

Bob Corvino

Football, Baseball, 1966-1969

Nyack's powerhouse football team had many stars during their dominant era in the 1960s, but one of the lynch pins of one of the title-winning teams of the late 60s was Bob Corvino. Playing at linebacker and center, Corvino helped lead Nyack to a Rockland PSAL title in each of his three seasons, collecting numerous individual honors along the way. After an excellent collegiate career, Bob became the most successful football coach in the history at Port Jervis High School.

Corvino led a special Nyack squad that only lost one game during his three seasons with the team. In his first season with the team in 1966, Bob was selected as a first-team All-County linebacker for his efforts in helping Nyack win back the PSAL title. The next season, he was a unanimous All-County selection as a linebacker and center as the team won the championship yet again. In his senior season in 1968, he was again named a unanimous All-County selection as a linebacker and center. Corvino was a captain on the '68 team that impressively won a third straight Rockland PSAL championship and was named the Rockland County Team of the Decade by The Record of Bergen County. Bob was named the Journal News Outstanding Lineman of the Year as well as a Daily News High School All-Star for that season. Corvino was also an Honorable Mention All-American selection in 1968, and became the first Rockland football player to be named first-team All-State. Bob was also recognized for his academic excellence winning the 1968-69 Rockland County Scholar Athlete of the Year award. 1969 also presented Bob with acknowledgements: The Records First Team Center Team of the decade, third in voting for Player of the Decade 1960s.

Baseball also allowed Corvino to shine starting at the junior varsity level, 1966 starting catcher. He took the role and lead as starting varsity catcher for 1967. In 1968 he took on a new starting role as the team's first baseman and in 1969 he was Nyack High Schools starting 3rd baseman with an impressive .333 batting average. Bob Corvino demonstrated that he was a team player by playing the position the team needed him most and succeeded.

Academics, as noted early, were also an outstanding quality of Bob Corvino. He was a member of the National Honor Society, Vice President of the Student Council and was acknowledged often for his academic achievements. He was truly a student-athlete.

Corvino's athletic triumphs continued long after high school. After earning six varsity letters in football and baseball at Nyack High School, Bob played two years of Division II college football for the University of Bridgeport. In his two seasons at Bridgeport, the team went

21-1 and twice became NCAA College Division II Rockne Bowl champions, 1971 and, 1972 and received two Varsity Letters. He was once again recognized for academics, earning a Scholar Athlete award from the Fairfield County Chapter of the College Hall of Fame in 1972, and Arnold College Outstanding Male Graduate in Physical Education in 1973.

His rich athletic and academic experiences at Nyack High School laid the foundation for his teaching and coaching careers. Corvino became a physical education teacher and assistant football coach at Port Jervis High School. After serving as an assistant for 11 years, Bob became the head coach of the football team, a position he would hold until 2008. During his tenure with Port Jervis, Corvino established himself as the greatest football coach in the school's history. With Corvino at the helm, the team's record was 161-70-1. He led the team to 12 league titles, five Section 9 titles, and a trip to the state semifinals in 1997. Bob was twice chosen as the Times Herald-Record Football Coach of the Year in Section 9. Bob Corvino was also Athletic Director for 19 years until he retired in 2008 after serving Port Jervis for 35 years. Most recently, Bob was inducted into the Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame in 2015 in honor of his stellar career.