



Genesee Valley Wall of Fame



*Genesee Valley Central School
1 Jaguar Drive
Belmont, NY 14813*

*2014 Induction Ceremony
Saturday, October 4, 2014*

***2014 GVCS WALL OF FAME
INDUCTEES***

Ambrose Dewey

Al McCarty

Casey McNinch

Sean Smith

Jessica Stack-Read

Angelica Boys Soccer Team 1988





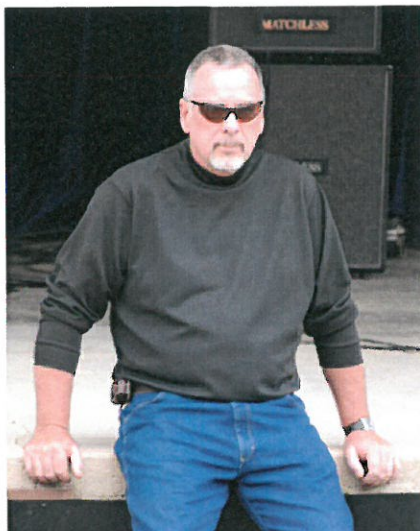
AMBROSE DEWEY

Ambrose was a 1933 graduate of Belfast Central School. He participated in baseball in high school and was the MVP of the Varsity basketball team. He attended Ithaca College and graduated in 1938 with a BS degree in Physical Education K-12. He began his teaching career in 1938 in Bliss, NY as a History and Physical Education Instructor. His career was interrupted by World War II and from 1942-1945 he served in the US Navy in the Pacific theatre on the USS Athene. He reached the rank of Lt. JG and was a Deck Officer and Drill Instructor. He received the American Theatre Ribbon, the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon-2 Stars and the Philippine Liberation Ribbon for his service to his country.

After the war, he taught one year in Buffalo and then returned to Allegany County to become a Physical Education Teacher, Athletic Director and coach at Angelica Central School in 1946. These were the years when the PE teacher did everything for the district and he dedicated his life to all of his students. He coached all 3 major sports for many years and had successful seasons with all of them including a Section V Championship in Basketball in the late 1940's. He introduced the sport of soccer into the athletic program and also started the youth basketball program. During these years, he ran the summer recreation program for the youth of Angelica, operated a concession stand at baseball games to help put lights on the athletic field and hired many students to work the stand and help them raise money for their senior trip to Washington, DC. He dedicated many hours in many ways to better the programs available to his student athletes.

Ambrose was a longtime baseball umpire and soccer referee and college basketball official. He was the Secretary, referee instructor and rules interpreter for the local basketball officials group for many years and was given a lifetime membership to this organization. After his retirement in 1973, he served as the President of the Angelica Central School Board of Education. He was inducted into the Allegany County Sports Hall of Fame in 2008.

Ambrose was married to his wife Maisie for 53 years and they raised 3 children – Sandi, Kevin and Shari. After a full and rewarding life dedicated to the youth of Angelica, he passed away in 1986.



AL MCCARTY

Al was a 1965 graduate of Sullivan County High School in LaPorte, Pennsylvania. During his high school years, he excelled in the sports of baseball and basketball. He then matriculated to Houghton College where he participated on the baseball, basketball and soccer teams. He earned his BA in Sociology in 1969.

After graduation, Al became a Special Education teacher for Cattaraugus-Allegany BOCES and began a long and storied teaching and coaching career. At different times through the years he coached at Angelica Central, Belmont Central and Genesee Valley. He coached Varsity Soccer and Varsity Baseball but was most successful and noted for his years of coaching JV Basketball. He wasn't the type to self-promote his team's accomplishments but was certainly the winningest JV coach in Allegany County for many years. He truly enjoyed working with young, raw talent and teaching them the skills and attitude it would take for them to succeed in sports and life. Many of his players went on to become accomplished players at the varsity level and he joins them in the Wall of Fame today. They would certainly tell you that he was instrumental in their development as athletes and young men. He retired from teaching in 2003 after 34 years.

Al was also extremely active in the community and work-related organizations. He participated in basketball, softball and baseball leagues for many years and was an avid golfer. He served many years on the Angelica Town Board and served as Deputy Supervisor. He was President of the local NYSUT Teacher's Union for numerous terms. He owned and raced horses and served as Secretary of the Allegany County Harness Racing Association. After his retirement, he was the co-founder of the WNY Concert Ministries and promoted several gospel concerts in Allegany County and out of state. He was a member and elder of the Genesis Bible Church.

Al and his wife Marty moved to Tennessee to be close to their children Ian and Jessica and their new grandchildren. Tragically, Al passed away suddenly in July, 2013 of a heart attack. He has been greatly missed by his family and friends and the many students and athletes whose lives he touched during his long career.



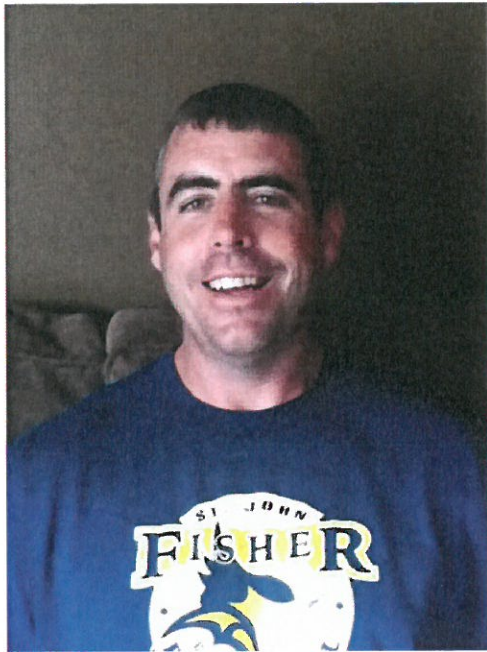
Casey McNinch

Casey is a 2004 graduate of Genesee Valley. During his high school career he was a member of the Varsity soccer and baseball teams for 4 years and the Varsity basketball team for 2 seasons. He was a valuable part of all 3 teams that achieved the Triple Crown by winning Section V titles in soccer, basketball and baseball during the 2002-2003 school year.

Among the many soccer awards that he received are the Allegany County Defensive Player of the Year, Section V Class DD Tournament Most Valuable Player, Section V All-Star team for 2 years, Section V Player of the Week for Class DD and 1st team Allegany County All-Star for 4 years. In baseball, he was voted to the Section V All-Star team and was a 1st team Allegany County All-Star for 3 years. He was a member of the National Honor Society and received numerous scholastic honors. He was very active in band and drama club and served his community through various organizations.

Casey attended Daemen College upon graduation and was a valuable member of the Men's soccer team for 4 years. He was elected team captain for his final 2 seasons and won the Coach's Award for 2007 and 2008. He then served as an Assistant Men's Soccer Coach at Daemen from 2009-12. He received his BS degree in Health Science in 2008 and his Doctor of Physical Therapy degree in 2011 from Daemen.

Casey is single and currently lives in Scottsdale, Arizona where he works for Alarys Home Health Care as a Physical Therapist.



Sean Smith

Sean graduated from Belmont Central in 1993. He participated in soccer, basketball and baseball for 4 years. He was a 2-time Allegany County All-Star selection in soccer and baseball but the basketball court was where he really excelled. He was selected as an Allegany County All-Star for 2 seasons, a Section V Class D All-Star for 2 seasons and was a member of the Great 8 team in 1993 when he helped lead Belmont to their only Section V Boys' basketball championship, along with his brother Leonard.

Sean was a member of the All-County band for 3 years. He has been involved in the Habitat for Humanity program, the Big Brother program and helped run the 5th and 6th grade basketball program in Belmont.

He enrolled at St. John Fisher College upon graduation and played on the men's basketball team for 4 years. He was named captain of the team in his last 2 seasons and ranks 2nd in all time games played at Fisher. He also ranks 8th on the all-time list for 3 point field goals. Sean earned his BS degree in Elementary Education in 1997 and his Master's Degree from Canisius College in 2000.

He has been a teacher in the Rochester City School District for the past 16 years. He currently lives in Webster, NY with his wife Erin and their 3 children – Conner, Brenna and Anya.

He now joins his father Charles and his two brothers Gene and Leonard in the Wall of Fame making this a true family affair.



Jessica Stack Read

Jessica is a 2002 graduate of Genesee Valley. She played Varsity soccer for 3 years, Varsity basketball for 3 years, Varsity softball for 2 seasons and became a member of the Track and Field team her last 2 years. She received numerous awards during her high school career. She was an Allegany County All-Star, the Most Dedicated player and high scorer for her basketball prowess. She was a member of the Section V Champion 4 x 400 relay team in and the 4 x 100 relay team that took 3rd place in 2002. Her skills and determination on the soccer field earned her the most recognition. She was a 2nd team Allegany County All-Star in 1999. In 2000, she was a 1st team County All-Star and received the Most Dedicated player award from the coaches at GV. She was a valuable member of the Section V Championship team of 2000 and was voted as the Section V Class DD Offensive Most Valuable Player. In her final season of 2001, she was the team captain, Offensive MVP for Allegany County and established a record for most assists in one season. She was also voted the Section V Class DD Allegany County Player of the Year and was Honorable Mention for the All Greater Rochester team.

Jessica was a member of All-County band and choir and Area All-State band during her high school years. She was a member of the National Honor Society, received numerous model student awards and was the Valedictorian of the Class of 2002. She was involved in many other extra-curricular activities and community organizations.

She attended Houghton College upon graduation and continued her soccer career for the next 4 years. She was a scholar-athlete for these years and was a winner of the NAIA Champions of Character Award for 2005. She also served as both team captain and team chaplain for the 2005 season. She was noted in the 2005 Who's Who Among American College Students and was the 2006 Foreign Language Student of the Year. She was on the President's List for her 4 years at Houghton with a 4.0 GPA and graduated Summa Cum Laude in 2006 with a BA Degree in Spanish and Adolescent Education.

Jessica is married to her husband Sean and they have one child – Aaron. She currently resides in Alexandria, Virginia and is employed as a Parent Liaison Specialist at Child Care Aware of America.



1988 Angelica Boys' Varsity Soccer

The 1988 Angelica Boys' Varsity Soccer team, coached by Mike Obuhanich, was an outstanding group of individuals who came together as a team to achieve great success. They were the winningest team in the rich soccer history of Angelica finishing with a final record of 23-2-1.

They won the Section V Class D Championship by defeating Greenwood 2-1 led by Section V Class D Most Valuable Player Duke Ellsessor. The Red Raiders then conquered DD Champion Wheatland -Chili 3-1 in the play down match-up to advance to the State tournament.

In the State quarterfinals, they beat Section VI representative North Collins by a 4-1 score and in a tough battle in the Semi-Final contest they overcame Fabius-Pompey 1-0. Playing in nearby Elmira the Raiders then faced Northville in the State Championship game. The team gave their best effort but came up short by a 3-1 score.

Team members include: Eric Scholes, Jim Claypool, Erik Castle, Brad Castle, Jared Saylor, Fred Foster, Mike Robbins, Jeff Lowe, Ryan McKnight, Nathan Pownall, Bryan Spath, Chris Spath, Eric Lorow, Roger Baker, Steve Copella, Duke Ellsessor, Scott Herdman, Joe Budinger, Bobby Ward, Jay Smith, Larry White and Doug Herdman. The team was coached by Mike Obuhanich. The team was led in scoring all season by Duke Ellsessor, Roger Baker, Chris Spath and Doug Herdman who all scored double digits in goals. The outstanding defense led by Goalie Steve Copella and his supporting cast of great defenders and midfielders recorded 12 shutouts and gave up only 23 goals for the season.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone involved with this process, which entails teamwork. A big thank you goes to the committee members for their time in the selection process. Committee members are Paul Harrington, Amber Christensen, Mike Obuhanich, Lisa Clark, Rollie Duttweiler, Brian Edmister and Lisa Scott-Schneider. Also, thanks to Penny Miller, Linda Presutti, and Caitlin Bowen for their assistance with making the booklets. Thanks to the maintenance staff for setting up the cafeteria and thank you to Dawn Reniff, Bron Norasethaporn & the cafeteria staff for their assistance with the meal and table linens. Everyone involved made this a nice experience for all.

~ Linda Warner, Athletic Director

