



Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame

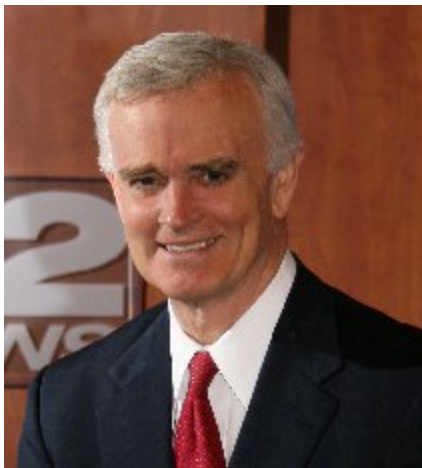
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CHAUTAUQUA SPORTS HALL OF FAME 2011 INDUCTION BANQUET

The Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame will hold its 30th Annual Induction Banquet on Monday, February 21st, at the Lakewood Rod and Gun Club.

Inductees in the Class of 2011 are Cathy Farrell, Jim Mee, Roger MacTavish, Bob "Peanuts" Wisniewski and the late Billy "Spider" Webb.

The guest speakers will be Tyler Myers, Buffalo Sabres defenseman, who was the 2010 Calder Trophy winner as the National Hockey League's top rookie, and retired NHL star Kevyn Adams, who was the assistant captain of the 2006 Stanley Cup winners, the Carolina Hurricanes.



Ed Kilgore, the sports director at WGRZ-TV in Buffalo will be the master of ceremonies for the induction dinner. Kilgore, an Oregon native, graduated from the University of Missouri with a bachelor of journalism degree in 1969. After graduating he worked at TV stations in San Antonio and Houston before coming to Buffalo in 1973.

Since his arrival in Western New York, Kilgore has been the host of the Lou Saban Show, the Chuck Knox Show and the Jim Kelly Show - the latter for 10 years - and served as intermission host for Buffalo Sabres TV broadcasts on WGR-TV from 1978-88.

A 2010 inductee into the Buffalo Broadcasting Hall of Fame, Kilgore was also inducted into the Kids Escaping Drugs and the Buffalo Bills Monday Quarterback Club halls of fame. In addition, he won a New York Emmy for best reporting in 1993.

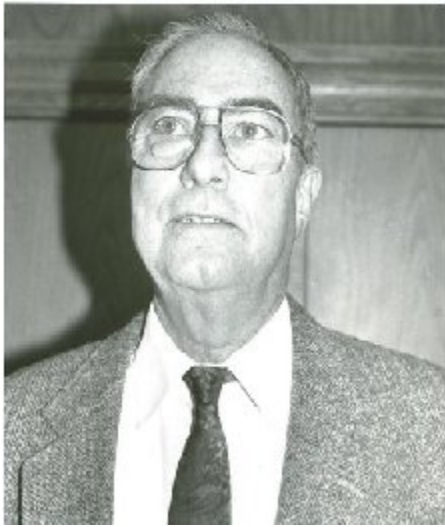
The CSHOF will also honor thirty-three (33) of Chautauqua County's top scholastic teams and athletes for achieving New York State championships, All-American status or All-State status in their respective sports during the past year.

SUNY Fredonia	Nick Guarino	NCAA D3 National Champion 1500 & mile run
SUNY Fredonia	Sarah Ficarro	NCAA D3 All-American diving
SUNY Fredonia	Christian Torres	NCAA D3 All-American diving
JCC	Keith Martin	NJCAA D2 R3 Women's Basketball Coach of the Year
JCC	Beth Gribble	NJCAA D2 R3 Basketball First Team All-Star
Mercyhurst Northeast	Samantha Eimers	NJCAA Softball First Team All-American
Chautauqua Lake	Steve Kenny	Class D Football First Team All-State
Chautauqua Lake	Cam Baker	Class D Football First Team All-State
Clymer	Girls Basketball Team	Class D Basketball Champions
Clymer	Dennis Hinsdale	Class D Girls Basketball Coach of the Year
Clymer	Sydney Bennink	Class D Basketball First Team All-State
Falconer	Girls Volleyball Team	Class C Volleyball Champions
Falconer	Ashley Gunnell	Class C Volleyball First Team All-State
Falconer	Corri Hannon	Class C Volleyball First Team All-State
Fredonia	Shane Smith	Class C Football First Team All-State
Fredonia	Jordan Sherlock	Class C Football First Team All-State
Fredonia	Greg Burroughs	Class C Football First Team All-State

Fredonia	Tyler Buckley	Class C Football First Team All-State
Frewsburg	Asa Johnson	Class C Baseball First Team All-State
Jamestown	Hockey Team	NYS Club School Hockey Champions
Maple Grove	Boys Basketball Team	Class D Basketball Champions
Maple Grove	Chris Secky	Class D Basketball Player of the Year
Maple Grove	Girls Cross Country Team	Class D Cross-Country Champions
Maple Grove	Caroline Benson	Class D Cross-Country First Team All-State
Maple Grove	Megan Marsh	Class D Cross-Country First Team All-State
Maple Grove	Hope Pietrocarlo	Class D Cross-Country First Team All-State
Maple Grove	Gage Milliman	Class D Football First Team All-State
Maple Grove	Jordan Saxton	Class D Football First Team All-State
Pine Valley	Dylan Colburn	Class D Baseball First Team All-State
Silver Creek	Zach Williams	Class D Football First Team All-State
Southwestern	John Mistretta	Class C Football First Team All-State
Southwestern	Jake Swan	Class C Football First Team All-State
Southwestern	Pat Langworthy	Class C Football First Team All-State

Banquet tickets are \$50 and can be purchased at the Jock Shop (Jamestown), Jamestown Savings Bank Arena, Lakewood Rod and Gun Club, Matt's News (Dunkirk), Fredonia Food Mart and Deli, or by calling banquet chairman Chip Johnson at 716-485-6991.

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LEO CORKERY

1930-2011

The CSHOF was saddened to learn of the passing of **Leo Corkery** on January 3, 2011 in New Bern, NC. We extend our sympathy to his wife, Marlene, and children, Michael and Bridget.

Basketball is the sport where Leo Corkery made a name for himself and in the process became a Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame inductee. Corkery first attended St. Peter & Paul and then Jamestown High School. He tried out for the high school basketball team but failed to make the squad in 1945. Thus, he took his talents to the YMCA Church Basketball League from 1945-1947.

He entered St. Bonaventure University in 1947-1948 and later became quite an accomplished performer for Coach Ed Melvin. After playing on the freshman team, Corkery was elevated to the main squad in his sophomore year.

Corkery's potential was set aside a whole year as he left school only to return in 1950-1951 for his junior campaign. Despite the layoff, he showed enough talent to win a job as a starter. In 1951-1952, Corkery was voted the outstanding athlete by the St. Bonaventure student senate and was named to the Buffalo Memorial Auditorium All-Star Team and an honorable mention All-American. The 6-3, 205-pounder was additionally named to the National Invitational Tournament Team in New York City as the Bonnies competed in back-to-back NITs.

During his senior year, he tossed in 25 points in a win against Little Three arch-rival Niagara, whose famed Coach Taps Gallagher stated that Corkery did everything but sell tickets at the game. Corkery was also named to the All-East Team and played in an East-West All-Star game in Kansas City. For his accomplishments, the versatile Corkery received the high accolade of being drafted in the third round by the then NBA Fort Wayne Pistons (later the Detroit Pistons).

After college, Corkery entered the service for two years and spent time at Indiantown Gap where he averaged 16 points and 20 points (1953-1954) with the Fort Meade Generals. He was chosen as Second Team Army All-Stars in 1953-1954. Also in 1952-1953, he performed for the Harrisburg Capitols of the Eastern League and averaged 19 points en route to making the all-star squad. Corkery attended the Fort Wayne fall training camp in 1954; however, he didn't make the team.

Corkery was an assistant basketball coach, teacher and scout for the Bonnies from 1955-1956 and an assistant basketball, baseball, teacher and scout for Toledo University from 1957-1959. He coached CYO basketball from 1972-1973 in Bethel, New York.

Corkery lived in Chautauqua County from 1930-1952 and again from 1954-1957. He was inducted into the Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame in 1993.
