

Anthony (Tony) Boffa
Coach, 1978-2002

Tony Boffa started his teaching and coaching career at Nyack Junior High School in 1969. He was a Physical Education teacher and coached three sports at the modified level. Although he still enjoyed teaching at the Junior High School, he had developed a desire to coach at the varsity level. In 1978, there were openings for both the varsity Girls Softball and varsity Girls Basketball coaching positions. He applied and was appointed to both. After seven years of coaching, he resigned as the Basketball coach, but continued with the Softball team until his retirement in 2002. He was instrumental in using Upper Nyack as the home field for Nyack Varsity Girls Softball and removing them from the Haven Court Fields

Over his 25 years with Nyack Softball, Tony Boffa achieved a number of impressive milestones. In 1992, he led the team to a Section 1 Class B title, and a ranking of 5th in New York state. Boffa was the first 300-win Softball coach in Rockland County history, finishing with a record of 346-193. He was named Conference/League Coach of the Year seven times, and the 1992 Journal News Rockland County Softball Coach of the Year.

Although he was only the coach of the Nyack High School Girls Basketball team for seven years, he racked up numerous achievements. Under Boffa's leadership, the girls won the Rockland County PSAL Championship in 1982 and 1983, going 14-0 each season. After finishing as runners-up in Section 9 Class B in 1981 and 1982, Boffa's squad was able to win the Section Championship in 1983. That team went on to become the champions of the Capitol Region, finally falling in the state semifinals. Tony was named Journal News Rockland County Girls Basketball Coach of the Year in 1982 and 1983. By the time his tenure with the Basketball team was complete, he had tallied a record of 95-43.

Coach Boffa's impressive coaching accomplishments can only be further exemplified by the backdrop of 1978-1979 and Title IX. He was instrumental in furthering the girls' softball and basketball teams in three short years into competitive and dominant teams in the county. An enviable feat by any coach. His dedication to fairness and strength in female athletes is evident by his coaching accomplishments and team accolades. Not every coach is made to coach a female team; Coach Boffa new the formula and excelled.

Of the many great athletes Boffa coached, one of the most successful was Dawn Royster, who is also being inducted into the Nyack High School Athletics Hall of Fame this year. During their three years together, they went 55-10, and in her last two years, they did not lose to a Rockland County opponent.

Tony Boffa served Nyack as a teacher and coach for 33 years, coaching 1,234 games. In addition to his varsity achievements, Boffa coached Football, Boys Basketball,

Girls Soccer and Baseball at the modified level. In 2002, he was given the Rockland County Coaches Association Appreciation Award.