

BEAVER COUNTY **SPORTS** HALL OF FAME



**44th
ANNUAL
BANQUET**

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Good evening. As President of the Beaver County Sports Hall of Fame, it is an honor to represent the Hall of Fame Executive Committee and welcome you to our 44th annual banquet and induction ceremony.

The mission of the Hall of Fame is to educate the public about persons who have brought honor to Beaver County through their outstanding contributions to sports. Tonight, the Hall will continue this mission by recognizing eleven new inductees.

The Hall will also advance its mission by honoring an exceptional athlete from each Beaver County college and by presenting the prestigious Dick Kadis Award to this year's outstanding college athlete from Beaver County. The Hall will commemorate county high school and college coaches whose teams have won championships and individuals who have made special achievements since our last banquet.

The Hall will proudly present seven scholarships to deserving student-athletes from Beaver County high schools. The Beaver County YMCA and Wright Automotive Group are each generously sponsoring a \$1,000 scholarship, Tri-County Management (McDonald's) is sponsoring a \$500 scholarship, and the Hall of Fame Executive Committee is sponsoring four \$500 scholarships made possible by the individuals, groups, and businesses that have supported our efforts through the purchase of program booklet ads and banquet tickets. We thank these individuals, groups, and businesses for their generosity.

The Hall also thanks past inductees in attendance tonight, our patrons and vendors, and the news media who inform the community about us and our events. Moreover, I thank each member of the Executive Committee for their hard work throughout the year to help the Hall continue to celebrate the incredible sports tradition of Beaver County.

We encourage you to read the program booklet to learn more about the amazing accomplishments of tonight's inductees and to visit the Hall of Fame website to learn more about our 435 past inductees who excelled in their sports or sports-related activities at the local, state, national, and international level, from the 1800s to the 21st century. The Hall also encourages you to nominate deserving individuals for consideration for induction, to help us continue to recognize the individuals who have contributed to the rich tapestry of Beaver County sports.

The Hall hopes that you enjoy the program tonight and that you have an opportunity to meet with old friends and to make new friends. The banquet is a highlight of the year for us, and, on behalf of the Executive Committee, I thank everyone in attendance tonight and everyone else who has helped make this banquet possible.

Yours in sports,

LARRY ZIGERELL

President, Beaver County Sports Hall of Fame



2019 INDUCTEES

NATE GUENIN

Hockey · Hopewell

TOM HAYS

Broadcasting · Center

CHUCK KOTUBY

Coaching · Riverside

JAMES LAW

Track & Field · Rochester

SAM LoFASO

Coaching · Monaca

SEAN McCUNE

Football · South Side

JOHN MICHAEL

Broadcasting · Center

MIKE REBICH

Sports Media · Aliquippa

NICK SABOL

Golf · Freedom

KIM TIRIK

Basketball · Ambridge

LAURYN WILLIAMS

Track & Field · Rochester

PROGRAM

Greetings..... Larry Zigerell
President, Beaver County Sports Hall of Fame

Invocation..... Honorable Judge George "Tookie" James

Pledge of Allegiance

Dinner

Tossed Green Salad with Homemade Dressing
Fresh Baked Rolls and Butter
Slow Roasted Black Angus Top Round of Beef Au Jus
Garlic Mashed Redskins
Seasoned Green Beans
Spumoni Ice Cream

Master of Ceremonies Chris Shovlin

Closing Remarks Larry Zigerell
President, Beaver County Sports Hall of Fame

Benediction Honorable Judge George "Tookie" James



PAST INDUCTEES

ADMINISTRATION

Alberts, Sarge.....	Center	2012
Arbutina, Mike	Freedom.....	1996
Bocci, Don	Beaver Falls	2018
Darak, Dennis.....	Hopewell	2018
Fullen, Jack	Blackhawk.....	1996
LaSala, Chris	Aliquippa	2014
Parise, Bill	Rochester.....	2012
Ross, Bill	Beaver Falls	2015

ALL AROUND

Ashcroft, Rich	South Side.....	1996
Beltz, Jeff.....	Freedom.....	2008
Bernardi, Tony.....	Midland.....	2013
Bombiani, Sam	Ambridge	1991
Churovia, Bob.....	Hopewell	1995
Edwards, Bill.....	New Brighton.....	2017
Fouse, John.....	Aliquippa	1998
Gomory, Jim	Rochester.....	2003
James, George "Tookie"	Beaver Falls	1991
Karwoski, Jim	Freedom.....	1998
Laney, Chet (Laniewski)	Ambridge.....	2013
Mancini, Richard.....	Beaver Falls	2007
McBride, Sherman.....	Aliquippa	2014
Merriman, W Clair.....	Beaver Falls	1989
Miller, Mel	New Brighton.....	1998
Nadzak, Walt	Ambridge.....	1998
Ordich, Matt.....	Midland.....	2016
Petruny, Joe	Geneva.....	2013
Tipper, William.....	Aliquippa	2006
Yanosich, Matt	Midland.....	2009
Zanieski, Stan.....	Rochester.....	1986
Zernich, Steve	Aliquippa	2002
Zielinski, Bob "Concrete"	Midland.....	1980

AQUATICS

Baker, Frances "Skip".....	Bridgewater	1983
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ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Bemies, Charles	Geneva.....	1992
Carver, Frank	Beaver.....	1980
Ford, Jerry	Monaca	1979
Podbielski, Ruth	Beaver Falls	2001
Radakovich, Dan	Center	2008

BASEBALL

Beggs, Joe	Aliquippa	1979
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Benden, Homer.....	Beaver Falls.....	1987
Brehany, Joe.....	Aliquippa	1978
Cepull, Francis "Lefty"	Aliquippa	1995
Clark, Jack	New Brighton	2018
Corbett, Ty	Baden	1982
Damaska, Jack	Beaver Falls.....	1985
Estermyer, Wilbur "Wib"	Beaver Falls	1995
Francona, John "Tito"	New Brighton	1978
Francona, Terry	New Brighton	1995
Grater, Mark.....	Monaca.....	1999
Groth, Ernie.....	Beaver Falls.....	1990
Harvey, Ed	Beaver Falls	1990
Holman, Shawn.....	Ambridge	2017
Jurkowski, Cyril.....	Ambridge	1990
Kirkpatrick, Tom	Beaver Falls.....	2002
Klages, Fred.....	Ambridge	1985
Kuvinka, Scott.....	Hopewell.....	2001
Lawrence, Bob	Beaver Falls.....	2001
Lindsay, Chris	Monaca	1980
McCreery, Tom	Beaver	1992
Medich, George "Doc"	Hopewell.....	1987
Palka, Eugene L.....	Beaver Falls.....	2007
Pearson, Alex.....	Rochester	1979
Petrosky, Arthur "Tubby"	Midland	1988
Piatt, Doug	Beaver	2008
Pyecha, Jack.....	Monaca	1994
Shanks, Howard.....	Monaca	1978
Suder, Pete "Pecky"	Aliquippa	1976
Toy, Jim	Beaver Falls.....	1998
Verbanic, Joe	Hopewell.....	1999
Woodeshick, Hal	Monaca	1979
Zerilla, Jim.....	Ambridge	1992

BASKETBALL

Aloi, Nicholas	Midland	2001
Bentley, Hal.....	New Brighton	2008
Blair, Bill.....	Beaver Falls.....	1979
Brown, Brad	Riverside.....	2015
Cable, Barney	Rochester	1977
Calabria, Chad	Aliquippa	1986
Calabria, Dante	Blackhawk.....	2012
Clarke, Lenny.....	Monaca	2007
Davis, Brad	Monaca	1997
Davis, Mickey.....	Monaca	1985
DeVenzio, Dick	Ambridge	1985
Durham, Jarrett.....	Aliquippa	1983
Frank, James	Aliquippa	1982

PAST INDUCTEES

Gaffney-Brosier, Mona	Aliquippa	2008
Gibson, Alvin	Beaver Falls	2014
Ginsburg, Hyman.....	Beaver Falls	2010
Grant Jr, Forest Bay	Beaver Falls	2006
Green, George	Midland.....	2004
Hewko, Bill.....	Conway	2015
Hill, Simmie	Midland.....	1986
Hurley, Tom.....	New Brighton.....	1988
Irons, Jim.....	Monaca	1992
Jackson, Gabe	New Brighton.....	2012
Jackson, Oscar.....	Beaver Falls	1992
Janicki, Bernie	Ambridge.....	1987
Jeter, Joy.....	Beaver Falls	2005
Johnson, Spencer "Spinny"	Geneva.....	2016
Kaufman, Frank.....	Ambridge.....	2001
Kinkead, Pete	Monaca	1983
Lake, Herb.....	Midland.....	2003
Maddrey, Joe.....	Aliquippa	1991
Maravich, "Pistol" Pete	Aliquippa	1990
Migliore, Rick.....	Midland.....	2015
Miller, Archie.....	Blackhawk	2015
Miller, Sean	Blackhawk	2009
Nesmith, Troy.....	Beaver Falls	2013
Peete, Dick.....	Beaver Falls	1986
Pipkin, Chris	New Brighton.....	2011
Pipkin, Bob	Aliquippa	2016
Pukach, Joe.....	Aliquippa	1999
Reigel, Bill	Monaca	1982
Rowan, Ron.....	Beaver Falls	2005
Sheffield, Cal	New Brighton.....	1980
Sheffield, Don.....	New Brighton.....	2003
Slappy, Larry	Midland.....	2012
Sligh, Stan	Hopewell	2014
Suder, Rick.....	Center	2002
Taylor, Charlene.....	Beaver Falls	2018
Thomas, John.....	Aliquippa	2013
Van Lier, Norm	Midland.....	1984
Veltri, Lou	Beaver Falls	1984
Vetica, Dave	Riverside	2006
Vlasic, Al.....	Monaca	1983
Walker, Myron	Aliquippa	2010
Wuycik, Denny	Ambridge.....	1983
Yukica, Stan	Midland.....	1986
Zatezalo, George "Butch"	Center	1985
Zernich, Mickey	Aliquippa	1987
Zigerelli, Larry.....	Monaca	1989
Zopf, Bill	Monaca	1988

BILLIARDS

Dickinson, Ray.....	Rochester	1980
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BOWLING

Pucevich, Whitey	Aliquippa	1994
Shaffalo, Bill.....	Aliquippa.....	1978

BOXING

Dunn, Charley.....	Ambridge	1981
Folins, Herman.....	Ambridge	2001
Grimes Jr, Patrick "Paddy"	Aliquippa.....	1980
Larrick, Johnny.....	Ambridge	1986
Pelaia, Ernie.....	Monaca.....	2006
Peluso, Eugene "Battling Terry".	New Brighton	2011
Price, Carmie	Baden	1985
Susnell, Frank "Young"	Rochester	2009
Whitted Sr, John E "Skip".....	Ambridge	1994
Yankello, Thomas	Beaver	2014
Yarosz, Ed	Monaca.....	1982
Yarosz, Teddy.....	Monaca.....	1976
Yarosz, Tommy.....	Monaca.....	1978

BROADCASTING

Barrickman, Bob--.....	Beaver	2008
Cannon, Ellis.....	Midland	2010
Emrick, Mike "Doc"	Geneva	2010
Pompeani, Bob	Hopewell.....	2007
Shovlin, Chris.....	Midland	2006
Wilson, Chuck.....	Geneva	1981

COACHING

Alexander, Tom.....	Monaca.....	1999
Amalia, Bob.....	Blackhawk.....	2011
Anderson Oldaker, Dori	Blackhawk.....	2009
Antonini, Frank.....	Ambridge	1992
Aschman, Carl	Aliquippa.....	1976
Aultman, Cliff.....	Geneva	1977
Babich, Bob.....	Aliquippa	2010
Babish, Robert	Quigley	2007
Berdell, John	Beaver	1983
Berkman, Stan	Monaca.....	1978
Bezuk, Bob.....	Ambridge	1995
Bianchi, Vic	Ambridge	1994
Biega, Doug	Beaver Falls.....	2016
Black, Dick.....	Midland	1997
Borkovic, Terry.....	Hopewell.....	2016
Brauch, Sig	Beaver	2010

PAST INDUCTEES

Alford, Lywood.....	Aliquippa	2017	Jakes, David	Midland	1989
Alston, Dave	Midland.....	1976	James, Ron "Po"	New Brighton	1982
Bell, Charles	Beaver.....	2007	Kamzelski, Ron.....	Baden	1988
Benedict, Frank	Midland.....	2008	Karas Jr., Michael	Midland	2013
Best, Greg	Blackhawk	1996	Karcis, Adam.....	Monaca	1984
Bischoff, Paul	Beaver Falls	1979	Karcis, John	Monaca.....	1977
Boykins, LaMont.....	Quigley	2004	Kisiday, George	Ambridge	2000
Casp, Mike	Beaver.....	1986	Klutka, Nick	New Brighton	1981
Catanzarite, Jeff	Monaca	2009	Koman, Bill.....	Hopewell.....	1978
Colella, Phil	Rochester.....	1977	Krivoshia, Mike.....	Midland	2012
Collins, Dwight.....	Beaver Falls	1994	Krouse, Len.....	Rochester	1984
Costanza, Willie.....	Aliquippa	1996	Krzemienski, Tom	Beaver Falls.....	1998
Covert, Jim	Conway	1996	Lavrusky, James	Monaca.....	2014
Cullen, David "Ham"	Conway	1981	Law, Ty	Aliquippa	2011
Cutrona, Joe.....	Freedom.....	1981	Liggett, Bob.....	Aliquippa	1984
D'Achille, Lou	Beaver Falls	1986	Linn Jr, Jack.....	Freedom	2017
DeLuca, Dick	Monaca	1998	Lucci, Mike	Ambridge	1979
Dennison, Glen.....	Beaver Falls	1996	Makowiecki, Alex	Monaca.....	1991
DePaul, Henry	Beaver Falls	1987	McCandless, Jake.....	Beaver Falls.....	2000
Ditka, Mike.....	Aliquippa	1977	McKee, Paul.....	Beaver Falls.....	1981
Dorsett, Tony.....	Hopewell	1994	Mills, Richard J.....	Beaver	2000
Douds, Forrest "Jap"	Rochester.....	1976	Moore, Bill "Red".....	Rochester	1980
Doyle, Richard "Skip"	Rochester.....	1981	Mutscheller, Jim	Beaver Falls.....	1976
Edmiston, A Donald "Speed"	Midland.....	1989	Namath, Joe.....	Beaver Falls.....	1982
Farls, Jack.....	Freedom.....	1987	Nobile, Leo.....	Ambridge	1980
Feher, Gene	Aliquippa	2003	Odlivak, Nick.....	Aliquippa.....	1991
Fisher, Kelvin.....	Ambridge.....	2016	Parilli, Vito "Babe"	Rochester	1976
Fitzgerald, Don	Ambridge.....	1998	Peel, Jim	Blackhawk.....	2004
Fleming, Bruce	Monaca	2000	Peluso, Lyle	New Brighton	1997
Frank, Willie.....	Aliquippa	1997	Pitts, Ernie	Aliquippa	1980
Galupi II, Hal.....	Ambridge.....	2004	Pokorny, Frank.....	Center	2003
Gaona, Bob	Ambridge.....	1982	Powell, Major J "Loggie"	Aliquippa.....	1989
Gilbert, Sean	Aliquippa	2009	Pupi, Paul	Monaca.....	1986
Girting, Steve.....	Western Beaver.....	2008	Radella, Frank "Frenchy"	Midland	2014
Gnup, Frank "Knut".....	Aliquippa	1988	Raich, Matt.....	Monaca.....	2005
Grebb, Ted	Ambridge.....	2000	Raich, Mike	Monaca.....	2004
Griffin, Kris.....	Rochester.....	2017	Rains, Dan	Hopewell.....	1994
Grimm, SR "Pop".....	Rochester.....	1981	Ryan, Karlin "Butch".....	Beaver Falls.....	1985
Harris, Ollie.....	New Brighton.....	1985	Sakal, Tom.....	Aliquippa	2004
Heckathorne, OH.....	Beaver Falls	1985	Scanlon, Kevin	Beaver Falls.....	2005
Henderson, Marques	Aliquippa	2001	Sebastian, Mike "Lefty"	Ambridge	2007
Heuring, Francis Edward	Rochester.....	1983	Short, Dan "Peep"	Aliquippa.....	2005
Hill, Andrew "Jai"	New Brighton.....	2011	Singer, Curt.....	Hopewell.....	1999
Hood, Franklin	Monaca	1980	Skorupan, John.....	Beaver	1987
Hribar II, Frank	Aliquippa	2001	Smaltz, Bill	Aliquippa.....	1984
Hubbard, Robert Cal.....	Geneva.....	1976	Stala, Dom	Aliquippa.....	1997
Hudak, Ed.....	Blackhawk.....	2013	Szafaryn, Len.....	Ambridge	1979

PAST INDUCTEES

Taylor, Bob	Ambridge	1992
Thompson, Col Joe	Beaver Falls	1977
Thornhill, Claude "Tiny"	Beaver	1978
Toncic, Ivan	Midland	1999
Ulinski, Ed	Ambridge	1990
Ulinski, Harry	Ambridge	1993
Ulinski, Ray	Ambridge	1997
Vlasic, Mark	Center	1999
Wagner, J Huber	Monaca	1976
Walton, Joe	Beaver Falls	1977
Washington, Rocky	Beaver Falls	2008
Williams, Reggie	Beaver Falls	2015

GOLF

Antkiewicz, Jim	Ambridge	2016
Darak, John	Aliquippa	1993
Figley Renner, Jodi	Hopewell	2002
Gabal, Bill	Baden	1988
Hostetter Jr, Sherman	Blackhawk	2017
Mazza, John	Beaver Falls	1995
Mesing, Max	Beaver Falls	2004
Steele, Garen	New Brighton	2015
Vukson, Pete	Beaver	1989

GYMNASTICS

Guzzetti Richardson, Luann	Beaver Falls	2018
Hult Howe, Judy	Beaver	1976
Ivicek, Jim	Rochester	1985
Turconi, Teri	Beaver Falls	2005

HORSESHOES

Blum, Ed	Darlington	1989
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MANAGER / PROMOTER

Casey, Dom	Beaver Falls	1982
Diaddigo, Tom	Aliquippa	1985
Gratta, Vince	Hopewell	1988
Mrvosh, George	Beaver Falls	1981
Scassa Jr, Alex	Rochester	2002
Scassa Sr, Alex	Monaca	1978
White, Harold M "Whitey"	Hopewell	1990

MERITORIOUS

Anderson, Bill	Beaver	1977
Jones, John Paul	Beaver	1976
Pirol, Gino	Aliquippa	2016

MOTORSPORTS

Bolland, Kevin	New Brighton	2010
Shaffer, Tim	Hopewell	2011

OFFICIATING

Adams Jr, Sam	Geneva	2017
Bailey, Don	Monaca	1989
Court, Tony	Ellwood City	2015
Dionisio, Ronald "Lefty"	Rochester	2012
Greco, Vince	Freedom	1992
Leiper, Lenny	Blackhawk	2011
Merriman, David "Wills"	Beaver Falls	1991
Smith, Reggie	New Brighton	2018
Vinovich Jr, Billy	Midland	2017
Vinovich Sr, William "Butch"	Midland	1988
Vinovich III, Bill	Midland	2016

POLO

Watterson, Bob	Darlington	1992
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RECREATION

Heinrich, Norma	Beaver Falls	1991
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SHARP SHOOTER

Cramer, David J	Hopewell	1986
Darroch, Ken	Hopewell	2002

SOFTBALL

Belas, Charles "Chuck"	Aliquippa	1991
Kurtz Haggart, Amy	New Brighton	2016

SPORTS AGENT

Lint, Joe	Freedom	2014
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SPORTS JOURNALISM

Bires, Mike	Hopewell	2013
Cook, Ron	Blackhawk	2012
Henry, Jack	Beaver Falls	2002
Nuzzo, Andy	Midland	2017
Perrotto, John	Western Beaver	2018
Rose, Ed	Beaver	2012
Tronzo, Joe	Beaver Falls	2009

SPORTS MEDICINE

Lehman, John	Rochester	2006
McMillen, Rich	Blackhawk	2004

PAST INDUCTEES

STRONGMAN / WEIGHTLIFTER

DiCioccio, Bill Aliquippa 1989
 Montini, Art Aliquippa 1988
 Tonti, Joe Midland 1978
 Welch, Jack Aliquippa 1987

Carper, Herb Bridgewater 1978
 Evans, Robert "Bib" Beaver Falls 1989
 Harris, Woodford Ambridge 1989
 Jones, Roger Aliquippa 1981
 Moore, Winfield "Winny" Beaver Falls 1981
 Sipes, Jana Beaver 1994
 Taylor Sr, Haywood Bridgewater 1981
 Young, Candy Beaver Falls 1994
 Zaremba, Pete Aliquippa 1977

SWIMMING

Kozlina, Mike Hopewell 2011
 Marchionda, Bruce Quigley 2007
 Ujevich Bellhy, Jan Center 1992

TENNIS

Caughey, Glenn Beaver Falls 2000
 DiTullio, Janet Beaver 2018

TRAINER

Linkovich, Mike Monaca 1983
 Marotti, Mickey Ambridge 2018

TRACK AND FIELD

Butler, Bill Beaver 1976

VOLLEYBALL

Stewart, Joy Ambridge 2012



Visit the Hall of Fame website for lists of other honorees: www.bschof.org.

Beaver County Sports Hall of Fame Mission Statement

There can be no dispute that, since the beginning of humanity, those persons making outstanding contributions to history are traditionally celebrated and remembered by their peers and those who follow them. Sports are part and parcel of the fabric of history. Sports heroes should be celebrated by that history. It is in this light, then, that the Beaver County Sports Hall of Fame attempts to celebrate and honor select persons who have heroically contributed to the sports world with integrity, sportsmanship, and character.

A black and white photograph of an ice hockey player in an Ohio State uniform. The player is wearing a helmet with a cage, a jersey with "OHIO STATE" and "A" on it, and "SHER-WOOD" hockey sticks. The player is in a ready stance on the ice, with a puck visible on the ice to the left. The background shows a crowd of spectators in a rink.

*ONCE A BUCKEYE,
ALWAYS A BUCKEYE.*

CONGRATULATIONS NATE



Nate **GUENIN**

Hockey • Hopewell

In this the 44th year of the Beaver County Sports Hall of Fame, Nate Guenin has set history: he's the first hockey player to be inducted. Nate has excelled at every level he's competed in, as a junior, a collegian, and as a pro.

A native of Hopewell Township, Nate was immediately drawn to hockey and played on youth-league teams at the Beaver County Ice Arena. After playing with the Pittsburgh Hornets under-18 team in 1999-2000 in the Atlantic Amateur Hockey Association, Nate spent two seasons with the Green Bay Gamblers of the United States Hockey League and made the USHL All-Rookie Team in 2001.

Nate was drafted by the New York Rangers 127th overall in the 2002 NHL Entry Draft, but he accepted a hockey scholarship to Ohio State University. An assistant captain as a sophomore and junior and the team captain as a senior, Nate helped the Buckeyes win the 2004 NCAA championship. Nate was an academic All-American in 2004 and a second-team All-American in 2005.

After completing his college career at Ohio State, Nate signed as a free agent with the Philadelphia Flyers on August 16, 2006. Nate made his professional debut in the 2006–07 season with the Philadelphia Phantoms, the Flyers affiliate in the American Hockey League. Later that season, on January 18, 2007, Nate made his NHL debut with the Flyers.

Nate spent most of the next six years playing minor league hockey in the organizations of the Flyers, Pittsburgh Penguins, Columbus Blue Jackets, and Anaheim Ducks. Every so often, he'd get called to play a few games with the big league squad. But in 2013, Nate got his big break when he was signed by Colorado. "It's an honor. It's been a long road to get here," Nate told the Beaver County Times at the time. "The Avalanche gave me an opportunity with the organization, and I'm trying to make the most of it. Each day I try to prove that they made the right decision."

For the next two years, Nate was a fixture in the Avalanche lineup, playing in 68 regular-season games, seven playoff games in 2013-14, and 76 games in 2014-15. Nate, at 6-foot-3 and 207 pounds, played in 29 games the following year before he was released by Colorado. During his NHL career, Nate played in 205 games, scored five goals, and was especially strong on the penalty kill and ranked among NHL leaders in blocked shots.

Nate currently resides in Colorado with his wife Megan and their two dogs.



Congratulations

NATE GUENIN

From everyone at the Pittsburgh Penguins organization, thank you for representing hockey in Western PA so well throughout your career.





N A T E

GLENN



1ST NHL GOAL
HELSINKI, FINLAND
ANA vs BUF
OCT 7, 2011

CONGRATULATIONS, NATE ON BEING THE
1ST HOCKEY PLAYER INDUCTED INTO
THE BEAVER COUNTY SPORTS HALL OF FAME



From Coast to Coast Like Butter on Toast

You are the broadcaster with the most...



Heart

Pride

Integrity

Charisma

Congratulations on your
Call to the Hall!!

With all our love,

*Debbie, Kristin, Tim, Kelly, Wayne,
Brad, Nicole, Mylee, Lainey, and Parker*



Tom HAYS

Broadcasting • Center

When it comes to the numbers game, Tom Hays can recall uniform numbers with the very best. And the numbers that Tom put up makes him a Hall of Famer.

Tom began his newspaper career in 1978 as a district sales manager in the circulation department at the Beaver County Times. In 1982, he was promoted to circulation promotions director, and in 1984 Tom was hired for a similar position with the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. Tom spent 25 years with the Post-Gazette before retiring in 2009.

While he worked at the Beaver County Times, Tom began his career in broadcasting at WMBA Radio in Ambridge in 1981. Tom was brought on board with WBVP Radio in Beaver Falls in 1989 as he worked high school games primarily with Hall of Famer Bob Barrickman. After serving many years as a color analyst and doing some play-by-play, Tom became the lead voice for play-by-play at WMBA in 2012. Tom continues to provide color commentary for selected games at WBVP, as the two stations are now under one owner. Tom has broadcast Geneva College games, over 40 PIAA championship games, and approximately 75 WPIAL title games. Tom is known for a phrase that he coined to describe a long play in football or basketball: "From coast to coast like butter on toast!"

Tom has co-hosted the popular Coaches Corner interview show from Roberts Roadside Inn in Bridgewater for over 25 years. In that same time period, he has co-hosted the scoreboard show on Friday nights after the high school games, which is now titled the "Falconi's Moon Township Ford Wrap Up Show". The show is a combination of reporting the final scores and highlights of the games that evening and fielding phone calls from listeners.

Tom has served on a number of occasions through the years as a sports banquet Master of Ceremonies for various high schools. Recently, Tom was the emcee for the Freedom High School football banquet following the Bulldogs playoff season in 2018, and in January 2019 Tom once again served as emcee for the Italian High School Football Coaches banquet held annually in Ambridge.

Tom has served 12 years with the Center Township community youth sports programs.

Tom and his wife Debbie have been married for 39 years and reside in Center Township. Their children are Bradley, Kelly, and Kristin. They have three grandchildren.





TOM HAYS

YOU HAVE ALWAYS BEEN OUR

Hall of Famer!

With Much Love –

Your Sister Sherry,

Kurt, Nett, Dan & Marianna

TOM HAYS

Hall of Fame Brother
Hall of Fame Uncle
Hall of Fame Man



Congratulations on almost 40 years of broadcasting
and making Beaver County (and us) proud!

Love

*Lori, Dick, Nicole, Justin,
Nicole, Brice and Brenna*

Congratulations to Tom Hays on your induction into the Beaver County Sports Hall of Fame!



Tom Hays

Regular broadcaster and supporter of
Geneva College Athletics

Congratulations to Geneva College's Phil Thompson! PAC Men's Track and Field Coach of the Year



Phil Thompson

Geneva Men's and Women's Track and Field Head Coach
2018 Men's Outdoor PAC Champions

Congratulations
TOM HAYS



**ON YOUR BEAVER COUNTY SPORTS
HALL OF FAME INDUCTION**

*From Your
Radio Teammates*

BOB, BRUCE, TAYLOR, AND JASON

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TOM "PURPLE" HAYS
and
all of the other 2019 Inductees
into the
Beaver County Sports Hall of Fame!!

Well deserved, Tom!
It's an honor to know you!!

You make us proud!
Duke and Melissa Guzzetti

Coach Kotuby



A father to some yet a mentor to all. The influence of a great coach is never erased and touches us all. It's bigger than wins and deeper than losses. For within every great coach is an even greater man. All that meet him leave with more than they came in so many ways he is deservedly so, to be honored in this hall of fame.

— The Kotuby Family



Chuck **KOTUBY**

Coaching • Riverside

Riverside High School opened in the fall of 1959, and, in 1966, the school had its first ever WPIAL champion: Chuck Kotuby.

Starting in 1964, when Chuck began his sophomore year at Riverside he competed in cross country, basketball, and track. In the fall of 1966, he won the WPIAL Class B cross country championship and helped his team to a WPIAL co-championship and runner up position at the PIAA championships. In the spring of 1967, Chuck led the Riverside track team to its first ever WPIAL team championship, winning the track and field team title. Chuck was WPIAL champion in the mile run and went on to be Riverside's first ever PIAA champion when he won the Class B mile run.

Chuck attended West Liberty University (1968-71), where he received WVIAC all-conference honors in cross country and track and field, and graduated with a degree in health and physical education.



Chuck went on to coach football, basketball, and track at River High school in Hannibal, Ohio (1972-74) and the Ellwood City school district (1975-79). In 1981, Chuck started the Riverside youth soccer league, where he coached for eight years. In 1989, Chuck organized the first varsity soccer program at Riverside High School. In 1993, Chuck served as assistant soccer coach and helped lead Riverside to its first ever soccer section championship.

In 1996, Chuck was hired as Riverside's boys' track coach and from 1996 to 2001 he compiled a section record of 26-5, with three section championships. In 2004, Chuck was hired as Riverside Middle School's physical education teacher and rehired as the boys' track coach after two years off.

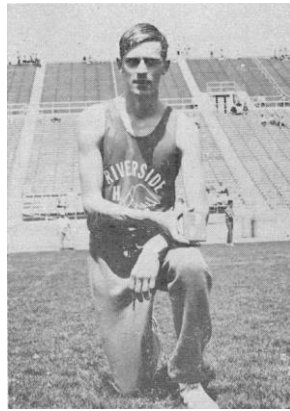
Over the past 20 years, Chuck coached the Riverside track team to an overall section record of 115-5 and an overall WPIAL record of 138-24. Even more impressively, from 2005 to 2018, Chuck's boys track teams did not lose a section meet, and, over the past 14 years have compiled a section record of 98-0. During that time, Chuck's teams won five WPIAL championships (2008, 2009, 2011, 2017, and 2018), which is tied with the most WPIAL team titles in Class AA team history. Chuck's boys track teams were also runner-up in 2010, 2013 and 2014. Chuck's coaching has produced numerous state medalists and six individual PIAA champions.

In January 2019, the Riverside school board voted to name the track at Memorial Stadium in honor of Chuck for his years of service and success.

Chuck was married to his late wife Carol for 40 years. Chuck has three children: Charles Jr., Carrie, and Clinton. Chuck has five grandchildren.

Congratulations Coach Kotuby!

On your induction into the
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To us, you've always been famous!

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James LAW

Track & Field • Rochester

In the spring of 1985, when James Law emerged as the fastest Class 2A high school sprinter in Pennsylvania, the Beaver County Times featured his exploits in a story with the following headline: "Law of the land: No one out-runs James".

That's basically the way it was for James as a junior and senior at Rochester High School, where James ran track under coach Jim Ebersberger, a fellow Beaver County Sports Hall of Fame inductee. Not only did James win, he won with ease. Rarely was James even challenged. Often, he sprinted his way into the record books in the various meets in which he competed. There are so many accounts of runners who James beat offering up their praise for him. James was noted for his sprinting shoes, which were marked on the back with a "The" on the left shoe and a "Law" on the right shoe.

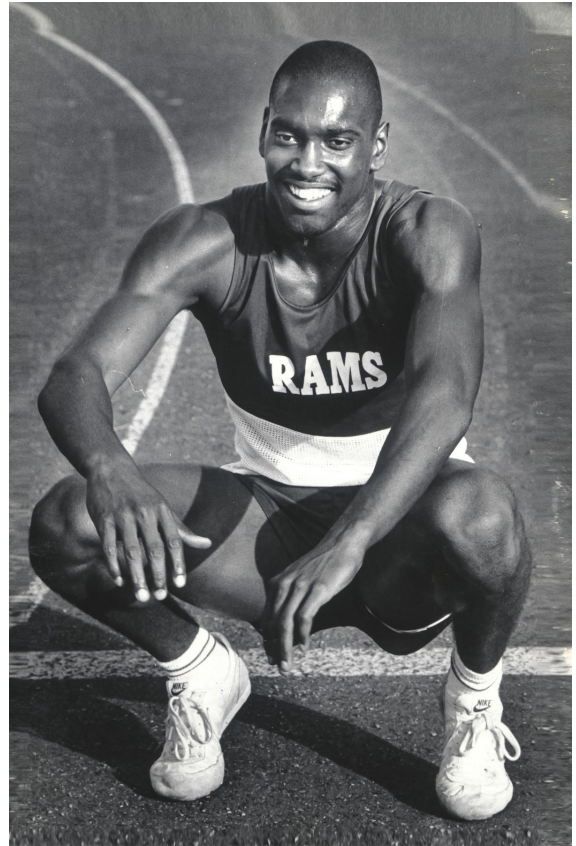
In the 1985 WPIAL track and field championships, James won his first four WPIAL gold medals by winning the 100-meter dash, the 200-meter dash, and the 400 meter-dash in Class 2A and running a leg on the 400-meter relay team. A few weeks later at the PIAA championships at Shippensburg University, James won his first two state championships by winning the 100-meter dash and the 200-meter dash. It was more of the same a year later. James repeated as WPIAL champion 100-meter dash, the 200-meter dash, and the 400 meter-dash. Then, at states, James repeated there as well in the 100-meter dash, the 200-meter dash, and the 400 meter-dash. In 1987, James won a Beaver County Sports Hall of Fame Special Achievement Award for his 1986 sprinting.

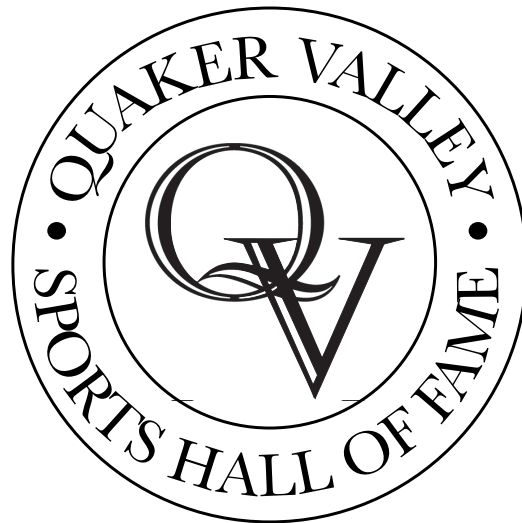
Among the records James has held include: the WPIAL 100 meters (10.5 seconds in 1985), the WPIAL 400 meters (48.5 seconds in 1986), and the PIAA 200 meters (22.00 seconds in 1985).

After finishing his high school career, James accepted a track scholarship at Odessa Junior College in Texas. Later, James played football and track and field at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. To this day, James is still in the national junior college record books as a member of Odessa's 4x100 relay team (38.86 seconds).

James later started at defensive back for three seasons for the semi-pro Pittsburgh Colts in the North American Football League, helping his team reach the championship game in 1997.

James lives in Rochester and is the father of a daughter Ivorie and a son Damarcus.





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Sam LoFASO

Coaching • Monaca

People say that some individuals are born to coach. To Sam LoFaso, coaching was his lifelong dream, and Sam was most inspired by his high school football coach, the legendary Larry Bruno.

Sam graduated from Monaca High School in 1960 and from Wichita State University in 1965. That year, Sam began his coaching career at Wichita East High School, as the football team's offensive coordinator. But then Sam had the great opportunity to return to his roots in Beaver County as an assistant football coach at his Alma Mater: Monaca High School. Sam became the head football coach for Monaca in 1972, and, four years later, Monaca won the WPIAL Championship.

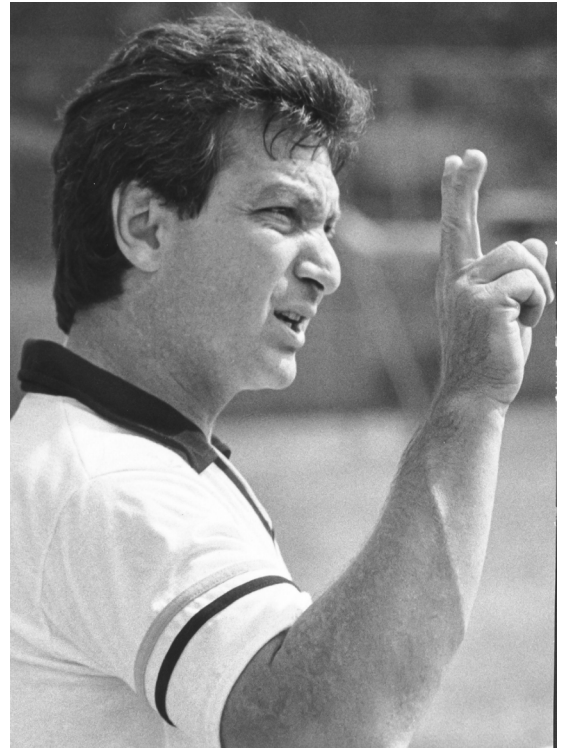
In 1978, Sam was offered the head football coaching job at Quaker Valley. Six years later, Sam produced a section championship and a trip to the WPIAL playoffs. Sam still holds the all-time winning record for most wins at Quaker Valley.

Following his successful career at Quaker Valley, Sam was offered the Center High School head football coach position, where Sam coached from 1984 to 1986. Sam then became the head football coach at Avonworth High School, from 1987 to 1990. During this period, Sam was also selected to be the head coach of the Penn/Ohio Game.

After Sam retired from coaching football in 1993, Sam devoted his time to softball with Pennsylvania Chaos Traveling Softball. In 2004, Sam was recruited by Vincentian High School to become the head softball coach, where the team excelled and became fourth in the WPIAL. In 2006, Chatham University offered Sam a head softball coaching position to establish a competitive softball program. Sam remained at Chatham until 2011, when, because of the extensive travel and time constraints, he accepted an offer to be the head softball coach at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart High School. Sam took OLSH to the playoffs in 2011 and coached at OLSH until 2016.

In 1997, Sam founded the Quaker Valley Sports Hall of Fame and, in 2000, Sam was inducted into that Hall of Fame.

Sam now spends time teaching youth of all ages pitching, catching, and hitting. Sam and his wife Linda have a son Sam Jr., daughters Shelby and Kalee, and six grandchildren.





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Sean McCUNE

Football • South Side

Sean graduated from South Side Beaver High School in 2000, where he was a four-sport letter winner and captain of the football, basketball, and track teams in his senior year. Sean was an all-conference basketball player and a WPIAL gold medal winner in the 300 hurdles.

In football, Sean was a four-year starter and received all-conference honors as a quarterback, defensive back, wide receiver, and punter. He never lost a home game at Richard J. Ashcroft Field and was a key figure on two teams that went undefeated in Big 7 conference play. Sean started every game since his freshman year and was a four-year all-conference selection.

As a freshman and sophomore, Sean had 866 receiving yards and 500 rushing yards. In 1999, as a senior, Sean rushed for 929 yards, threw for 1,314 yards with 16 touchdowns, had seven interceptions, and returned two interceptions for touchdowns. That year, Sean captained the state champion football team, earning all-state honors and Fab 22 honors as a defensive back and being named Associated Press Small School Player of the Year in Pennsylvania.

Sean then attended Colgate University from 2000 to 2004 and was a four-year starter as a defensive back. As a senior, he captained the football team that made a historic run at a Division I-AA National Championship and finished the season with a 15-1 mark and a #2 national ranking. Sean contributed over 100 tackles, led the team with 65 solo tackles and four interceptions, and was awarded Team Defensive MVP, First-Team Patriot League, and All-ECAC honors. Sam was also the recipient of the Dick Kadis Award in 2004.

Following Colgate, Sean played safety in the Italian Football League for the Lazio Marines during the 2004-05 season.

After his playing career, Sean worked in finance in New York before embarking on a career in education. Having worked at a high-performing school in Brooklyn, Sean earned his M.A.T. in teaching and now works outside of Charlotte, NC, where he lives with his wife Alexa and their daughter Molly.



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John MICHAEL

Broadcasting • Center

John Michael's road to the broadcasting booth has been one of a kind. Prior to embarking upon his broadcasting career, John earned a law degree, an MBA degree, and a mechanical engineering degree from the University of Notre Dame, all with cum laude honors, in an eight-year span. After law school, John joined the prestigious law firm of Kirkpatrick & Lockhart (now K&L Gates). There, John practiced law full time as a trial attorney specializing in construction law for over four years.

In a now-or-never moment, John decided to roll the dice and put the practice of law on hold to pursue his passion: sports broadcasting. John left the luxury of law to begin his new career at the bottom, calling Single-A baseball in Hagerstown, Maryland. Yet, after a successful and precipitous rise through the baseball and hockey minor league ranks, he found himself on television broadcasting for the NHL's Columbus Blue Jackets a mere six years later.

His success in the NHL led John eventually to the NBA, where he is now the radio play-by-play broadcaster for the Cleveland Cavaliers. John had the privilege of calling four consecutive NBA Finals, one of which culminated in a Game 7 victory that brought a title to the city of Cleveland for the first time in 52 years.

In 2015, John represented the Cavaliers' organization by moderating the esteemed Cuyahoga Community College Presidential Luncheon alongside Magic Johnson. In addition, John made numerous SportsCenter appearances on ESPN during the Cavs' playoff runs each of the last four seasons. John has also taught as an Adjunct Professor of Broadcasting at Springfield College in Massachusetts, where the game of basketball was invented.

John's ascension through the minor leagues included a stop with baseball's Single-A Hagerstown Suns, and then on to hockey, where he called games for the ECHL's Johnstown Chiefs (where John was named 2005 ECHL Broadcaster of the Year), the AHL's Springfield Falcons, and the AHL's Lake Erie Monsters.

Hailing from Center Township, John attended Sewickley Academy, where he lettered in baseball, soccer, lacrosse, and basketball. As a senior at Sewickley, John was named the 1989 WPIAL Soccer Conference Player of the Year by the Beaver County Times. John has also won Pony, Colt, and American Legion baseball titles with Center Township.

John is the son of Dr. John Michael, Jr. and Anne Michael of Center Township. He is also the proud husband of his wife Julie and proud father of daughter Katelyn and son Jake.



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We are proud to celebrate the induction of our former colleague and current play-by-play announcer for the Cleveland Cavaliers, John Michael, into the Beaver County Sports Hall of Fame.

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JOHN MICHAEL

A Center Township native, Michael graduated from Sewickley Academy in 1990 and studied collegiately at Notre Dame. He is a former attorney who changed his career path to follow his passion to become a sports broadcaster. Since the 2010-11 season, Michael has been the play-by-play radio announcer for the Cleveland Cavaliers who won the NBA Championship in 2016.



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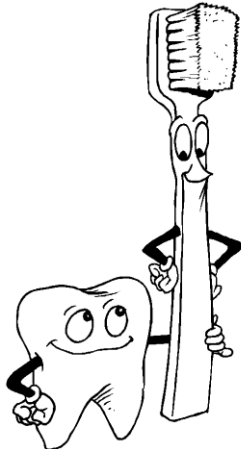
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Mike REBICH

Sports Media • Aliquippa

Mike began his amazing career spanning almost 47 years as a cameraman with ABC Television in early 1960s.

Mike's camera captured everything, including: the Baseball Game of the Week, the Harlem Globetrotters, Indy 500s, Kentucky Derbys, NBA basketball, the Special Olympics, and Sugar Bowls; the Mohammed Ali vs. Brian London fight in England in 1966, along with Howard Cosell's interview with legendary football player Jim Brown; the Winter Olympics in France in 1968; the Texas vs. Arkansas "Game of the Century" in 1969; Mohammed Ali vs. Joe Frazier in "The Fight of the Century" at Madison Square Garden in 1971; and "The Battle of the Sexes" between Billy Jean King and Bobby Riggs at the Superdome in Houston in 1973.

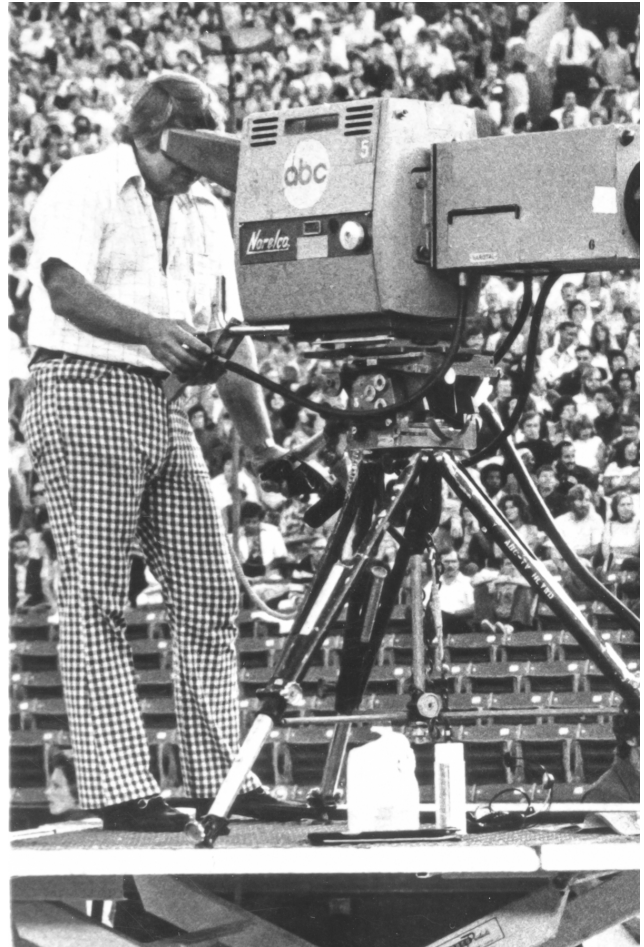
Until 1977, Mike worked as a cameraman at ABC Television with ABC's Wide World of Sports and ABC Sports. In 1977, Mike moved to the ABC News Division with President of ABC Sports Roone Arledge Jr.

At ABC, he worked with one of American television's most prominent journalists, Peter Jennings, on daily international news, ABC specials, and documentaries. In this role, Mike traveled the world even more broadly, covering events that helped shape history, from natural disasters, to war and politics, to coups and uprisings, all while reporting sidebar sports stories.

Mike won an Emmy from the Television Academy for Outstanding Individual Achievement in Sports Programing (Electronic Cameraman) with ABC for his coverage of the 1976 Olympic Games.

His coverage at the Summer Olympics in Montreal, encompassed his filming Bruce Jenner circling the track with the American flag draped around his shoulders after winning the decathlon gold medal.

Mike retired from his professional life in 2007. Mike and his wife of 55 years, Milta, reside in Marietta, Georgia. They have two daughters, Alisha and Terri, and three grandchildren.



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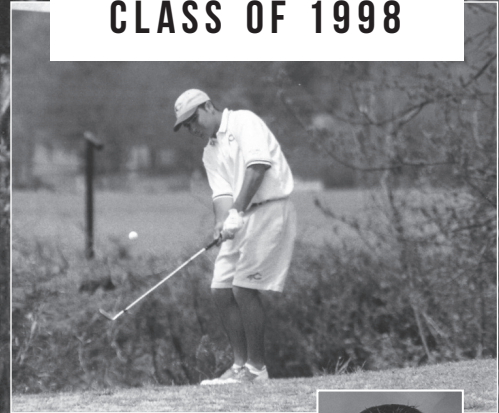


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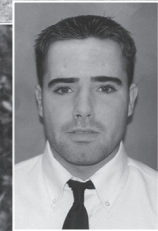
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Nick SABOL

Golf • Freedom

Nick Sabol knows what it's like to experience hall of fame honors. One of the best golfers to ever come out of Beaver County, Nick was a 2013 inductee into the Catawba College Sports Hall of Fame and a 2018 inductee into the South Atlantic Conference Hall of Fame and the Freedom Area Education Hall of Fame. Now Nick is being inducted into the Beaver County Sports Hall of Fame.

After graduating from Freedom in 1994, Nick embarked on a career in golf, first as a player and then as a golf pro/instructor. At Catawba, located in Salisbury, NC, Nick was a four-year member of the Indians' men's golf team. Considered one of the most accomplished golfers in Catawba history, Nick was a four-time All-SAC first-team selection, and in 1995 earned SAC Player of the Year and Freshman of the Year honors after leading Catawba to the SAC men's golf title and its first berth ever in the NCAA Division II National Tournament.

Individually, Nick was SAC tournament champion in 1995, posting the best round in Catawba history by a freshman or at a SAC tournament with a second-round 66. Nick was named a National Golf Coaches Association (NGCA) honorable mention All-American in 1995 and 1998 and was named NGCA Division II Freshman of the Year in 1995. During his college career, Nick won four tournaments and posted a career average of 75.33. Nick's best season came in 1998, when he posted a 74.32 average and advanced to the NCAA Division II National Championships as an individual.

After graduating from Catawba, Nick worked five years in North Carolina, first as an assistant pro at a country club, then as head pro at a public course. Then Nick decided to return to his roots and landed a job as an assistant at Fox Run Golf Course in North Sewickley Township, where he worked for the late Max Mesing, the Fox Run owner/pro who was a 2004 Beaver County Sports Hall of Fame inductee. Then Nick moved to Montour Heights County Club in Moon Township as an assistant pro under John Mazza, a 1995 inductee into the Beaver County Sports Hall of Fame.

In 2007, Nick played on the Hooters Tour, a developmental professional golf tour now known as the SwingThought Tour. A year later, Nick je-joined John Mazza for a brief stint as an assistant at Harmony Ridge Golf Course in Ambridge. Nick later gave lessons at The Club at Shadow Lakes in Hopewell and coached the Hopewell High School boys' team. Nick returned to Harmony Ridge in 2011 for a brief stint as head pro. In recent years, Nick has been a teaching pro at Rowan Road Driving Range in Cranberry Township.

Nick is the son of Rich and Virginia Sabol and the father of Luke Sabol.



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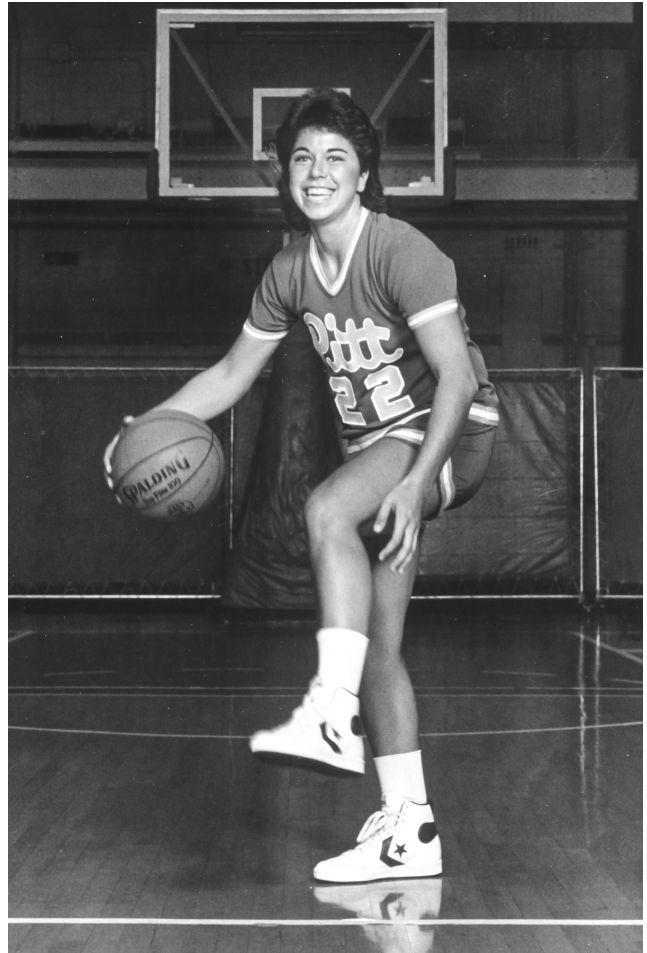
Kim **TIRIK**

Basketball • Ambridge

Kim Tirik began playing basketball on the playgrounds of Ambridge with her older brother and boys from the neighborhood.

Kim went on to excel in three sports at Ambridge High School. She was the starting shortstop for four years and garnered Section 2-AAA MVP awards for three years. She played on the tennis team for two years as the 1st and 2nd singles player, while going undefeated in match play. But Kim's love for the game of basketball was undeniable and was her future.

Kim was the starting point guard for four years and finished her career with 1,756 career points, which was second highest in Beaver County history for boys or girls in 1982. She averaged 20.6 points per game and was named 1st Team All-State her senior year. In addition, Kim was named to the Street and Smith Honorable Mention All-American team in 1982. Some of Kim's other accomplishments include: Section First Team in 1980, 1981, and 1982, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette WPIAL AAA Player of the Year in 1982, Pittsburgh Press Finest Five selection in 1981 and 1982, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette Fabulous Five Selection in 1981 and 1982, Pittsburgh Press Finest Five selection in 1981 and 1982, and Beaver County Times Section 2-AAA MVP in 1981 and 1982. In 1994, Kim was inducted into the Ambridge Sports Hall of Fame.



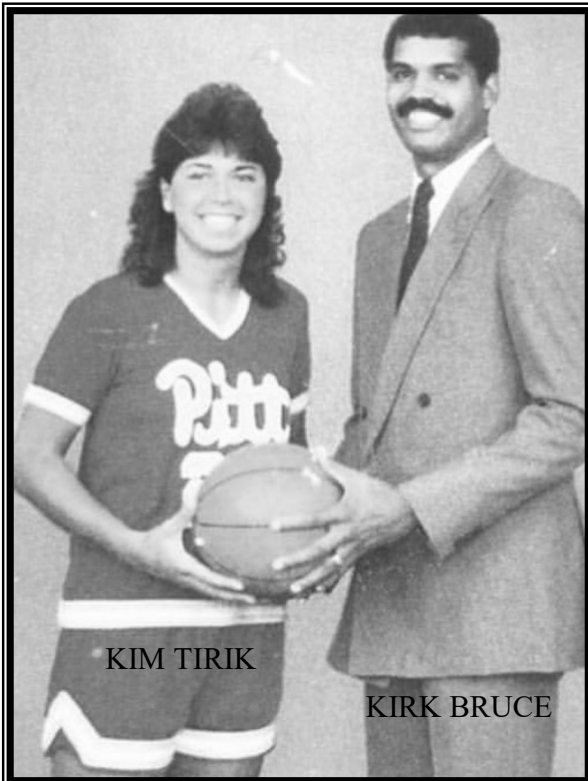
Kim earned a four-year scholarship to the University of Pittsburgh, where she was the starting point guard from 1982 to 1986 and led her team to a Big East regular season championship in 1983-84. Kim ranks in the top ten in three statistical categories in Lady Panthers history: she is currently second in school history with 592 career assists, she is tied for first in single game assists with 16 assists versus West Virginia University in 1984, and she is tied for first with 186 assists during the 1983-84 season. Kim played defense, too, which is evident by her 170 career blocks, placing her seventh all-time in school history. Her quickness allowed her to amass 170 career steals, placing her at ninth all-time in the Lady Panthers record books. Kim was inducted into the Pittsburgh Basketball Club Hall of Fame in 2018.

Kim currently resides in Hopewell. She retired as the Supervisor of Education in 2018 with 20 years of federal service for the Department of Justice Bureau of Prisons.

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KIM TIRIK



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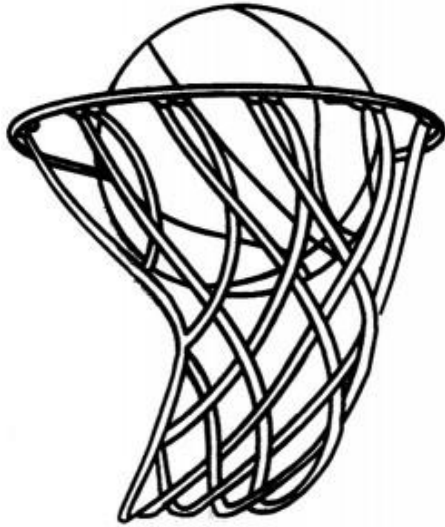
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At one point during Lauryn Williams' storied high school track career at Rochester, she was asked about her growing celebrity as the fastest girl in the Pennsylvania. "I don't even think about stuff like that," she said humbly. "To me, I'm just plain old Lauryn." But at Rochester, at the University of Miami (Fla.) where she competed collegiately, and as an American sprinter who ran in some of the world's most prestigious championships, Lauryn was never "just plain old Lauryn."

Consider that Lauryn, a 2001 Rochester graduate, is one of just five athletes in the world to have won a medal in both the Summer Olympic Games and the Winter Olympic Games, and was the first American woman to do so. Lauryn won a second-place silver medal in the 100-meter dash in the 2004 Summer Olympic Games in Athens, Greece, and in the 2012 Summer Olympics in London, England, she was part of the American 400-meter relay team and that won the gold medal. Then, in the 2014 Winter Olympic Games in Sochi, Russia, she won a silver medal as a member of the USA's two-woman bobsled. Simply put, Williams was a world-class athlete.

For Lauryn, her track success started at Rochester when she was the fastest girl in the state and one of the fastest girls in the country. She won the 100 and 200 at the PIAA Championships as a sophomore and junior. As a 10th grader, she set the state record with a time of 24.9 seconds in the 200. As a senior at states, Lauryn won the 100 and 200 again, setting records in both sprints (11.78 and 23.85); those records still stand today. She also won a gold medal by running a leg on Rochester's winning 400 relay team. Lauryn finished her high school career with seven WPIAL gold medals and seven gold medals at the state meet.

In track, Lauryn has traveled the world. Beside her trips to the Olympics, her track talents took her to Kingston, Jamaica for the World Junior Championships in 2002, the Dominican Republic for the Pan American Games in 2003, Monte Carlo, Monaco for the World Athletics Final in 2004 and 2005, Moscow, Russia for the World Indoor Championships in 2006, and Helsinki, Finland and Osaka, Japan for the World Championships in 2005 and 2007.

Lauryn's list of achievements has many other milestones, such as a World Junior championship in 2002 and first place at the 2003 Pan American Games and the NCAA title at Miami in 2004, all in the 100 meters. Lauryn was also the gold medalist in the 100-meter dash at the 2005 World Championships and the silver medal winner in 2007.

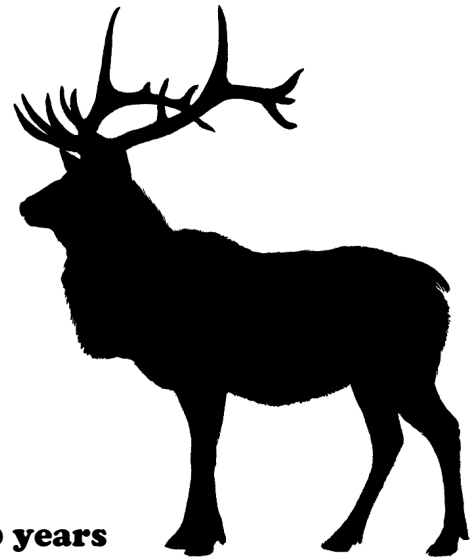


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The Dick Kadis Award

CHASSIDY OMOGROSSO

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One of the most successful players from Western Pennsylvania, Beaver Falls native and Blackhawk High School graduate Chassidy Omogrosso has made quite the impact on the court during her four years at Duquesne University.

Chassidy will close her career with the Dukes as the program's third all-time leading scorer with 1,703 career points and all-time leader in career three-pointers with 279.

Chassidy was part of a 90-win class that ranks third among winningest classes in Duquesne history. Chassidy helped the Dukes to their first appearance in the NCAA Tournament in 2016 and the program's first win in that tournament with a 97-76 victory over Seton Hall. Chassidy also helped Duquesne to a pair of WNIT appearances that included a trip to the Round of 16 in 2018.

A three-time All-Atlantic 10 selection, Chassidy was named First Team All-Conference in 2018, Second Team in 2019, and garnered All-Rookie Team honors as a freshman in 2016. Chassidy will also finish second in career 3-point field goal percentage (.382) and third in career free throw percentage (.832).

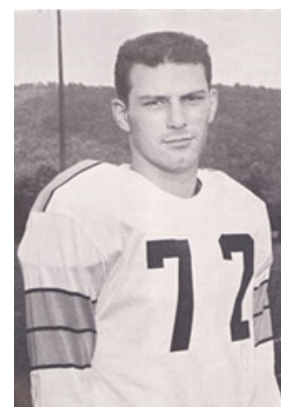
Chassidy tallied 19 career 20-point games, including a 31-point effort at Miami (Ohio) to lead Duquesne to a 69-56 victory over the Redhawks in the WNIT first round in 2018.



The Dick Kadis Award

On the evening of September 29, 1956, the Geneva College Golden Tornados traveled to Waynesburg College. During the course of play, 21-year-old Dick Kadis recovered a fumble, and, after rising from the bottom of the pile, left the game and did not return to action. While boarding the bus for the trip home, Kadis collapsed, falling into a coma. Doctors later determined that he had suffered a massive brain hemorrhage. Kadis eventually came out of the coma, but he was left in a semi-paralyzed state. Kadis's mother and father, Pauline and Charles Kadis, cared for their son until August 1978, when they both suffered heart attacks. Kadis was moved to a hospital and then to a nursing home, where at age 43, he died on October 18, 1979.

Tonight, as we have each year since he left us, we remember Dick Kadis.



Geneva Award

TREWON MARSHALL, Football Quaker Valley School District

Trewon Marshall finished his decorated career as Geneva's all-time leading rusher with 4,263 yards, including a career-high 286 yards in the final game of his career at Carnegie Mellon, the second highest single-game total in Geneva history. Trewon was named the Presidents' Athletic Conference Offensive Player of the Year, and was named a 1st Team National Christian College Athletic Association All-American. Trewon's single-season total of 1,716 yards in 2018 was second-highest in Geneva history and fifth in NCAA Division III. Trewon currently holds the second, third, fourth, and sixth highest single-game rushing totals in Geneva history. Trewon rushed for 35 touchdowns in his career, while also catching two touchdowns and throwing for another. Trewon's 218 career points are sixth all-time at Geneva.



Penn State Beaver Award

BRENNA CEPULL, Women's Softball Central Valley High School

Brenna has been the starting third baseman for the Penn State Beaver Softball program for four years. She started in 124 games during her career. Over her career, Brenna accumulated 62 runs, 110 hits, 29 doubles, 59 RBI, and a .304 career batting average. Brenna led the Lady Lions to three straight PSUAC playoff appearances, where they were runner's up in 2016. In the classroom, Brenna has been equally successful: she has been named to the Dean's list four times, and she earned PSUAC All Academic Honors all four years she has competed. Brenna is also very active on campus. She currently is the Student Government Association President, Varsity Club Secretary, participates in THON fundraising, and works in the Athletic Department. Brenna was a recipient of the Student Life Leadership Award in 2017 and 2018.

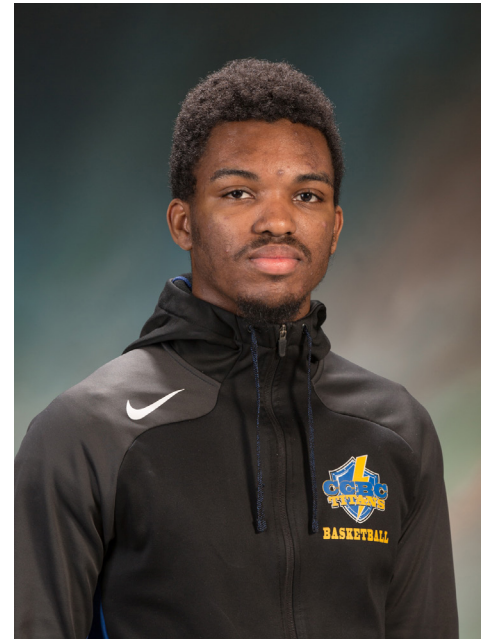


CCBC Award

ERIC TAYLOR, Basketball

Prep Charter High School, Philadelphia

Eric Taylor is a sophomore on the men's basketball team at Community College of Beaver. As a freshman, Eric started 12 out of 31 games and helped his team finish 27-4 on the season. Eric helped the team make the regional tournament and finish the season ranked #9 nationally. In his sophomore season, Eric has started 15 out of 20 games and helped lead to the fifth ranked team in the country. In the classroom, Eric has had a 4.0 GPA over his entire academic career at CCBC. Eric was also named to the All-Academic team for 2017-18 and is the Community College of Beaver County 2017-2018 Male Student-Athlete of the year.



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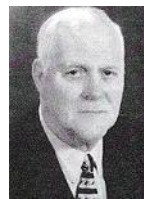
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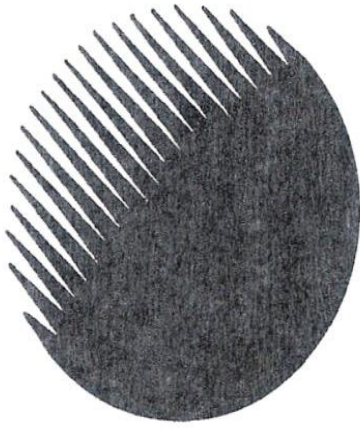
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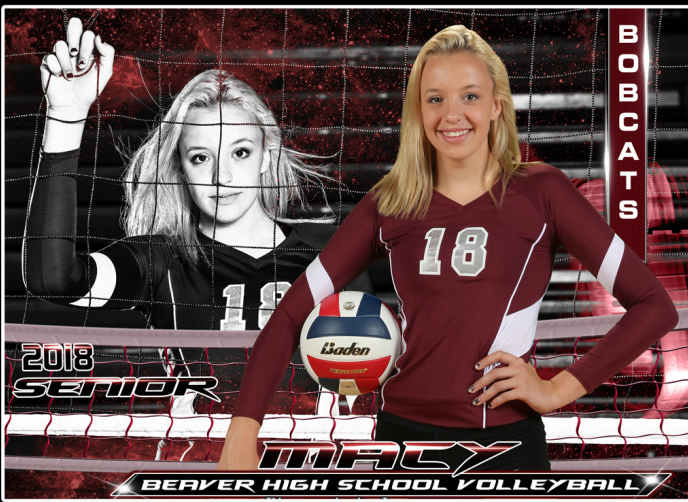
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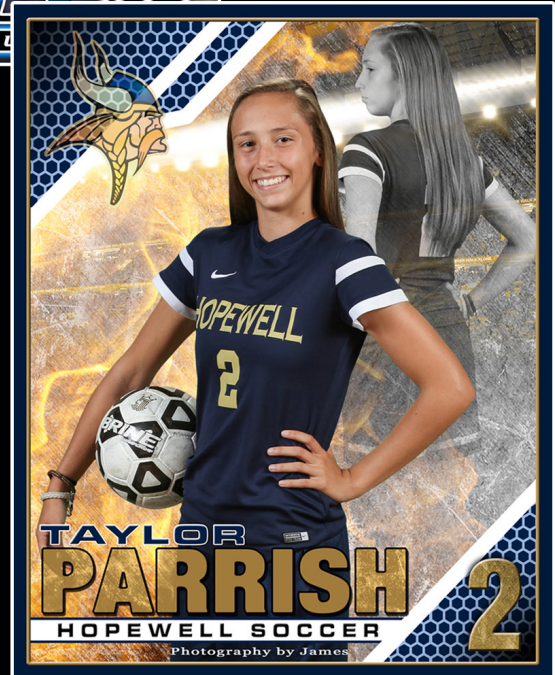
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Looking Back: 1994

*Looking back 25 years on the
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VIC BIANCHI was All-District in football at Leetsdale High School in 1943 and 1944 and All-State football at Westminster (1949-52). Vic had a 17-year run as head coach of the Ambridge Bridgers basketball team, making the playoffs 12 times and twice playing for the WPIAL title.

DWIGHT COLLINS was a high school All-American, named to the Dapper Dan Basketball Classic, and a gold medal winner in the PIAA championship 200-meter dash. In 1980 at Pitt, Dwight became the favorite target of QB Dan Marino. In 1984, Dwight played a season for the Minnesota Vikings.

TONY DORSETT at Pitt in 1973 won a National Championship and the Heisman Trophy. In 1977, Tony was the #1 draft choice of the Dallas Cowboys, was Rookie of the Year, and helped the Cowboys win the Super Bowl. Tony was a 4-time Pro Bowler, with eight 1000 yard seasons, 72 TDs, and 12,739 rushing yards. In 1994, Tony was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

WHITEY PUCEVICH is in the Aliquippa Sports Hall of Fame and the Beaver Valley Bowling Hall of Fame. He was a member of the Professional Bowlers Association Tour from 1974 to 1976, won the regional title in 1975, and won the Pennsylvania Doubles Championship in 1985.

JACK PYECHA earned 4 letters playing baseball for the Monaca Indians (1945-1949). He played 6 seasons of minor league baseball. In 1954 for the Cubs in Crosley Field, Jack entered his only major league game and held the Cincinnati Redlegs scoreless in the 7th and 8th innings.

DAN RAINS was a 3-year letterman in basketball, football, and track at Hopewell, team MVP at the University of Cincinnati, and a Chicago Bears linebacker for 42 games. Dan was in the Bears' "Super Bowl Shuffle" video.

BUTCH ROSS was named head coach of the Hopewell Vikings in 1969, where he remained for 9 years and coached Tony Dorsett and Dan Rains. Butch coached 8 All-WPIAL players, 6 All-State players, and 2 All-American players.

JANA SIPES was twice named MVP at the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference meet in field events. In 1986, she placed 3rd nationally in the Penn Relays in the heptathlon and All-American in Division II in the javelin and heptathlon. Jana is in the Slippery Rock Hall of Fame and a past Dick Kadis awardee.

JOHN "SKIP" WHITTED SR won the Kansas City Golden Gloves welterweight title in 1946. Skip was 66-4 as an amateur and 30-4 as a pro fighting as a lightweight, welterweight, and middleweight. Skip was never knocked down or out during his career and was inducted into the Beaver Valley Boxing Hall of Fame in 1977.

CANDY YOUNG won PIAA gold in the hurdles and set the Junior Olympics record twice in the same day. In 1979, she set the 60-meter hurdles record at Madison Square Garden and was named the nation's Most Outstanding High School Athlete. Candy qualified for the 1980 U.S. Olympic Team and in 1984 won the NCAA Indoor Hurdles championship. Candy is a past winner of the Dick Kadis Award.

Beaver County in the Early Years of Pro Baseball

For most of us who enjoy the national pastime of baseball, we have heard of the famous Dead Ball era of baseball, the period between 1900 and the emergence of Babe Ruth as a power hitter in 1919. Some of the greatest players during that period were Cy Young, Ty Cobb, and Shoeless Joe Jackson. But what about the pioneers of baseball who may have been forgotten—players with a connection to Beaver County?



[RESEARCH COMPILED BY LARRY ZIGERELL]

EDDIE "AXEL" EDMONSON (1889-1971)

Hopewell native Eddie Edmonson was 23 years old when he made his first major league appearance on October 4, 1913, with the Cleveland Naps (Cleveland Indians). He started his first major league game in right field substituting for regular right fielder Shoeless Joe Jackson. Eddie's teammates also included MLB Hall of Famer Nap Lajoie, who played second base that day. Playing only one season, Eddie's second and last game in the majors was on October 5, 1913.

CHRISTIAN HALLER LINDSAY (1878-1941)

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At the age of 26, Monaca resident Chris Lindsay made his debut with the Detroit Tigers on July 6, 1905, against the St. Louis Browns (St. Louis Cardinals). In his first game, Chris was on second base when MLB Hall of Famer Ty Cobb got his first base hit in the majors and drove Chris home. The Tigers had Ty Cobb on the roster along with Eddie Cicotte, who was one of the players involved in the 1919 World Series. Playing for the Browns was MLB Hall of Famer Branch Rickey, who would one day be the General Manager of the Pittsburgh Pirates. Chris played the last of his 229-game career against the Chicago White Sox on October 7, 1906.

THOMAS LIVINGSTON McCREERY (1874-1941)

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At 20 years of age, on June 8, 1895, Beaver native Tom McCreery played his first major league game with the Louisville Colonels of the National League against the Boston Beaneaters (Atlanta Braves). One of Tom's teammates was Fred Clarke, who later in his career would play for and manage the Pittsburgh Pirates. Tom played the last of his 799 MLB games on September 27, 1903, against the Chicago Cubs who had MLB Hall of Famers and the most famous double play combination of Cubs' history on their roster: shortstop Joe Tinker, second baseman Johnny Evers, and first baseman Frank Chance.

ALEX FRANKLIN PEARSON (1877-1966)

BCSHOF Class of 1979

Alex Pearson made it to the major leagues at the age of 25 as a player for the St. Louis Cardinals. His first game on August 1, 1902, against the New York Giants, had MLB Hall of Famer Christy Mathewson on their roster. Alex played for the Cleveland Naps (Cleveland Indians) in 1915 in the last game of his 15-game career on August 6, 1903, against the Detroit Tigers. MLB Hall of Famer Nap Lajoie was on the Naps roster. Alex was known as the "Grand Old Man of Baseball" because of his semipro and professional career that spanned 42 years from 1894 to 1936.

RALPH EDWIN "TED" REED (1890-1959)

Beaver native Ted Reed was 24 years old when he reached the major leagues on September 10, 1915, with the Newark Pepper of the Federal League. In his debut, Ted played third base against the St. Louis Terriers, with MLB Hall of Famer Eddie Plank on the opposing Terriers roster. One of the two managers of the Peppers that year was MLB Hall of Famer Bill McKechnie, who was a pinch hitter and who would later play for and manage the Pittsburgh Pirates. On September 27, 1915, Ted played the last of his 20 MLB games against the Pittsburgh Rebels.

PERCIVAL SUMNER "POP" RISING (1877-1938)

Born in Industry, Pop was 33 years old when he made it to the major leagues with the Boston Americans (Boston Red Sox). His first game with the Americans on August 10, 1905, had MLB Hall of Famer Cy Young on their team, and the Detroit Tigers had Eddie Cicotte of the 1919 World Series and MLB Hall of Famer Ty Cobb. Throughout his eleven-game career, garnering 32 plate appearances, Pop played third base and right field.

JOSEPH "GENTLEMAN JOE" MAURICE SCHEPNER (1895-1959)

Aliquippa native Gentleman Joe was 24 years old when he joined the St. Louis Browns (Baltimore Orioles). On September 11, 1919, Joe appeared in both games of a double header against the Boston Red Sox. On the Browns' roster were MLB Hall of Famer George Sisler and MLB Hall of Famer Babe Ruth, who played left field in both games for the Red Sox. On September 28, 1919, Joe played the last of his 14 major league games as his St. Louis Browns defeated the Chicago White Sox 3-1. That day, five members of the 1919 World Series "Black Sox" played—Lefty Williams, Shoeless Joe Jackson, Chick Gandil, Swede Risberg, and Buck Weaver—with the rest of the "Eight Men Out" Eddie Cicotte, Happy Flesch, and Fred McMullen having the day off.

HOWARD SAMUEL SHANKS (1890-1941)

BCSHOF Class of 1978

On May 9, 1912, Monaca graduate Howard Shanks was a pinch hitter in his first game in the majors for the Washington Senators against the Chicago White Sox. On the Senators' roster was MLB Hall of Famer Walter Johnson and on the White Sox roster were Eddie Cicotte and Buck Weaver, both from the 1919 World Series. On October 3, 1925, Howard played his last major league game, with the New York Yankees against the Philadelphia Athletics (Oakland Athletics). The Yankees won 9-8 with MLB Hall of Famer Lou Gehrig at first base and MLB Hall of Famer Babe Ruth in right field, and MLB Hall of Famer Lefty Grove as the losing pitcher for the As. Howard compiled a 1,665-game career with the Washington Senators, the Boston Red Sox, and the New York Yankees.

JAMES MADISON TOY (1858-1919)

BCSHOF Class of 1998

Beaver Falls native James Toy was 29 years old when he became a member of the major league Cleveland Blues (Cleveland Indians). On April 20, 1887, James played his first major league game against the Cincinnati Red Stockings (Cincinnati Reds). That game, MLB Hall of Famer "Bid" McPhee was on the Red Stockings roster. On July 30, 1890, James played his 153rd and final game of his two-year career, with the Brooklyn Gladiators. James was the first player from Beaver County to play major league baseball.

Beaver County in the Early Years of Pro Football

In 1920, professional football player Jim Thorpe and six others met in Canton, Ohio, to form the American Profession Football Association (APFA). Two years later, the APFA was renamed the National Football League (NFL). In 1933, the NFL split its teams into two divisions, with the division champions playing each other for the league championship. Below are Beaver County players that played professional football up until and including that historic 1933 championship year.



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J. HUBER WAGNER (1891-1979)

BCSHOF Class of 1976

Monaca native and Monaca High School graduate Hube Wagner was signed in 1915 by the Canton Bulldogs professional football team, along with Jim Thorpe and many other All-Americans, to play two games against the Massillon Tigers.

CLAUDE EARL THORNHILL (1893-1956)

BCSHOF Class of 1978

Beaver High School graduate Tiny Thornhill played professional football for the Massillon Tigers (1917), the Buffalo All-Americans (1920), and the Cleveland Tigers (1920). Tiny's Massillon team was in the Ohio League, and Tiny's Buffalo and Cleveland teams were in the American Professional Football Association (APFA), which was renamed in 1922 to the National Football League (NFL). Tiny's teammate on the Tigers was College Football Hall of Famer Knute Rockne.

ARTHUR READ HALEY (1895-1946)

Beaver Falls native Art Haley played professional football for the Canton Bulldogs (1920), the Dayton Triangles (1921), and the Akron Pros (1923), all of which were in the APFA. Art's coach and teammate on the Bulldogs was Jim Thorpe. Art played with Pro Football Hall of Famers Joe Guyon and Pete Henry.

EDWARD FRANCIS HICKS (1892-1944)

Geneva College alumnus Max Hicks played professional football for the Hammond Pros (1920-21) and was a player/coach for the Pros in 1921. The Pros were in the American Professional Football Association. Hicks played against Pro Football Hall of Famers Jimmy Conzelman, Paddy Driscoll, George Halas, and Curly Lambeau. Lambeau and the Green Bay Packers beat the Pros 14-7, with Lambeau rushing for a touchdown, passing for a 60-yard touchdown, and kicking both extra points.

ROBERT CALVIN HUBBARD (1900-1977)

BCSHOF Class of 1976

Geneva College alumnus Cal Hubbard played professional football for the New York Giants (1927-28, 1936), the Green Bay Packers (1929-33, 1935), and the Pittsburgh Pirates (1936). Cal was named first-team All Pro four times, was named to the NFL's 1920s All-Decade Team, was named to the NFL's 75th Anniversary All-Time Team, and is the only person to be inducted into both the Pro Football Hall of Fame and the National Baseball Hall of Fame. Cal was also inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame.

ALBERT SAMUEL MAGLISCEAU (1904-1985)

Geneva College graduate Sam Maglisceau played professional football for the NFL's Frankford Yellow Jackets (1929). Sam played against Pro Football Hall of Famers Jimmy Conzelman, Benny Friedman, and Curly Lambeau.

FORREST MCCREERY DOUDS (1905-1979)**BCSHOF Class of 1976**

Rochester native Forrest Douds played professional football for the Portsmouth Spartans (1930-31), the Providence Steam Roller (1930), the Chicago Cardinals (1932), and the Pittsburgh Pirates (1933-34). Forrest was named to the 1930 NFL All-Pro team. Forrest was hired by Art Rooney to become the first head coach of the NFL's Pittsburgh Pirates football team, which would be renamed the Pittsburgh Steelers for the 1940 season. Forrest coached the Pirates to a 3-6-2 record in 1933, his only year as a head coach.

GEORGE M. "MACK" FLENNIKEN (1905-1956)

Geneva College alumnus Mack Flenniken played professional football for the NFL's Chicago Cardinals (1930) and New York Giants (1931). Mack played with Pro Football Hall of Famers Red Badgro, Ray Flaherty, Benny Freedman, Matt Hein, Walt Kiesling, Ernie Nevers, and Steve Owen, and against Jimmy Conzelman and Red Grange. Mack had two passing touchdowns and four rushing touchdowns in his professional career.

ERNEST HENRY MEYER (1904-1979)

West Bridgewater native Ernie Meyer played professional football for the NFL's Portsmouth Spartans (1930). Ernie played with Beaver County's own Forrest Douds and played against Pro Football Hall of Famers Red Grange, Curly Lambeau, Ernie Nevers, and Ken Strong.

DAVID EMERSON CULLEN (1905-1982)**BCSHOF Class of 1981**

Conway native and Freedom High School graduate Dave Cullen played professional football for the NFL's Cleveland Indians (1931). Dave played against Pro Football Hall of Famers Red Grange, Ernie Nevers, and Ken Strong. In Dave's two games against the Chicago Cardinals, Nevers rushed for two TDs and kicked two extra points.

JOHN "BULL" KARCIS (1908-1973)**BCSHOF Class of 1977**

Monaca native and Monaca High graduate Bull Karcis played professional football for the NFL's Brooklyn Dodgers (1932-35), Pittsburgh Pirates (1936-37, 1938), New York Giants (1938, 1939, 1943). Bull's Pirates teammate was Geneva College's Cal Hubbard. Bull played on the NFL champion Giants in 1938, which defeated Curly Lambeau's Packers. Over his professional career, Bull had 11 rushing touchdowns, a 76-yard fumble return touchdown, and a touchdown pass to Pro Football Hall of Famer Johnny Blood.

SAMUEL VANVOORHIS COOPER (1909-1998)

Geneva College graduate Sam Cooper played professional football for NFL's Pittsburgh Pirates (1933). The Pirates signed Sam to play tackle for \$100 per game in their inaugural season. Sam's Pirates teammates included Beaver County's Frank Hood and Forrest Douds.

SYLVESTER EDWARD "RED" DAVIS (1907-1988)

Geneva College graduate Red Davis played professional football for the NFL's Portsmouth Spartans (1933) and Philadelphia Eagles (1933). Red threw a touchdown pass as his team defeated Beaver County's Forrest Douds' Pirates 25-6. In Red's final professional football game, Red threw a 54-yard touchdown pass and kicked two extra points in a losing effort, against the New York Giants and Pro Football Hall of Famers Steve Owen and Ken Strong.

FRANKLIN HOOD (1908-1955)**BCSHOF Class of 1990**

Monaca High graduate Frank Hood played professional football for the NFL's Pittsburgh Pirates (1933). Frank's Pirates teammates included Beaver County's Sam Cooper and Forrest Douds. Frank played against Pro Football Hall of Famers Red Badgro, Cliff Battles, Curly Lambeau, Steve Owen, and Ken Strong.

Hall in the Family

The Beaver County Sports Hall of Fame is scattered with successful lineages. We present these family connections below.

— Larry Zigerell, President of the Beaver County Sports Hall of Fame

Sam Milanovich Sr.	Coaching	1982
Fred Milanovich	Coaching	1995
Sam Milanovich Jr.	Coaching	2003
Sam Sr. and Fred are brothers, and Sam Sr. is the father of Sam Jr.		

Dave Alston	Basketball	1976
Dick Peete	Basketball	1986
Forrest "Bay" Grant	Basketball	2006
Rocky Washington	Football	2008
Cousins		

Mickey Zernich	Basketball	1987
Steve Zernich	All Around	2002
Jan Ujevich Bellhy	Swimming	1992
Mickey and Steve are brothers, and Mickey and Steve are uncles to Jan.		

Mike DeChellis	Coaching	2007
Rick Mancini	All Around	2007
Cousins		

Mickey Davis	Basketball	1985
Brad Davis	Basketball	1997
Bill Zopf	Basketball	1988
Bill Reigel	Basketball	1982
Mickey and Brad are brothers, Bill Zopf is a cousin of Mickey and Brad, and Bill Reigel is uncle to Mickey and Brad.		

Ruth Podbielski	Athletic Dir.	2001
Dave Podbielski	Coaching	2013
Ruth is aunt to Dave.		

Pete "Pecky" Suder	Baseball	1976
Rick Suder	Basketball	2002
Pete is uncle to Rick.		

Simmie Hill	Basketball	1986
Chris Pipkin	Basketball	2011
Gabe Jackson	Basketball	2012
Tyrone Dixon	Coaching	2014
Bob Pipkin	Basketball	2016
Simmie is the father of Chris. Chris and Gabe are half-brothers. Bob is an uncle to Chris. Tyrone's father is Bob's first cousin.		

Stan Sligh	Basketball	2014
Lynwood Alford	Football	2016
Stan is uncle to Lynwood.		

Calvin Sheffield	Athletic Dir.	2001
Donald Sheffield	Coaching	2013
Hal Bentley	Basketball	2008
Calvin and Donald are uncle to Hal.		

Hall in the Family

Fathers and Sons					
Chad Calabria Dante Calabria	Basketball Basketball	1986 2012	John Miller Archie Miller	Coaching Basketball	2002 2015
John Darak Dennis Darak	Golf Golf	1993 2018	Alex Scassa Sr. Alex Scassa Jr.	Promoter Promoter	1978 2002
Chuck DeVenzio Dick DeVenzio	Coaching Basketball	2003 1985	William Vinovich Sr. Billy Vinovich Jr.	Officiating Officiating	1988 2017
John "Tito" Francona Terry Francona	Baseball Baseball	1978 1995	Billy Vinovich Jr. Bill Vinovich III	Officiating Officiating	2017 2016
Simmie Hill Chris Pipkin	Basketball Basketball	1986 2011	Al Vlastic Mark Vlastic	Basketball Football	1983 1999
Press Maravich "Pistol" Pete Maravich	Coaching Basketball	1978 1990	Frank Walton Joe Walton	Coaching Football	1977 1977
John Miller Sean Miller	Coaching Basketball	2002 2009	Joe Zerilla Jim Zerilla	Coaching Baseball	1979 1992

Siblings					
Janice Bolland Tanner Kevin Bolland	Cycling Motorsports	2003 2010	Mike Raich Matt Raich	Football Football	2004 2005
James Frank Willie Frank	Basketball Football	1982 1997	Chuck Ross Butch Ross	Coaching Coaching	1988 1994
John Karcis Adam Karcis	Football Football	1977 1984	Calvin Sheffield Donald Sheffield	Basketball Basketball	1980 2003
Ken Loeffler Fred Loeffler	Coaching Coaching	1977 1984	Ed Ulinski Harry Ulinski Ray Ulinski	Football Football Football	1990 1993 1997
Dan Matsook Gene Matsook	Coaching Coaching	2006 2009	Teddy Yarosz Tommy Yarosz Eddie Yarosz	Boxing Boxing Boxing	1976 1978 1982

DID YOU KNOW?

Some Interesting Facts about Beaver County Sports Hall of Fame Inductees

Harding High (now Aliquippa) graduate **W. "CONK" ABEE** (Class of 1993) played for the New York Yankees football team in 1936 and 1937 in the American Football League. The team was owned by entertainer Kate Smith, who had a famous rendition of "God Bless America".

In the Army, Beaver Falls' **ELMER ANDERSON** (Class of 2005) served as a guard for Dr. Wernher Von Braun, the German scientist who developed the V2 rocket.

Beaver Falls' **JACK DAMASKAS** (Class of 1985) faced Sandy Koufax in his first major league appearance and struck out. Jack's first appearance on defense was as a substitute for Stan "the Man" Musial.

Monaca's **BRAD DAVIS** (Class of 1997) was the first Dallas Maverick to have his number retired.

Aliquippa's **MIKE DITKA** (Class of 1977) and Freedom's **JIM COVERT** (Class of 1996) were head coach and left tackle in 1986 for the Chicago Bears team that defeated the New England Patriots in Super Bowl XX.

Hopewell's **TONY DORSETT** (Class of 1994) was the first player to win a college national championship, the Heisman Trophy, and a Super Bowl. Tony was selected to the College and Pro Football Halls of Fame.

Rochester's **FORREST DOUDS** (Class of 1976) was the first coach of the Pittsburgh Pirates football team, for one season in 1933. The Pirates football team would later be renamed the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Beaver Falls' **WIB ESTERMEYER** (Class of 1995) was chosen from over one million soldiers to represent the Army as "Mr. Average American GI" and had bit parts in two films: "The Big Leaguer" with Edward G. Robinson, and "G.I. Blues" with Elvis Presley.

New Brighton's **TERRY FRANCONA** (Class of 1995) managed the Boston Red Sox when they broke the Curse of the Bambino after 86 years to win the 2004 World Series.

Aliquippa's **PADDY GRIMES** (Class of 1980) was a referee on Studio Wrestling in 1959 when Chilly Billy Cardille was emcee and Ringside Rosie was in the audience.

President John F. Kennedy awarded Beaver Falls' **NORMA HEINRICH** (Class of 1981) the Presidential Award of Sports and Recreation in Washington DC.

Geneva College's **ROBERT CAL HUBBARD** (Class of 1976) is the only member of both the Pro Football Hall of Fame and the Baseball Hall of Fame. He is also a member of the College Football Hall of Fame.

Beaver Falls' **KEN LOEFFLER** (Class of 1977) was a college basketball coach, a law professor, and onetime roommate of President Gerald R. Ford.

Beaver Falls' **PAUL MCKEE** (Class of 1981) caught 7 passes from Sammy Baugh for 2 touchdowns, for the Redskins against the 1947 champion Chicago Cardinals.

DALE MEDDOCK (Class of 1986) coached the Ambridge boys' gymnastics team to eight consecutive PIAA State Championships.

Ambridge's **JOHNNY MICHELOSEN** (Class of 1976) was the head coach of the Pittsburgh Steelers from 1948 to 1951.

Rochester's **BABE PARILLI** (Class of 1976) was backup quarterback to Beaver Falls native **JOE NAMATH** (Class of 1982) when the New York Jets won Super Bowl III in 1969.

Hopewell's **DAN RAINS** (Class of 1994) was a member of the Chicago Bears "Shuffling Crew" in the "Super Bowl Shuffle" video.

Beaver's **CLAUDE "TINY" THORNHILL** (Class of 1978) was Beaver County's first pro football player, playing for the Massillon Tigers in the Ohio League with teammates Knute Rockne and Jock Sutherland.

Midland's strongman **JOE TONTI** (Class of 1978) was featured in "Ripley's Believe It or Not."

Beaver Falls' **JIM TOY** (Class of 1998) was the first athlete from Beaver County to play professional sports. On April 20, 1887, Jim played his first baseball game for the MLB Cleveland Blues.

Aliquippa's **PETE ZAREMBA** (Class of 1977) was the first athlete from Beaver County to compete in Olympics, winning a bronze medal in Los Angeles in 1932 for the hammer throw.



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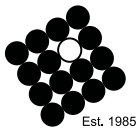
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History of the Inductee Plaques



Thousands of persons have contributed to Beaver County sports, but as of tonight only 446 have been immortalized by their induction into the Beaver County Sports Hall of Fame. Each inductee has a commemorative plaque to honor the inductee and tell the inductee's story.

The Golden Dome of the Community College of Beaver County was home to the inductee plaques for 37 years, from 1976 to 2012. In 2008, the Beaver County Sports Hall of Fame website was created, and, in 2012, scans of the plaques were added to the website. The plaques at CCBC were then donated to inductee high schools or college, where many plaques are displayed today.

The history of Beaver County sports is told by the Hall of Fame plaques. We invite you to browse the Hall of Fame website to learn more about the history of Beaver County sports.

BEAVER COUNTY SPORTS HALL OF FAME WEBSITE

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The Beaver County Sports Hall of Fame congratulates the National Football League on its 100th anniversary. Below is a list of Beaver County Sports Hall of Fame inductees with ties to the NFL or its forerunner, the American Professional Football Association.

AGENTS

Bill Parise (1984-present)
Joe Linta (1990-present)

COACHES

Forrest Douds (1933)
Bull Karcis (1942)
John Michelosen (1948-51)
Alvin Nugent "Bo" McMillin (1948-50)
Tim Temerario (1948-51, 60-78)
Mike Ditka (1973-92, 97-99)
Richard Mann (1982-2009, 13-17)
Tyrone Dixon (1997)
Jerald Ingram (1995-2013)
Matt Raich (2002-12, 14-18)
Bob Babich (2003-present)
Joe D'Alessandris (2008-15, 16-present)

OFFICIAL

Bill Vinovich III (2001-06, 12-present)

PLAYERS

Tiny Thornhill (1920)
Cal Hubbard (1927-33, 35-36)
Forrest Douds (1930-34)
Dave Cullen (1931)
Bull Karcis (1932-39, 43)
Frank Hood (1933)
Frank Walton (1934, 1944-45)
Mike Sebastian (1935, 37)
Ted Grebb (Grabinski) (1939-40)
John Petchel (1942, 44-45)
Frank Hribar II (1943)
Henry DePaul (1945)
Ed Ulinski (1946-49)
Paul McKee (1947-48)
Red Moore (1947-49)

Leo Nobile (1947-49)
Len Szafaryn (1949-50, 53-58)
Harry Ulinski (1951-51, 53-56)
Babe Parilli (1952-53, 56-58, 60-69)
Bob Gaona (1954-57)
Jim Mutscheller (1954-61)
Dick Doyle (1955, 60)
Bill Koman (1956-67)
Joe Walton (1957-63)
Mike Ditka (1961-72)
Dick Mills (1961-62)
Mike Lucci (1964-73)
Joe Namath (1965-77)
Bob Liggett (1970)
John Skorupan (1973-80)
Po James (1972-75)
Tony Dorsett (1977-88)
Dan Rains (1982-84, 86)
Greg Best (1983-84)
Jimbo Covert (1983-90)
Dwight Collins (1984)
Glen Dennison (1984, 87)
Frank Pokorny (1985)
Curt Singer (1986, 88-89, 91)
Lynwood Alford (1987)
Mark Vlasic (1987-88, 90-91)
Jack Linn Jr. (1991-93)
Sean Gilbert (1992-96, 98-2003)
Ty Law (1995-2009)
Kris Griffin (2005-08)

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Kelvin Fisher (2000-16, 18-present)

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