

2003 Athletic Hall of Fame

Richard C. (Dick) Merring

Dick is a 1953 graduate of East Stroudsburg High School. As player for the Cavaliers, Dick served as team captain and was named All-State as a halfback during his senior season of 1952. He played 4 years of college football at East Stroudsburg State College, and received All-State and "Little All-American" honors, also at halfback, in 1956. Dick still holds ESU records for longest punt return and longest kick off return, both 98 yards. He coached 4 sports--football, wrestling, baseball & track--at the high school level. Dick also coached an undefeated freshman football team at East Stroudsburg State College in 1966, and was the head professional football coach with both the Pocono Mountaineers and the Bozono Italy Giants. As head football coach at ESHS for 14 years, Coach Merring led the Cavaliers to the 1975 undefeated Centennial League Championship and was named the Easton Express regional "Coach of the Year." Dick also coached baseball and wrestling at East Stroudsburg High School, and was a highly regarded PIAA softball and wrestling official for more than 25 years. Muys

Jerome C. (Jerry) Muys

Jerry graduated from East Stroudsburg High School in 1950. As a student at ESHS, he served as senior class president, ranked third academically, and received the Monroe County Scholar-Athlete Award. Jerry played varsity football, basketball and baseball for the Cavaliers from 1947 through 1950. He led the Lehigh-Northampton League in scoring, and received All-State honors in basketball during his senior year. Jerry earned a scholarship to Princeton University, played football for the Tigers, and graduated magna cum laude in 1954. Mr. Muys graduated from Stanford Law School in 1957 where he was editor of the Stanford Law Review. He has practiced natural resources and environmental law in Washington, DC, and has taught at both the University of Virginia and George Washington University law schools. He is active in the American Bar Association Section of Natural Resources Law, having served as the Chairman in 1980-81. Mr. Muys was the Special Master for U.S. Supreme Court in Oklahoma and Texas v. New Mexico from 1988 to 1993, and is listed in "The Best Lawyers in America."

James E. (Jim) Reynolds

Jim spent thirty-four years as a teacher of health, physical education and driver education within the East Stroudsburg Area School District. Mr. Reynolds was a teacher at the J.M. Hill Elementary School from 1964 to 1974, and at East Stroudsburg Area High School from 1974 to 1998, serving as department chairman for many of those years. Jim was an assistant football coach for the Cavaliers from 1966 through 1980, one of the highlights of which was the 1975 undefeated Centennial League Championship team. He was a Cavalier assistant baseball coach from 1966 through 1969 and served as head baseball coach from 1970 through 1981. Jim's baseball teams won two Lehigh-Northampton League Divisional Baseball Championships-1972 and 1973. Mr. Reynolds served as assistant athletic director under Hall of Fame athletic director Jack Kist in 1979-80, and was the East Stroudsburg Area School District Director of Athletics from 1980 through 1998, winning two Robert Stimmel "Athletic Director of the Year" Awards, in the Centennial League in 1992 and the Mountain Valley Conference in 1998.

Russell "Lindy" Transue

Mr. Transue is a graduate of East Stroudsburg High School, Class of 1945. He earned letters in three sports ... football, basketball and baseball. He played quarterback and running back and served as team captain on first ESHS football team in 1944. (The Purple and White earned 3 wins with only 1-loss.) Lindy served as basketball team captain during both 1944 and 1945 and served as a student member of East Stroudsburg Athletic Council in 1944. In baseball, he batted .388 in 1944 with a pitching record of 6-wins and 0-losses, 74 strike outs in 49 innings, allowing only 6 earned runs. Mr. Transue also played professional baseball with Stroudsburg in the Class "D" North Atlantic League in 1948.