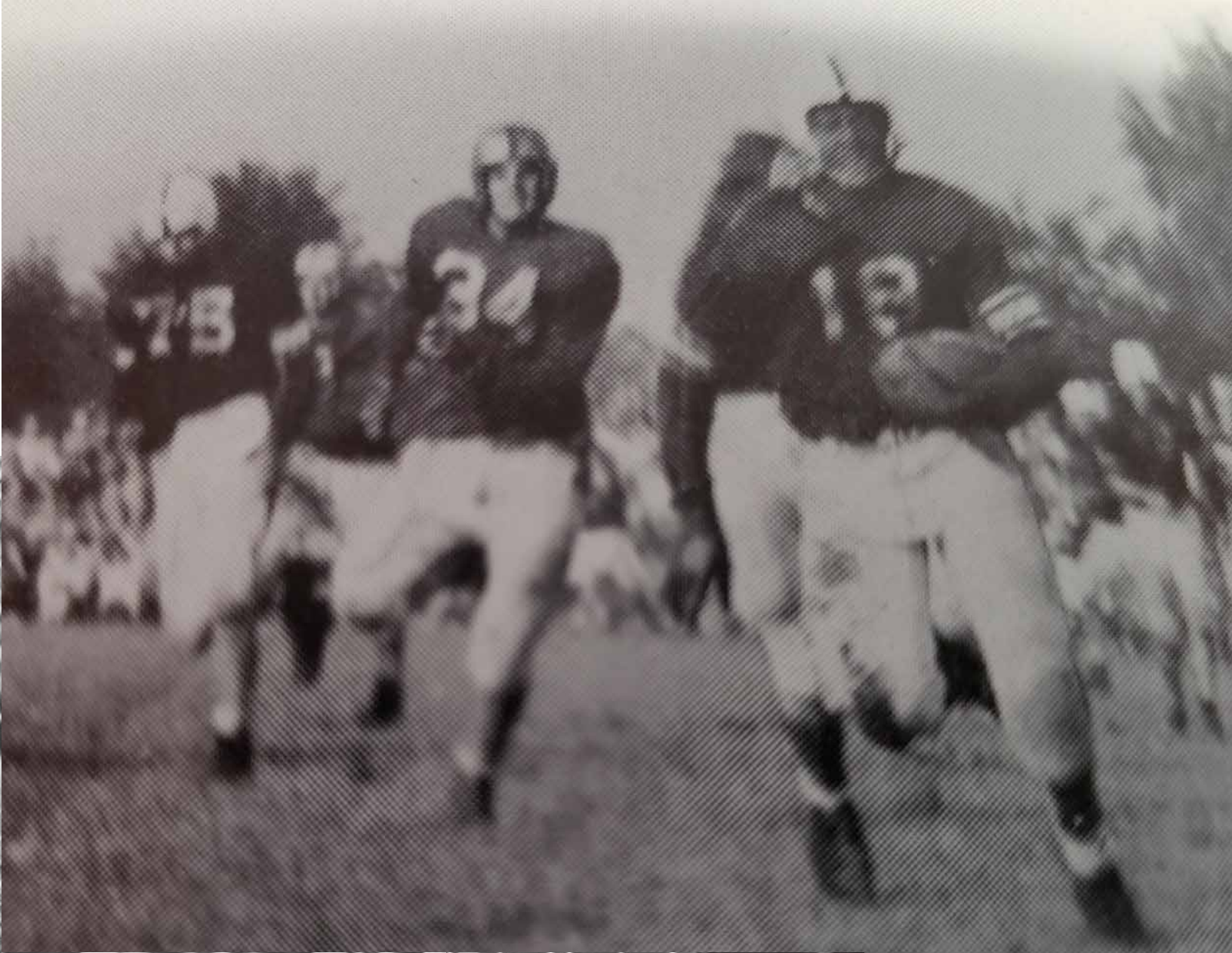
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HOF 2006



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HOF 2012



Leigh Jester
RHS Class of 2003
HOF 2012



Rachel Grygiel
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HOF 2014



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HOF 2020



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Please be sure to sign up to receive news, information about events and reunions, or to connect with your fellow alumni online at RHSAlumniAssociation.org. Please also encourage others to do the same as many fun-filled future events will be posted on this dynamic site created for all of you.

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**to all of the RHS Athletic
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Coach Patti Auger and the Undefeated 1983 State Championship Softball Team



1983 Softball Team



Patti Auger RHS player 1977-1979, RHS Coach 2007-2021, HOF 2022



Donna O'Connell
RHS 1984 HOF 2006



Debbie O'Connell
RHS 1985 HOF 2004



Amy Lyons
RHS 1979 HOF 2010



Margaret Niemann
RHS 1981 HOF 2008

THE RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM

SENDS CONGRATULATIONS TO ERIC BENEDICT AND ALL OF THE 2022 ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES!

113 YEARS OF GLORY ON THE GRIDIRON
1908-2021*

GOOD LUCK TO THIS YEARS TEAM AND OUR FUTURE HALL OF FAMERS!

*FIRST RHS TEAM WAS IN 1908. RAA VOTED TO HAVE NO FOOTBALL IN 1909, BUT REINSTATED IN 1910 FORWARD.



ERIC BENEDICT
"91" HOF 2022



CARLOS PEAY
"51" HOF 2020



FRANK BRADLEY JR.
"41" HOF 2008



1913 FOOTBALL TEAM



ANDREW CLARKE
"2000" HOF 2020



EDDIE PEAY
"54" HOF 2020



JACK VANYPEREN
"68" HOF 2004



GEME LINKS
"46" HOF 2004



DENNIS SULLIVAN
"92" HOF 2012



PAUL FERRARO
"77" HOF 2006



HENRY BLAUVELT
"27" HOF 2008



WALT PERDUE
"49" HOF 2004



FRANK MOZELESKI COACH
1943-58 HOF 2006



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"45" HOF 2006



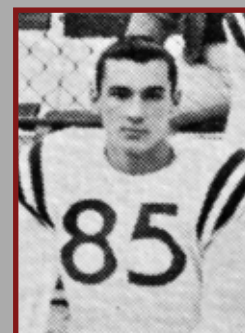
DAMIAN ROSS
"86" HOF 2008



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"39" HOF 2010



BILL DUNNE
"47" HOF 2010



MIKE HENDERSON
"61" HOF 2012



TOM DUSEL
"62" HOF 2012



ROGER SWEENEY
COACH 1959-78
HOF 2012



JOHN MARSHALL
"71" HOF 2014



PAUL TORNATORE
"87" HOF 2014



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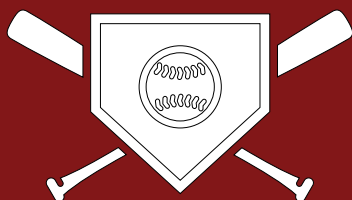
ERIC BENEDICT RHS Class Of 1991



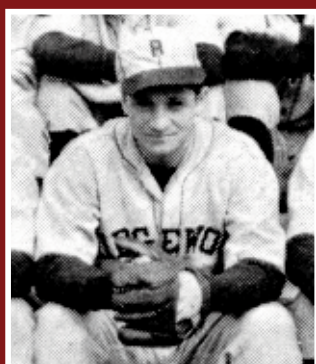
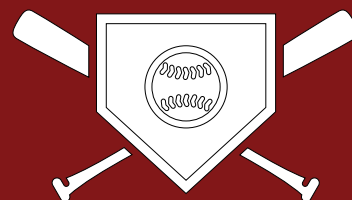
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1983 SOFTBALL TEAM



PATTI AUGER
1979



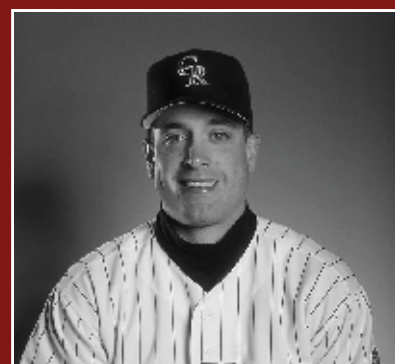
PAUL ARRIGONI
1933



DON HALDANE
1942



HARRY GRUNDY
1942



MARK STRITTMATTER
1987

RIDGEWOOD GYMNASTICS

SALUTES OUR FORMER HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES AS WELL AS THE INDUCTEES OF THE HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2022



Chelsea Steinberg
RHS Class of 2007
HOF Class of 2020



Lucia Cancelmo
RHS Class of 1980
HOF Class of 2008



John Cerf
RHS Class of 1976
HOF Class of 2014



Patty Capasso
RHS Class of 1980
HOF Class of 2012



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



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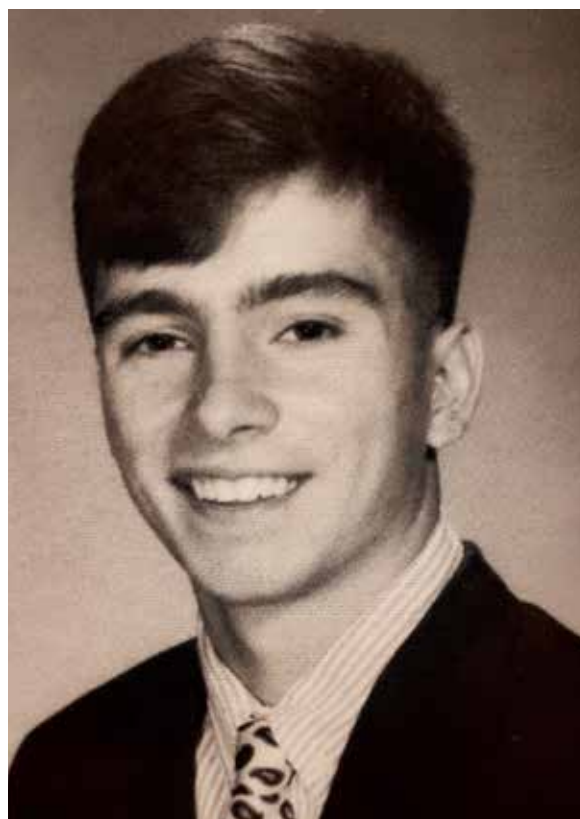
1983 Softball Team



Patti Auger RHS player 1977-1979, RHS Head Coach 2007-2021, HOF 2022

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"1991" HOF 2022



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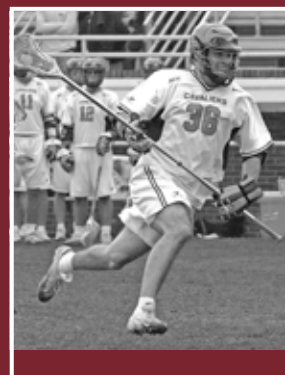
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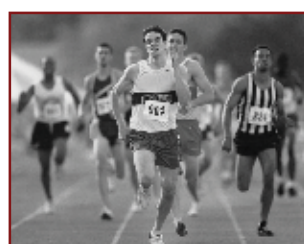
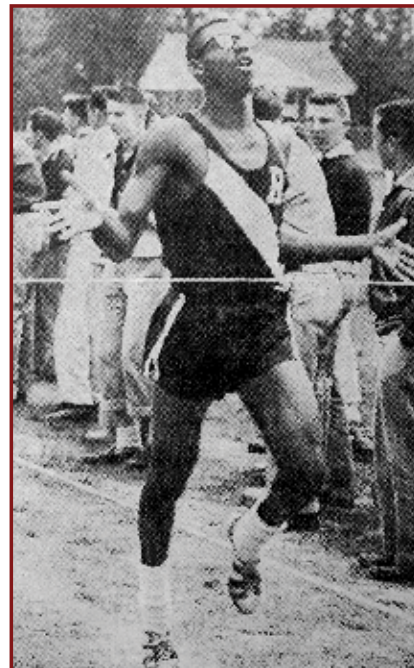
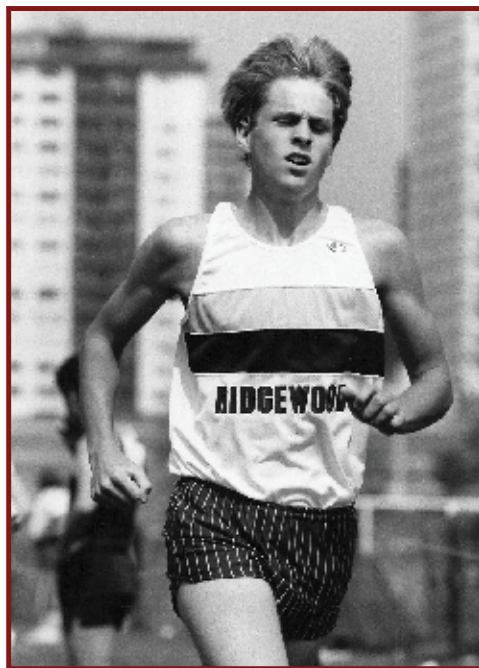
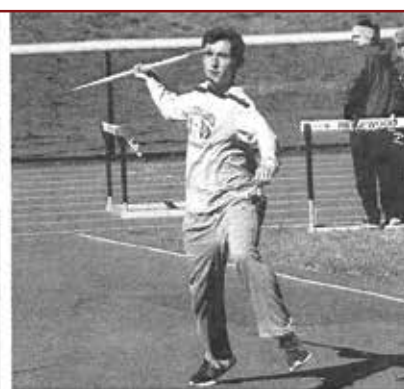


Dennis Sullivan
"98" HOF 2012



Michael Culver
"2002" HOF 2010

**RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL BOYS TRACK AND FIELD AND
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TO ALL OF THE HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES IN THE CLASS OF 2022**



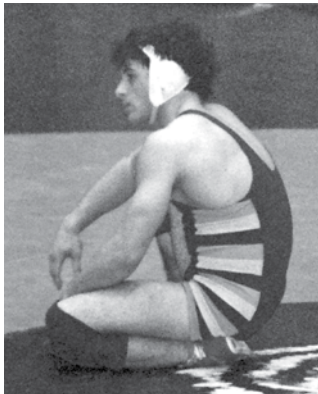


RIDGEWOOD JR. WRESTLING CONGRATULATES ALL OF THE INDUCTEES INTO THE RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

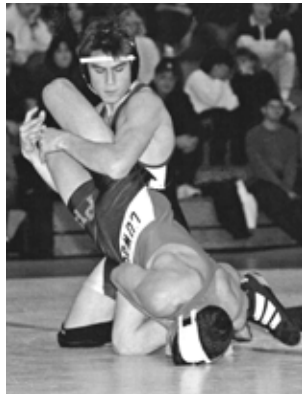
Ridgewood Junior Wrestling (RJW) has grown into one of the largest wrestling programs in New Jersey. The program is designed for boys and girls in Kindergarten to 8th grade. We teach the sport of wrestling in a positive, safe, constructive, and fun environment. Once you've wrestled, everything else is easy. Our program will not only teach the sport of wrestling but also build confidence and team bonding. Our parent/coaches have wrestling backgrounds, but we also have professional coaches that run regular practices. The season typically starts in November and runs through the end of February. Practices are held at Ridgewood YMCA weekdays during the season and your registration also includes a 6-month membership to the YMCA for each wrestler. Please feel free to contact our President (info below), for more information about the program.

Andrew Gorman

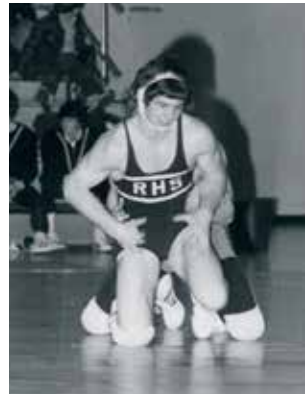
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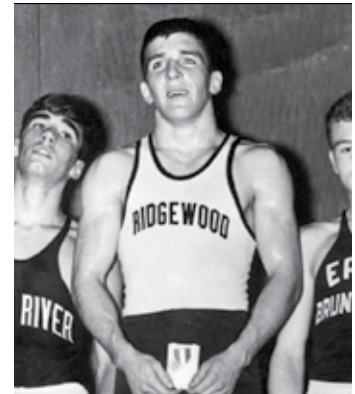
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RHS HOF 2008



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RHS Class of 1965
RHS HOF 2004



Phil Ross Sr.
RHS HOF 2020





Ridgewood Ice Hockey Foundation Salutes 2022 Hall Of Fame Inductee Peter McGinley and all of the inductees In The RHSAHOF Class of 2022 Its a Score!



THE RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL GOLF TEAMS SEND CONGRATUALATIONS STRAIGHT DOWN THE FAIRWAY TO THE RHS ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2022 AND EUNAE JO AND JULIA RAPPA

YOU WILL ALWAYS BE CHAMPIONS
WHO KNOW HOW TO BREAK PAR!



Eunae Jo
Class Of 2008 HOF 2022

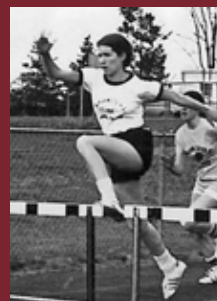
Julia Rappa
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**THE RHS GIRL'S CROSS COUNTRY AND TRACK TEAMS
SEND CONGRATULATIONS TO CLAIR NOWAKOWSKI
ON HER SELECTION TO THE RHS ATHLETIC HALL OF
FAME CLASS OF 2022. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF
THE INDUCTEES IN THE CLASS OF 2022**



CLAIR NOWAKOWSKI
RHS 2002 HOF 2022



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!

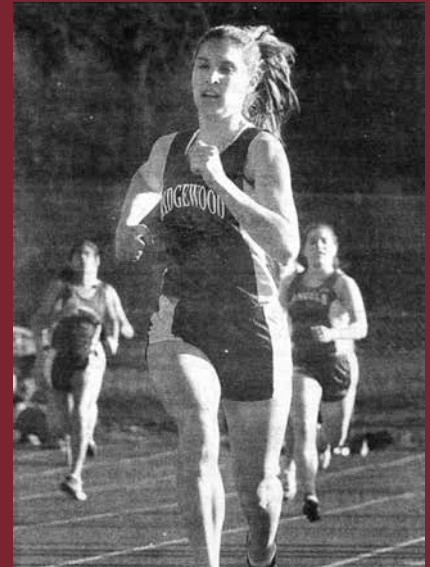
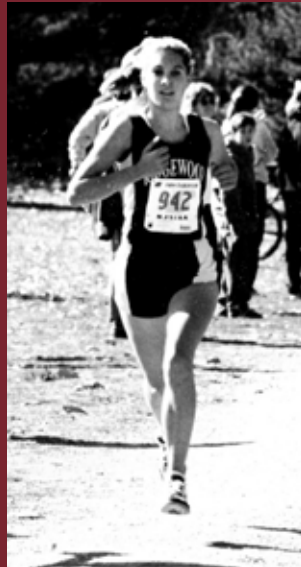
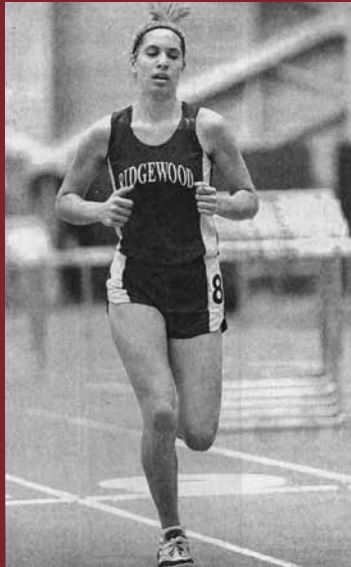


With love, admiration and gratitude,
Wendy Hartwig Vos '94, Aimee McGuire Coen '94
& Tricia Pappalardo Rogers '95

RIDGEWOOD GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Sends Congratulations to Clair Nowakowski Class Of 2002

and all of the 2022 Hall Of Fame inductees



IT'S A STRIKE!

**RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL BOWLING
SENDS CONGRATULATIONS RIGHT
DOWN THE ALLEY TO ALL OF THE
2022 ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES**





**YOU ARE ALWAYS A
CHAMPION IN OUR HEARTS**

**LOVE,
MOM, DAD, ERNIE,
DENISE, STEVE**



IN MEMORY OF HERMAN DRENTH FROM THE CLASS OF 1956.



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"Every inch a man."



CONGRATULATIONS

TO THE RHSAHOF CLASS OF 2022 IN
MEMORY OF FRANK BRADLEY JR. RHSAHOF
CLASS OF 2008, RHS CLASS OF 1941.

FROM THE BRADLEY FAMILY



FRANK BRADLEY

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Football Squad, 2; Varsity, 3, 4; Baseball
Squad, 3; Track Squad, 2, 3; Varsity, 4; Hi-Y
Award, 4.

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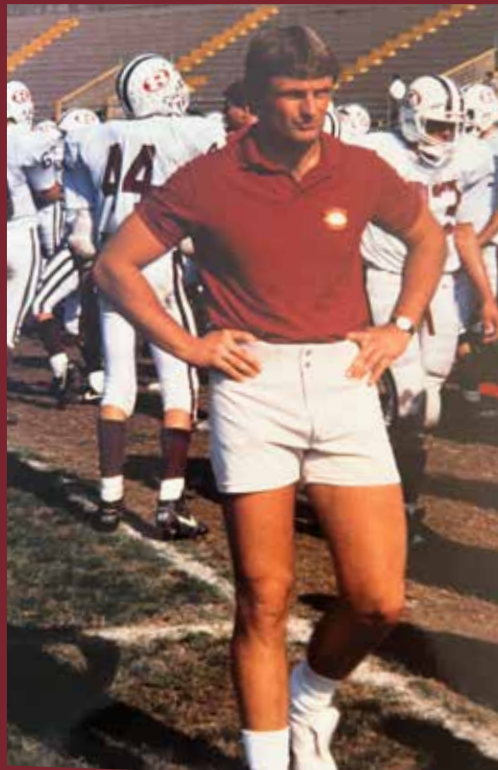
ERIC BENEDICT



Coach Johnson,

Thank you for providing my teammates and me with a best in class athletic and TEAM experience. Your leadership, empathy and competitiveness all allowed your players to focus on improving, winning and having fun. You define Ridgewood Excellence. We were all very fortunate to have played football for you!

Love always...Benny #23



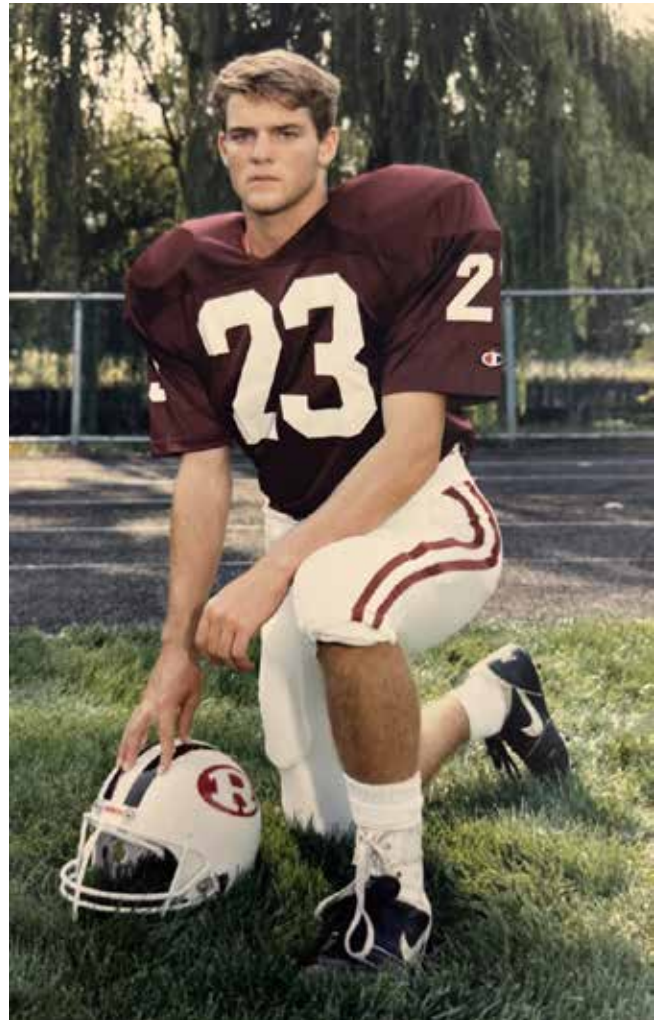
CONGRATULATIONS PETER AND ALL OF THE INDUCTEES

**WE'VE ENJOYED EVERY GAME FROM YOUR FIRST
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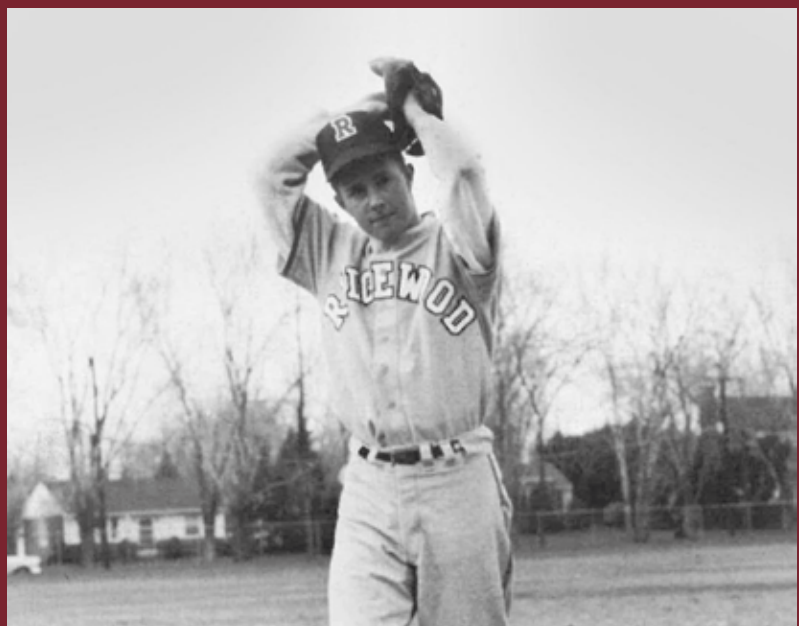


A GREAT ATHLETE, A GREATER PERSON

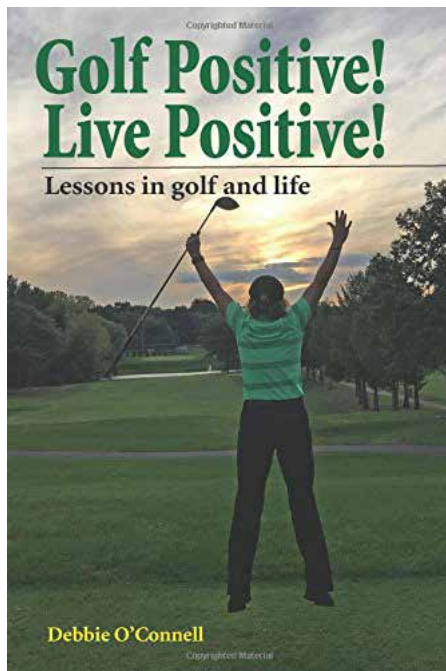
**LOVE, LIZ, KRISTEN, GRACE, JIMMY, MOM,
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HANK, ANNIE, BEN, WILL, SAM, JAKE, LAUREN,
WHIT, BO, JACK AND SCARLETT**



THE RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC
HALL OF FAME WOULD LIKE TO "THANK"
DAVID DUFFIELD, RHS CLASS OF 1958, FOR HIS
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Donna (O'Connell) Skettini and Debbie O'Connell**

Congratulations Dad!!

Love,
MC, Isabella, Ashley & Joe

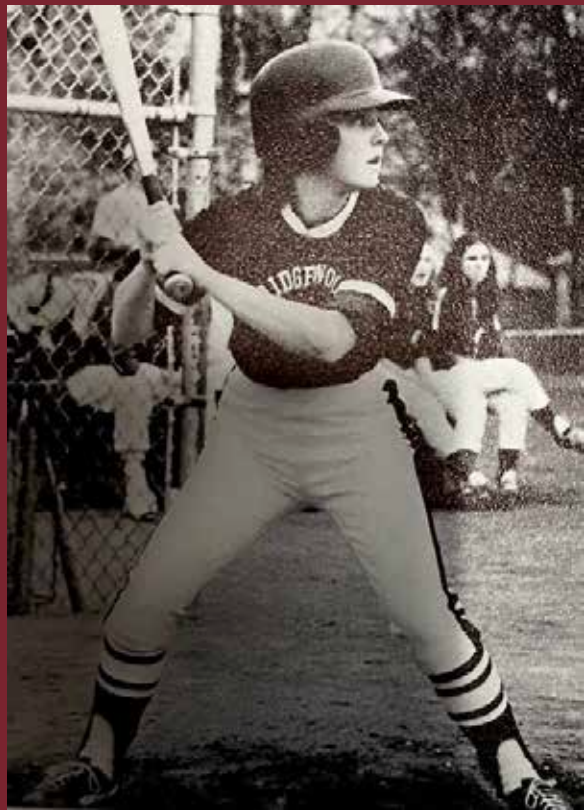


CONGRATULATIONS PATTI AUGER

Daughter, sister, aunt, great aunt,
team player, inspiring coach and friend.

We are so proud of you and
your well deserved success.

With love from Dad, Jeff, Sherry, Kim, Tad,
Jim, your nieces, nephews and the greats!



ABBINGTON



TRACK CLUB

We congratulate the Hall of Fame class of 2022.
We recognize these great Ridgewood Athletes.
We hope that all have a great evening.

We are a support and booster group for Ridgewood
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We conduct Track & Field and Cross Country meets
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the Pawlowski Relays. The Pawlowski meet opens the
spring season every year.

We give the Mike Glynn Scholarship to deserving
members of the Ridgewood Track & Field and Cross
Country teams as a support for their continuing their
athletics in college.

Congratulations Joe for being inducted to Ridgewood High School Athletic Hall of Fame for a great basketball career, well earned. We enjoyed watching you play through the years and rooting you on!

Keep shooting for the stars!

Love Always,

Mom, John, Lisa and Chloe



Congratulations on being inducted into the Ridgewood Hall of Fame! We are so incredibly proud of you. We remember how hard you worked and your commitment to the game. And now all that hard work has paid off. Today is your special day and we are so proud to be here with you to celebrate your well-deserved accomplishment. We wish you even more success in your future.

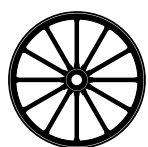
All of Love,

Maribeth Tuchol

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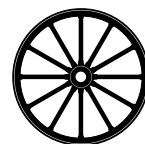




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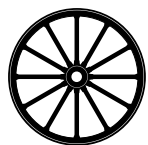
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THE O'CONNELL AND SKETTINI FAMILIES



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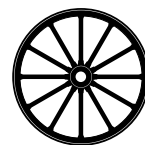
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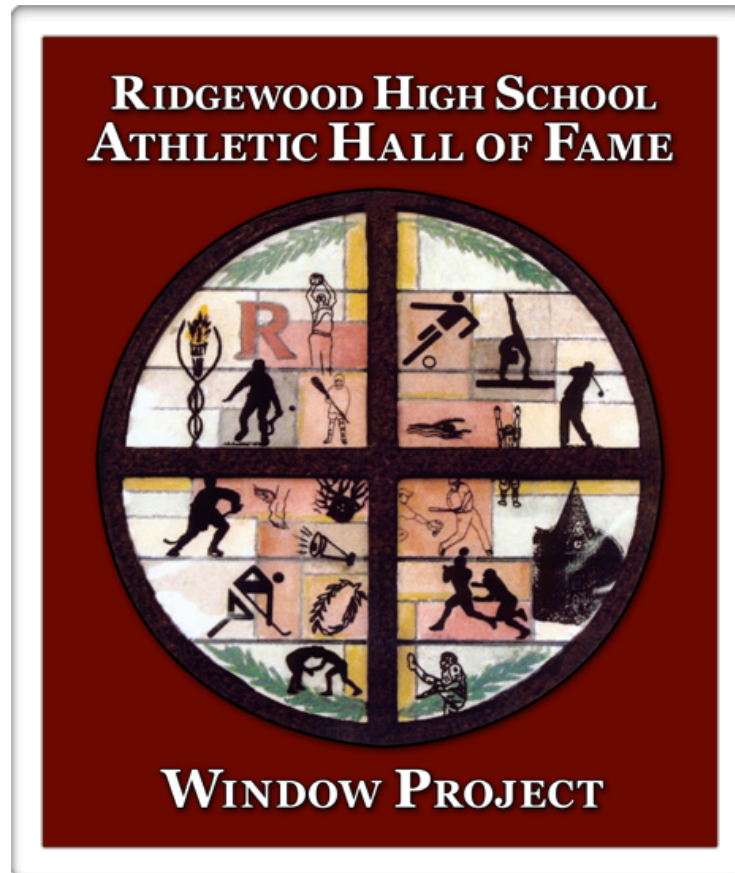
A fresh line of Schaff's and Martha Washington Candies.

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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.



RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME WINDOW 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
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Name _____ Address _____
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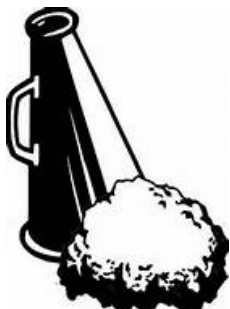
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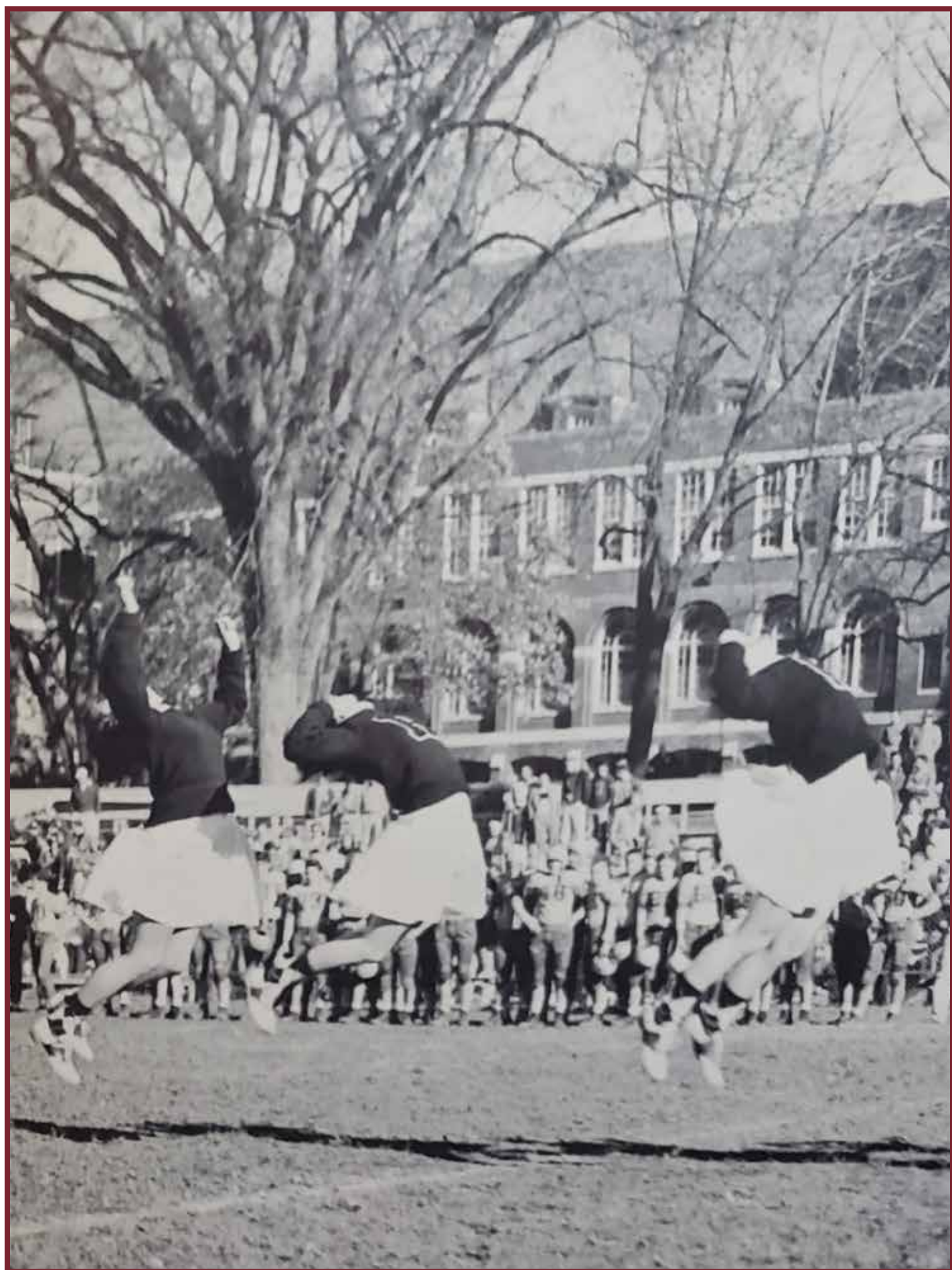




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RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

"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 Sakotis, 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 Sakotis, 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.

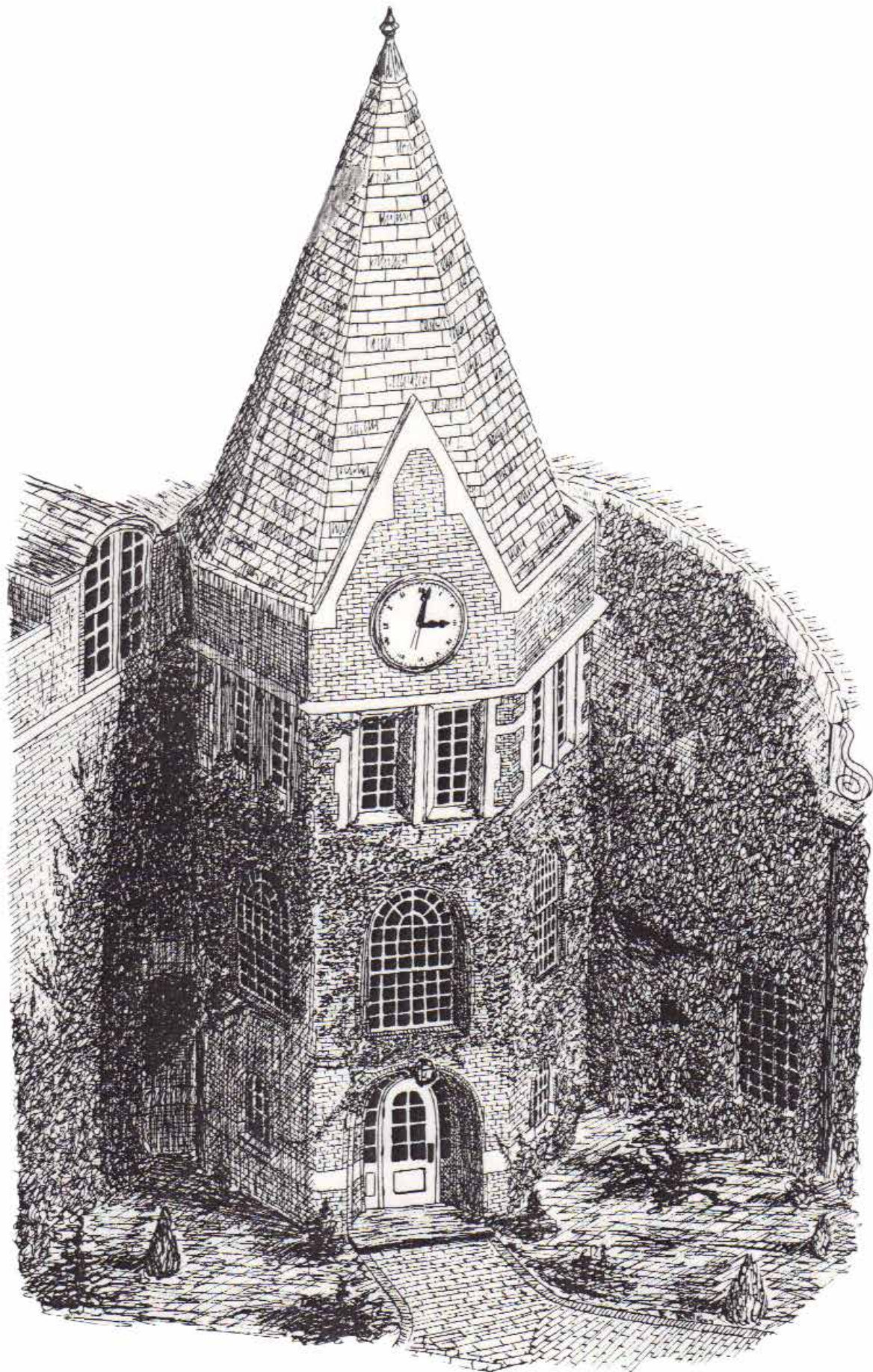
These girls will long remember cheerleading at R.H.S., and R.H.S. will long remember them. We may have lost a few games, but they made sure we never lost our spirit.

MARTHA BUCK



Maroon Moments





RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE

