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Monday, September 14
at
Proctor's Theatre
Schenectady

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Guest Speaker

Pat Riley

- Basketball & Football All-American at Linton High School
- All-American Basketball Player at the University of Kentucky
- Won seven NBA Championships (one as a player, one as an asst. coach & five as a head coach)
- Member of the Basketball Hall of Fame
- Member of the Schenectady City School District Athletic Hall of Fame

Athletic Hall of Fame Members

Bill Eddy 1998
Sig Makofski 1998
Larry Mulvaney 1998
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The purpose of the Athletic Hall of Fame is to honor those individuals who have made significant contributions to the history and tradition of sports in the Schenectady City School District.

The 12th Annual
Schenectady
City School District

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**Athletic
Hall of Fame &
Reunion Dinner**

Monday, September 14, 2009
Proctor's Theatre



2009 Inductees

Dick Bennett
Mike Meola
&
Special Legacy Tribute
honoring the undefeated
1954 Mont Pleasant & Nott Terrace
Football Teams

Guest Speaker

Pat Riley

2009 Inductees

Dick Bennett (Bednarkiewicz)

Mont Pleasant High School

- Played varsity basketball at Mont Pleasant High School from 1937-1940
- Considered one of the greatest players of the Sig Makofski era
- Mont Pleasant finished with a 56-4 overall record during his three year career, winning league championships during his junior and senior seasons
- His Mont Pleasant teams defeated several college freshmen teams
- Played on an undefeated Mont Pleasant team in 1938-1939
- Played on Mont Pleasant teams that won 37 consecutive games (the streak ended versus the Colgate freshmen team)
- Attended Michigan State and Siena
- Played basketball for parts of two seasons at Siena
- Played on Dan Cunha's first team at Siena
- Started and averaged 15 points per game while playing on the 1941-42 Siena team
- Played a key role in Siena's 37-34 victory over Villanova in the 1941-42 season (scored over half of his team's points, made the go ahead basketball & made a key steal late in the game)
- Collegiate career was interrupted by World War II (served in the army)
- Played pro basketball for the Schenectady Comets (New York State League) in 1946
- Later played for the Schenectady Packers (American Basketball League)
- Started for both the Comets and Packers
- Played in exhibition games against the Harlem Globetrotters (with their stars, Goose Tatum & Marques Haynes) and the Rochester Royals (with their standout players, Bob Davies and Al Cervi)
- Member of the Mont Pleasant Sports Hall of Fame
- Changed his name from Bednarkiewicz to Bennett in 1944.

Mike Meola

Linton High School, Class of 1963

- Played three years of varsity football, basketball and baseball at Linton
- First team All-County selection in all three sports during his junior & senior years (first athlete to achieve this)
- His three Linton football teams finished 21-3 (7-1 each year)
- Linton was undefeated & not scored upon vs. Section II opponents in 1961
- Linton won the Class A League football title in 1961 and 1962
- *Union Star* Schenectady County Football Player of the Year in 1962
- *Schenectady Gazette* Five County Football All-Star for two years (at two different positions: end and half back)
- Honorable Mention All-American football selection in *Scholastic Coach Magazine*
- Thom McAn Award winner in 1962
- Linton basketball finished 46-7 during his three year career
- 1960-61 basketball team won the Class A League Championship, Class A Sectional Title and Class A-B Sectional Championship
- Played against Power Memorial & Lew Alcindor (Kareem Abdul-Jabbar) in 1961 (Linton won 74-68)
- 1961-62 basketball team tied for the Class A League title, losing a playoff game to Amsterdam
- Averaged over 17 points per game as a senior
- Started on 1961-63 Linton baseball teams (.617 winning percentage, batted .300, .333 and .400 as sophomore, junior & senior respectively)
- Received numerous college scholarship offers
- Played basketball at the Univ. of Massachusetts
- Named to the ECAC "Team of the Month" twice during his sophomore season (others honored included Dave Bing, Jimmy Walker, Bob Lloyd and Sonny Dove)
- Named All-Yankee Conference Honorable Mention (1964-65)
- Coached at CPMS, BG and Linton
- Author of several publications on local sports
- Taught in the SCSD for 38 years.

Legacy Tribute

1954 Mont Pleasant & Nott Terrace High School Football Teams

Both teams had 5-0 records and didn't have an opportunity to play the scheduled game against each other. The game was canceled after MP running back Dan Monaco contracted polio. Oliver DeVito, a Nott Terrace player, also contracted polio.

Mont Pleasant High School

Final Record: 5-0

Outscored opponents 171-6

Games vs. Nott Terrace HS and CBA were canceled.

Head Coach: Larry Mulvaney

Co-Captains: Dan Monaco & Lou DeMarco

Game Scores

MP 25	White Plains	0
MP 25	Albany	0
MP 32	Newburgh	0
MP 56	Amsterdam	6
MP 33	Troy	0

Six of the 11-member All-County team were MP players: Larry Pivacek, Joe Green, Lou DeMarco, Mickey Petrolle, Mickey Ferraro & Bob Patrick .

Mickey Ferraro won the Schenectady County scoring title.

Nott Terrace High School

Final Record: 5-0

Outscored opponents 193-33

Games vs. Mont Pleasant & Albany were canceled.

Head Coach: Pete Shulha

Co-Captains: Alonzo Burnham and Derry Cooke

Game Scores

NT 25	LaSalle	7
NT 53	Amsterdam	0
NT 58	Troy	14
NT 32	Newburgh	6
NT 25	Gloversville	6

Five of the 11-member All-County team were NT players: John Bezio, Alonzo Burnham, Derry Cooke, Ed Wilgocki and Dick Kaczmarek.

Derry Cooke won the Thom McAn Award.

All 11 players on the All-County team came from Nott Terrace and Mont Pleasant.