
Honoring and Preserving the Sports History of Chautauqua County

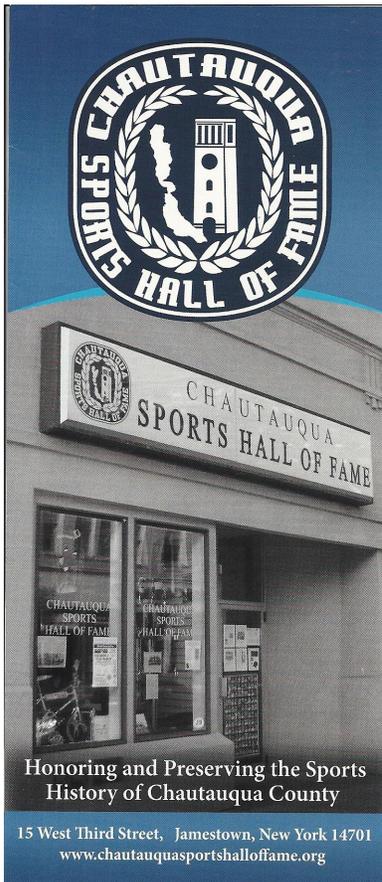


Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame

15 West Third Street - Jamestown, NY 14701

June 2014

June is the Time to Renew



For persons who are interested in preserving the history of sports in Chautauqua County and honoring the outstanding individuals who have created our cherished sports memories, it's time to renew our memberships in the Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame for July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

In addition to helping the CSHOF carry out its twin objectives of maintaining a Hall of Honor and an exhibition space, members will receive several value-added benefits for their membership fee.

- ✓ CSHOF window cling decal
- ✓ \$5 off 2015 induction banquet ticket
- ✓ Monthly newsletter
- ✓ Acknowledgement of membership on the CSHOF website
- ✓ Membership card with discounts at selected sports-minded marketing partners:

Jock Shop

Jamestown Jammers

Honest John's

Jamestown Savings Bank

Arena

Pinehurst Golf Club Hollyloft Ski & Bike

Hometown Grille

Ashville General Store

Miley's Old Inn

Lakewood Golf Center

360 Graphics

Gametime Sports Bar & Grille

One year memberships are only \$30 for individuals and \$100 for businesses. Business members will receive 4 discount cards and corresponding benefits. A membership form is downloadable at <http://chautauquasportshalloffame.org/membership.php>.

Welcome Jammers Luncheon June 12th

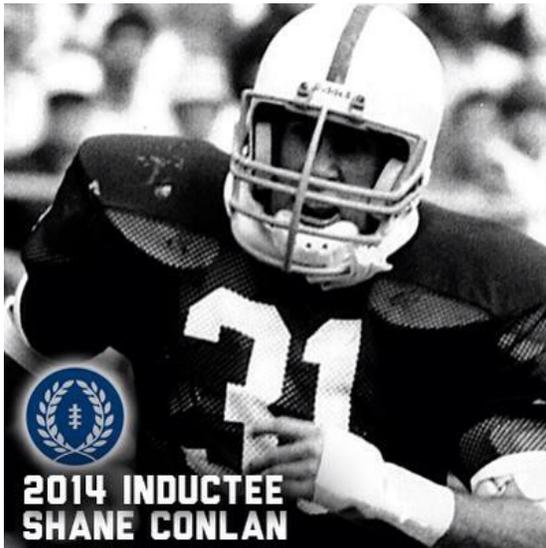


Opening Day is right around the corner for the Jamestown Jammers. Our Jammers will kick off the 2014 season at Diethrick Park on Friday, June 13, 7:05 p.m. against Mahoning Valley.

To welcome the 2014 edition of our team to town and to have an opportunity to meet the players and coaches, a luncheon has

been scheduled for Jamestown's Gateway Train Station for Thursday, June 12. The Jammers will arrive at the station by rail at noon. A catered lunch will be provided by Elegant Edibles. Comments by Manager Brian Esposito and other dignitaries will follow. An opportunity for autographs will be provided. The cost is just \$12. Reservations are required and can be made by calling the Jammers' business office at 716-664-0915.

Conlan to College Football Hall of Fame



Frewsburg native and 1992 CSHOF inductee, Shane Conlan, has been announced as a member of the Class of 2014 for the College Football Hall of Fame.

The spring of 1982 saw Conlan sign a football scholarship to Penn State. An injury made Conlan a red shirt that fall so he would still have four years of eligibility starting in 1983.

As a freshman in 1983, he began his four years at outside linebacker by making 27 tackles. He also had two sacks, an

interception and a tackle for a loss. A highlight that season was being a starter in the Aloha Bowl in Hawaii versus the University of Washington.

In 1984, as a sophomore, Conlan really started to show his potential for future greatness by making 77 tackles to lead the Nittany Lions. In addition, 15 of those stops were a team-high for losses.

His junior campaign (1985) saw him named First Team All-American by the Newspaper Enterprise Association and Second Team by The Football News. He accumulated 91 tackles, including four 10-tackle games, four sacks and six stops for losses.

Conlan was chosen the defensive Most Valuable Player in the Orange Bowl loss to Oklahoma, thanks to his nine tackles and fumble recovery.

Penn State had a 12-0 national championship season in 1986, capping it with a thrilling 14-10 win over previously unbeaten powerhouse Miami in the Fiesta Bowl.

Conlan concluded his consensus First Team All-American status by being named the defensive MVP with two interceptions. That season, Conlan had 79 tackles to tie him for second place in career totals (274). He also collected five sacks and eight tackles for losses.

Without a doubt, his highest accolade came when Penn State coach Joe Paterno called him the finest linebacker in the rich history of that position at Penn State.



Upon his induction, Conlan will join another CSHOF inductee in the College Football Hall of Fame, Dunkirk native **Murray Shelton** (left).

Murray Shelton's claim to fame was football in which he earned honors at Dunkirk High School early the 20th century. But greater success came at Cornell University.

After graduating from Dunkirk High School, Shelton spent a year at Philips Andover Prep School in Massachusetts where he played both football and basketball. Shelton then went on to Cornell and played both sports plus spent a season with the freshman crew. However, he gave up the latter because he knew he could not compete in three sports and still keep up with his academic

work load.

He played varsity football for three seasons and his greatest feat play came in the 1915 game against Harvard. He recovered a fumble on the Harvard 25 yard line that led to the only touchdown of the game. Cornell won 10-0 for its first win over Harvard in 25 years.

Shelton played as a blocker on offense and a tackler on defense and was selected as an All-American as an end in 1915. The team was selected by Walter Camp and was considered "the" All-American team of the time. Not only was Shelton named an All-American in football in 1915, but also in basketball.

After graduating from Cornell, Shelton spent a year coaching in Joliet, Illinois. Then came a stint as an officer in the field artillery during World War I. His sports career continued with professional football when he returned to the United States. Shelton played with a team called the Buffalo All-Americans and played with and against Jim Thorpe.

Shelton lived in Columbia, Missouri, and his football career has not been forgotten. In 1973 he was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame.

Murray Shelton was inducted into the Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame in 1984. He died in 1985.

Ehmke to be Inducted in Buffalo Hall



Howard Ehmke, a 1983 inductee of the Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame, will become an inductee of the Greater Buffalo Sports Hall of Fame in the Class of 2014. See www.gbshof.com.

Howard Ehmke was born and raised in Silver Creek and became nationally known when he was Manager Connie Mack's surprise choice to start on the mound for the Philadelphia Athletics in 1929.

Ehmke's 15-year major league career was with Boston, Detroit and Philadelphia and he compiled a 166-166 record. His best season was 1923 with Boston when he won 20 games. He threw a no-hitter against Philadelphia and four days later one-hit the Yankees.

Ehmke was a veteran hurler with only 55 innings of action during the 1929 season when Mack picked the right-hander to start the World Series opener.

Ehmke struck out 13 Cubs for a record that stood for 24 years until Carl Erskine of the Brooklyn Dodgers broke it in 1953. The A's won that game 3-1 and went on to capture the '29 World Series championship.

Following his retirement, Ehmke lived in Philadelphia where he operated a canvas fabricating business. He died in 1959.

Ehmke will join eight others as inductees of both the Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame and the Greater Buffalo Sports Hall of Fame: **Bill Bergey, George Carter, Shane Conlan, Wally Huckno, Cindy Miller, Van Miller Don Reinhoudt and Tara VanDerveer.**
