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*January 2016*

### **2016 CSHOF BANQUET SPEAKER**

## **Don Beebe**



**Don Beebe**, one of the most popular and respected players in Buffalo Bills history, will be the featured speaker at the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Induction Banquet of the Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame on February 15 at the Lakewood Rod & Gun Club.

“We are excited to have Don ‘Beebs’ Beebe as the guest speaker for our dinner,” said Randy Anderson, CSHOF president. “Don was known as a player with a strong work ethic and a moral character above reproach. He exemplified putting the success of the team over his own statistics.

“Beebe is a role model for what it means to be an athlete, a teammate and a sportsman. He has a strong message that will be an inspiration to our honorees and guests at the banquet. His appearance will add a special touch to the induction of Alex Conti, Julie Gawronski Tickle, Dan Hoard, Sarah

Schuster Morrison, Robert “Doc” Rappole, Jim Ulrich, Heather Lefford Edborg, Clarence “Flash” Olson and Parke Hill Davis.”

Tickets for the induction dinner are priced at \$50 and are available at the Jock Shop in Jamestown, Matt’s News in Dunkirk or by calling Chip Johnson at 716-485-6991.

## Don Beebe Bio

Don “Beebs” Beebe is a former wide receiver who played for the Buffalo Bills (1989–1994), Carolina Panthers (1995) and Green Bay Packers (1996–1997) of the NFL, and is considered one of the fastest players in NFL history with a recorded a 4.21 40-yard dash time.

Don Lee Beebe (born December 18, 1964) is one of five children of Don and Barb Beebe. He attended Kaneland High School in Maple Park, Illinois where he lettered in basketball, track and football, graduating in 1983. After attending Western Illinois University, he transferred to Chadron State College in Nebraska, where he set several school football records his senior year and ran a 6.3 60-yard dash on the indoor track team.



Beebe was drafted by the Buffalo Bills in the third round (82nd pick overall) of the 1989 NFL Draft. He posted impressive statistics in speed and agility drills at the 1989 pre-draft combine.

In his nine NFL seasons, Beebe caught 219 passes for 3,416 yards, rushed for 28 yards, returned 81 kickoffs for 1,735 yards, and scored 25 touchdowns (23 receiving, one kickoff return, and one fumble recovery). He appeared in six Super Bowls as a player -- (XXV, XXVI, XXVII and XXVIII with the Buffalo Bills; XXXI and XXXII with the Green Bay Packers) -- an NFL record that he shares with former Bills teammate Mike Lodish and Tom Brady. While Buffalo lost its four consecutive title games, Beebe finally won an NFL championship in his first year with the Packers (Super Bowl XXXI).



Beebe is well known for making one of the most memorable plays in Super Bowl history. During the fourth quarter of Super Bowl XXVII, Dallas Cowboys defensive tackle Leon Lett recovered a Bills fumble and advanced the ball toward the end zone. However, Lett began to celebrate prematurely by holding the ball out to his right side. Although the Bills were losing 52-17 at the time, a relentless Beebe streaked down the field and knocked the ball out of Lett's hands just before he crossed the goal line. The loose ball went through the end zone and out of bounds for a touchback and preventing a Dallas touchdown. Beebe also caught two passes for 50 yards, including a 40-yard touchdown reception from Frank Reich earlier in the game.

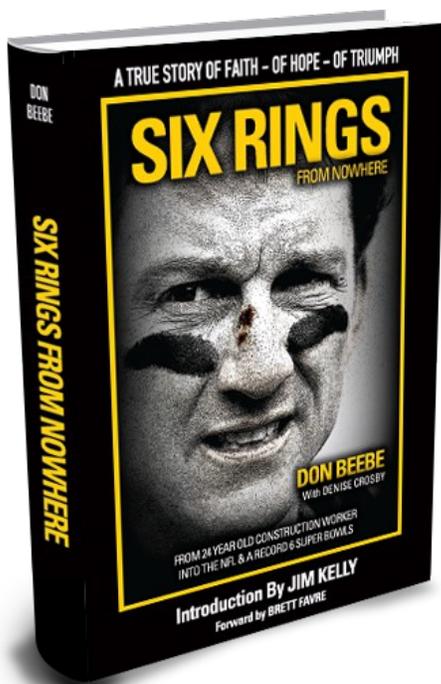
Beebe has always been highly respected by players and coaches because of his strong work ethic and character. He was honored as an "Unsung Hero" in 1996 at the NFL Players Association Awards Banquet.

In 1998, Beebe founded House of Speed, LLC, a company that specializes in training athletes in the essentials of top performance, speed and character. House of Speed began franchise operations in 2006 and has locations in eleven states. Beebe also works with several professional, collegiate and amateur sports organizations in the area of speed, including the Chicago Bears, the St. Louis Rams, the University of Illinois Fighting Illini and Club Fusion Volleyball.



In 2004, Beebe began coaching varsity football for Aurora Christian School in Aurora, Illinois. He, along with his brother, defensive coordinator David Beebe, and another brother, Dan, the school's athletic director, led the Eagles to the school's first state championship appearance in 2008, where the team finished as 4A state runner-up. Three years later Beebe and the Eagles returned to the finals, this time winning the

2011 IHSA Class 3A State Championship. In 2012, Beebe led the Eagles to a second straight IHSA Class 3A State Championship. He stepped down as coach after the 2013 season with an overall 97-26 record.



Beebe has also written a book, Six Rings from Nowhere. A potential deal is in the works to develop the book into a feature film about Beebe's life and Christian faith.

Beebe has served as the honorary chairman of the Wisconsin Chapter of Make-A-Wish Foundation, worked with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Athletes in Action, has made numerous appearances for charity organizations from the Cub Scouts to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, and has held a golf tournament each year to benefit Chadron State College.

Most recently, "Bees" had a feature role in the ESPN 30-for-30 film "Four Falls of Buffalo" which chronicled the Buffalo Bills four consecutive Super Bowl appearances (1990-1993).

The father of three daughters and a son, Don and wife, Diana, reside in Sugar Grove, IL.

# Ken Martin

(1933 – 2015)



Kenneth Carl Martin, 82, of Jamestown, passed away surrounded by his family Friday (Nov. 20, 2015) in WCA Hospital. Ken was a beloved inductee of the CSHOF's Class of 1997.

Martin was one of the finest softball and baseball players in Chautauqua County leading numerous teams to league and tournament championships before calling it quits at the age of 51.

Nicknamed "Husk", Martin was a tremendous hitter and an excellent fielder from his shortstop position. He won numerous Most Valuable Player awards for his offensive and defensive accomplishments.

The CSHOF extends heartfelt condolences to his wife, Gloria; his children, Pam Pullan, Kevin Martin, Keith Martin; and their families.

## January Home Basketball Schedule

### **Men**

Saturday, January 2 vs Davidson at 8:00  
Wednesday, January 13 vs Rhode Island at 7:00  
Tuesday, January 19 vs Dayton at 7:00  
\*Sunday, January 31 vs Richmond at 3:00

### **Women**

Thursday, January 7 vs Fordham at 7:00  
Sunday, January 10 vs UMass at 5:00  
Saturday, January 16 vs George Mason at 1:00  
Wednesday, January 27 vs Saint Joe's at 7:00  
\*Sunday, January 31 vs Richmond at 12:30

\*Men's and Women's Doubleheader

Men's Single-Game Tickets start at \$6 (Bronze), \$8 (Silver), and \$10 (Gold)

Women's Tickets: \$5 for adults/\$3 for ages 17 and under

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