
Honoring and Preserving the Sports History of Chautauqua County



Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame

15 West Third Street - Jamestown, NY 14701

February 2014

2014 CSHOF Induction Banquet



Honored Athletes

The Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame will hold its 33rd annual Induction Dinner on Monday, February 17th, at the Lakewood Rod and Gun Club.

Inductees of the Class of 2014 are **Vincent Calarco, Geza Farkas, Dan Lunetta, Cindy**

Miller, Al Muck, Tom Prechtl, Tom Priester and Jack Wigley.

The guest speaker will be **Sharon Robinson**, author, educational consultant and the daughter of baseball Hall of Famer Jackie Robinson.

The CSHOF will also honor thirty (30) of Chautauqua County's top teams and athletes for achieving National championships, New York State championships, All-American status or All-State status in their respective sports during the past year.

Jake Sisson	Jamestown	football	First Team All-State Class AA
Stephen Carlson	Jamestown	football	First Team All-State Class AA
Tanner Hoose	Southwestern	football	First Team All-State Class C
Matt McCarthy	Fredonia	football	First Team All-State Class C
Hope Pietrocarlo	Maple Grove	cross country	NYS Class D Champion First Team All-State Class D

Fredonia Central	Fredonia	baseball	NYS Class B Champions
Nick Hart	Fredonia	baseball	NYS Class B Player of the Year
Vince Gullo	Fredonia	baseball	NYS Class B Coach of the Year
Tyler Swanson	Pine Valley	baseball	First Team All-State Class D
Frewsburg Central	Frewsburg	softball	NYS Class C Champions
Sam Mott	Frewsburg	softball	First Team All-State Class C
Jon Blanchard	Frewsburg	softball	NYS Class C Coach of the Year
Ryanne Dugan	Forestville	softball	First Team All-Sate Class D
Zed Williams	Silver Creek	basketball	First Team All-State Class C
Christina Walter	Maple Grove	track & field	NYS Division 2 100m Champion
Jordan Powers	Striders	track & field	All-American 17-18 2000m Steeplechase
McKenna Maycock	Striders	track & field	All-American 15-16 Heptathlon All-American 15-16 400m Hurdles
Mackenzie Swartzman	Striders	track & field	All-American 13-14 1500m
Jamestown Lakers	Jamestown	hockey	NYS 18 & Under Champions
JCC Women	JCC	swimming	NJCAA Academic Team of the Year
Drew Chaddock	JCC	golf	NJCAA All-American
Jake Yartz	JCC	golf	NJCAA All-American
Spencer Lefort	SUNY Fredonia	track & field	NCAA Division III All-American Heptathlon

Erin Kling	California U of PA	track & field	NCAA D-II Academic All-American
Lauren Turner	Cornell	sailing	NCAA All-American
Dalton Becker	Cassadaga Valley	trapshooting	NYS Sub-Junior Singles Champion
Tiffany Decker	Busti	trapshooting	NYS Lady 1 Doubles Champion NYS Lady 1 High All-Around Champion NYS Lady 1 Handicap Champion ATA All-American
Bill Petransky	Frewsburg	archery	IBA Masters Class World Champion
Bill Kiendl	Bemus Point	archery	IBA Senior Hunter Class Champion
Nick Kahanic	Falconer	Highland Games	North American Champion World Amateur Champion

The CSHOF induction banquet on February 17 will begin with a hospitality session at 5:00 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:30.

Tickets may be purchased at Calarco's Restaurant on Market Street in Westfield, Fredonia Food Mart on Temple Street in Fredonia, Jamestown Cycle Shop on Harrison Street in Jamestown and at the CSHOF on West Third Street in Jamestown. Tickets can also be ordered from Chip Johnson at 485-6991. The price per ticket is \$50. CSHOF members receive a \$5 discount.



Inductee of the Month **Lou DeSantis**

The sports accomplishments of Lou DeSantis, both in the United States and abroad, are numerous and varied. DeSantis was a standout in basketball, softball, track and cross country at Washington Junior High School and won the first all-around athlete medal ever awarded for the three Jamestown junior high schools.

As a sophomore at Jamestown High School, DeSantis lettered in football, basketball and track. He transferred to Falconer High School for the next two years and was quarterback of the football team and a guard on the basketball team.

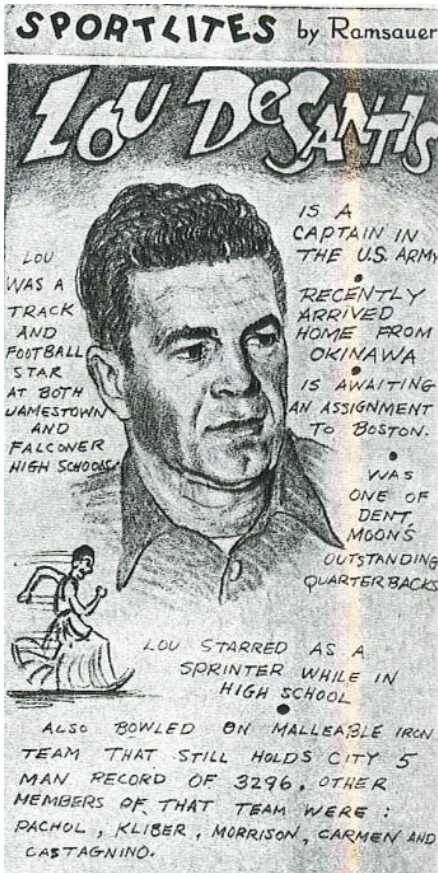
After high school, DeSantis played semi-pro football for the Jamestown Ariels and eventually became quarterback, captain and then coach. In 1941 he quarterbacked the Warren Red Jackets. He also played on numerous baseball and softball teams and was a member of the Malleable Iron basketball and bowling teams. The bowling team held the high team score in Jamestown for 32 years.



From 1945-46 DeSantis was a sports officer for the U.S. Army in Europe and organized all sports programs including the all-Army winter olympics in Garmish, Germany. He was a quarterback of a service football team while stationed in Frankfort, Germany, and was also a member of the all-Army track and field team.

DeSantis (center) speaks to baseball announcer Red Barber

From 1947-50 DeSantis was sports and recreation officer in Okinawa and organized all the sports programs there. After a stint in the Korean War, he held the same position in Tokyo and from 1957-58 he did the same work in Korea and helped build the first golf course and bowling alleys in the country.



From 1958-62 DeSantis was stationed in San Francisco and organized little league, bowling and rifle teams there. He retired from the Army in 1962 after 21 years active duty as a Lieutenant Colonel.

He returned to the Jamestown area in 1960s and was an auto salesman and later owned a dealership.

Lou DeSantis was inducted into the Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame in 1985. He died in 1994.



DeSantis (left) with boxing champion Rocky Graziano