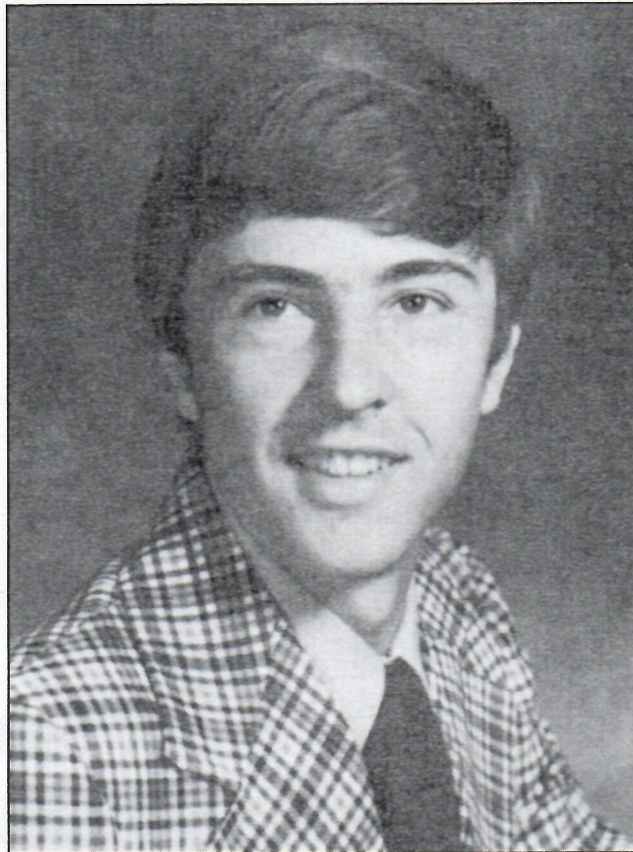


Watchung Hills Regional High School Hall of Fame



Roy Richard Kortmann
College Softball Coach
Class of 1976

Roy Kortmann reached an enviable coaching milestone when he was hailed as the “winningest” coach in Long Island University’s history. Roy, who himself will be remembered as an outstanding fastpitch softball player in the “Passaic Township Fastpitch Softball League” in the 1970’s, continued his love affair with the game as an adult, eventually entering the field of higher education and athletics.

In his more than 20 years as head coach of Long Island University, a Division I school, Coach Kortmann attained a career record of 535-443-2. In addition, he has won over 75% of games played in the Northeast Conference (268-78-1), with winning records in all but two seasons. His softball team was conference champion 9 seasons, and played in the NCAA Tournament 9 times (finalists in 2010).

In all, Roy Kortmann coached 4 All-Americans, 80 All-Conference players, 9 Conference Pitchers of the Year. His staff has received the National Fastpitch Coaches Association Northeast Coaching Staff of the Year 3 times, and he, himself, has been honored as Northeast Conference Coach of the Year 7 times.

A successful educator/coach, Roy has a philosophy that has more to do with life than with a winning record. “Through softball we can take these kids from the “Diamond to the Boardroom,” and they obtain the tools to have success in careers, parenting, relationships, and build positive self-esteem and confidence. As we build champions through softball, we have a profound effect on every area of a young adult’s life. It is that responsibility and opportunity that energizes and motivates me every day.”