



1981 West Wrestling

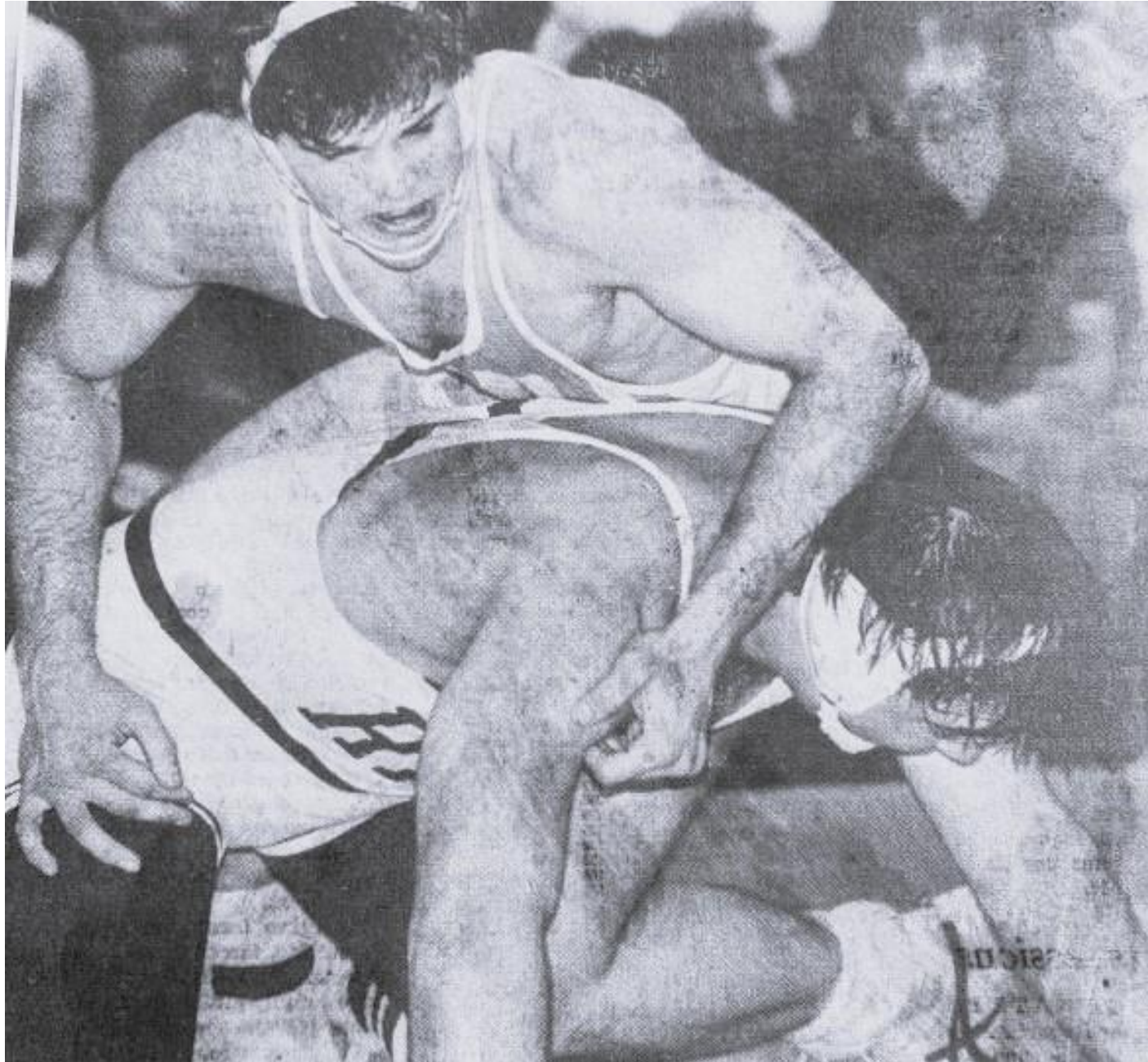
81 West Wrestling

Rod Comandini (101)
Peter Palmer (108)
Harry McLellan (115)
Mike Moore (122)
John Giranda (129)
Charlie Winchock (135)
Matt Wilmott (141)
Bob Catterson (141)
Will Dudeck (148)
Mike Sarafino (158)
Scott Hobbs (170)
Harry Chowansky (188)
Al Nicaretta (HWT)



**Head Coach (r) Mike Leta
(kneeling) Coach Rossi**

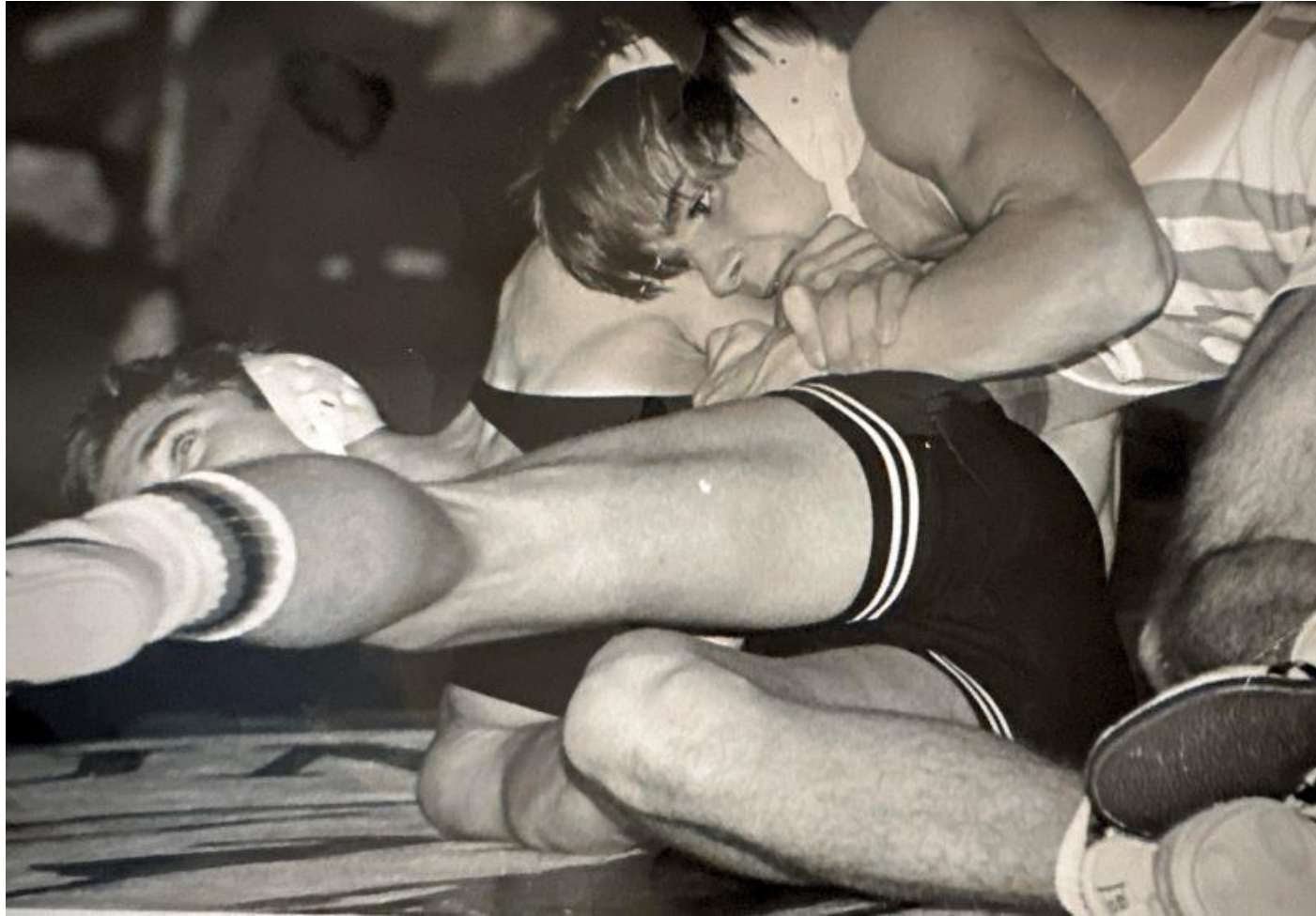
Coach John Routel



81 West Wrestling

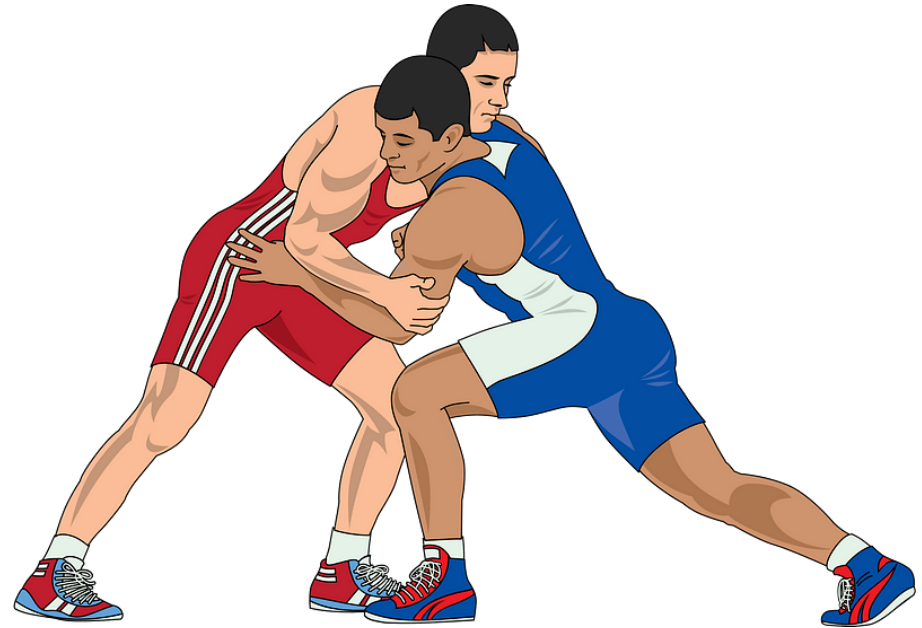
**Harry Chowansky
Wrestled
at 188 lbs**

81 West Wrestling



Mike Moore wrestled at 122 lbs

**1981 West Wrestling
defeated Manalapan 26-24
in the semi-finals
and
Long Branch 26-24 in the
Group 3 State Finals.
Both meets came down
to the last match.**

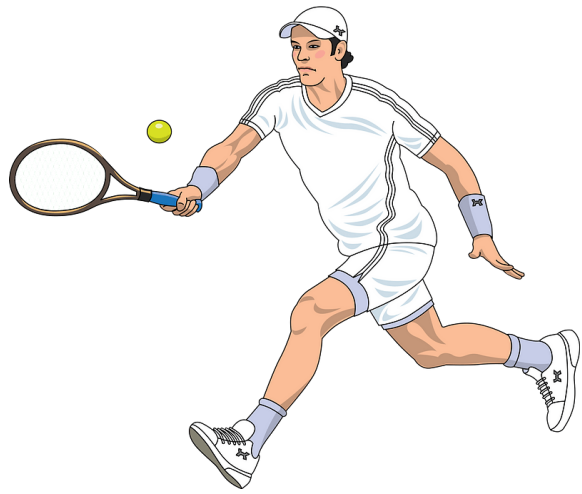


Coach of 1981 West Wrestling was Mike Leta





**1983
East
Boys'
Tennis**



**The 1983 East
Boys' Tennis Team
Defeated Millburn
3-2 for the
Group III State
Championship**

5-1 State Tournament

1 win by 5-0

2 wins by 4-1

2 wins by 3-2

1 loss by 1-4

(in All-Groups)

1983 East Boys' Tennis

**Dominated the
Regular Season 20-0**

14 wins by 5-0

5 wins by 4-1

1 win by 3-2

Won 93 of 100 regular season matches



1983 East Boys' Tennis

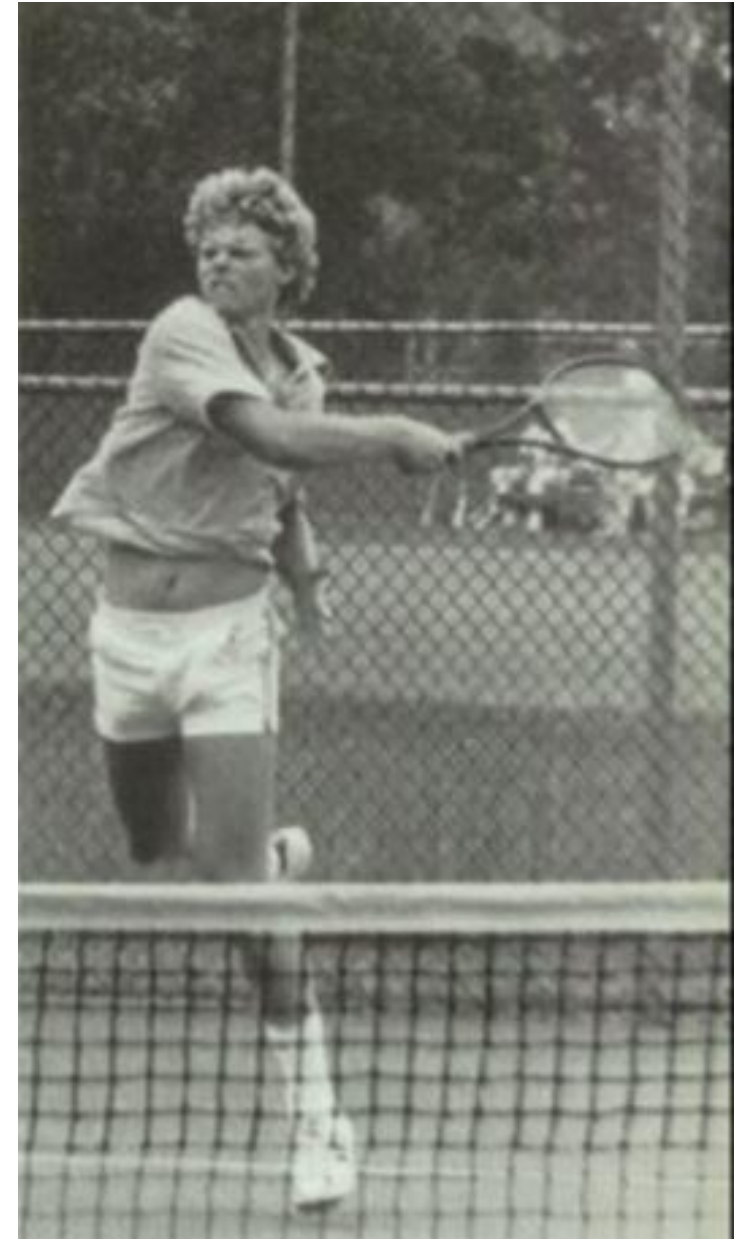
First Singles

Jonas Lindgren (27-5)

First-Team Mid State

Conference

County Runner-Up





1983 East Boys' Tennis

Second Singles

Cris Berglund (20-8)

1983 East Boys' Tennis

Third Singles

Steve Saxe (27-2)

Most Valuable Player

First-Team Mid State

Conference

County Champion

Third-Team Group III All-State



'83 East Boys' Tennis

First Doubles

Jeff Stanley & Mark Schechter (24-3)

First-Team Mid State Conference

Second-Team Group III All-State

Second Doubles

Brett Schechter (23-3) &

Dave Sandler (26-3)

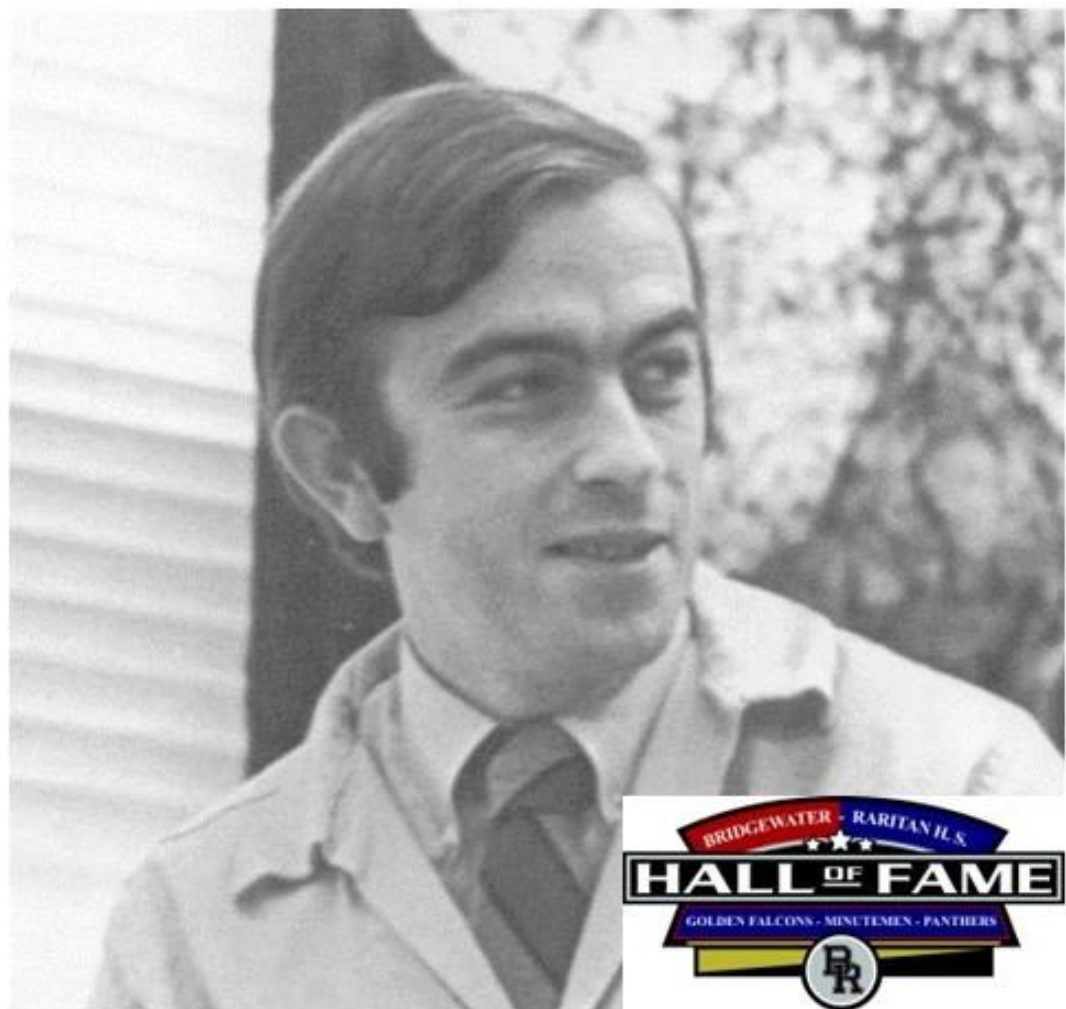
First-Team Mid State Conference

County Champions

Second-Team Group III All-State

Reserves: Bill Macom (6-1), Mark Vella (2-0), Jeff Arnold (1-0)



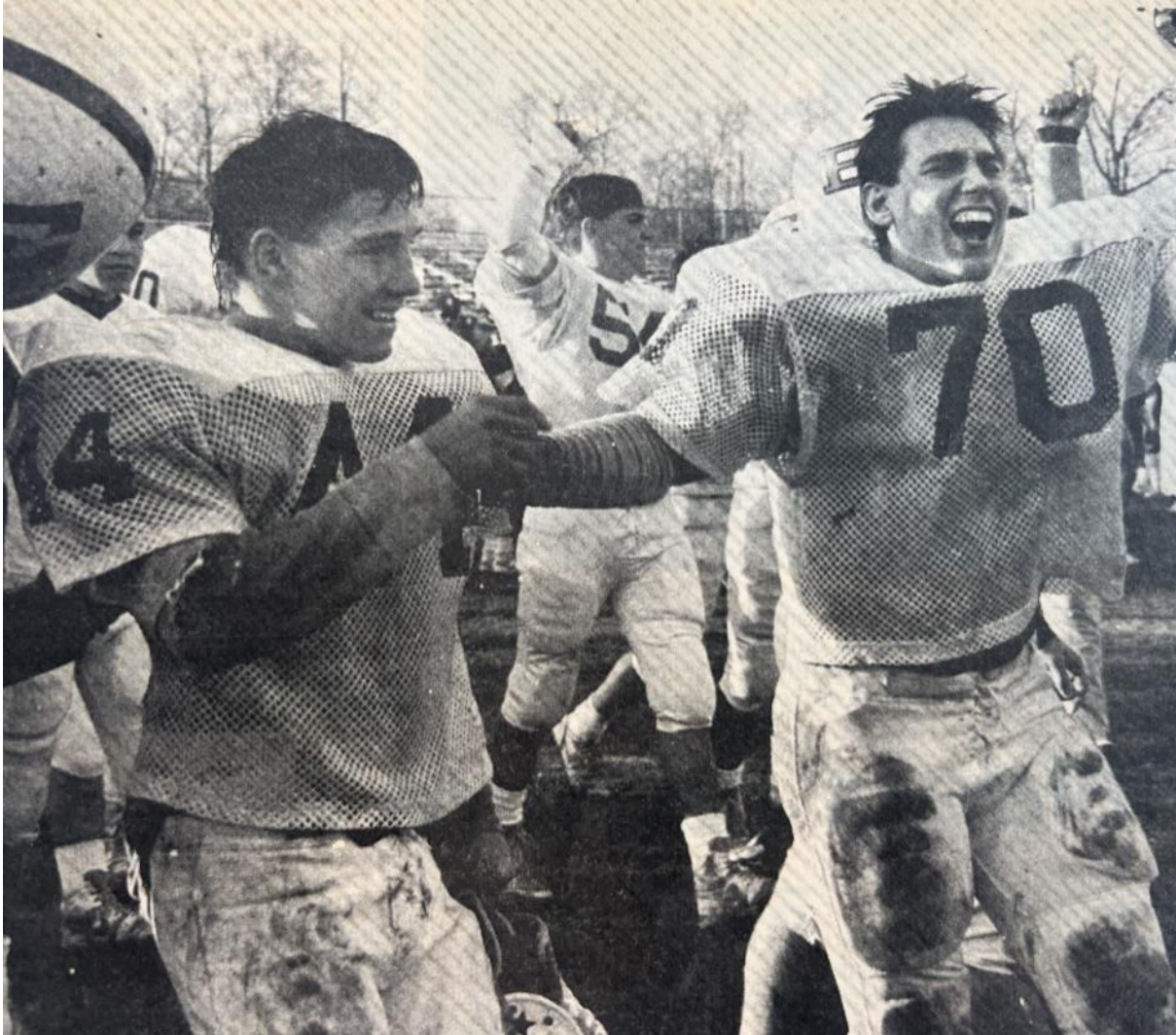


**Coach of the
1983 Boys'
Tennis Team
was
Bob Bernabe**



**East
1989
Football
State
Champions**

1989 East Football

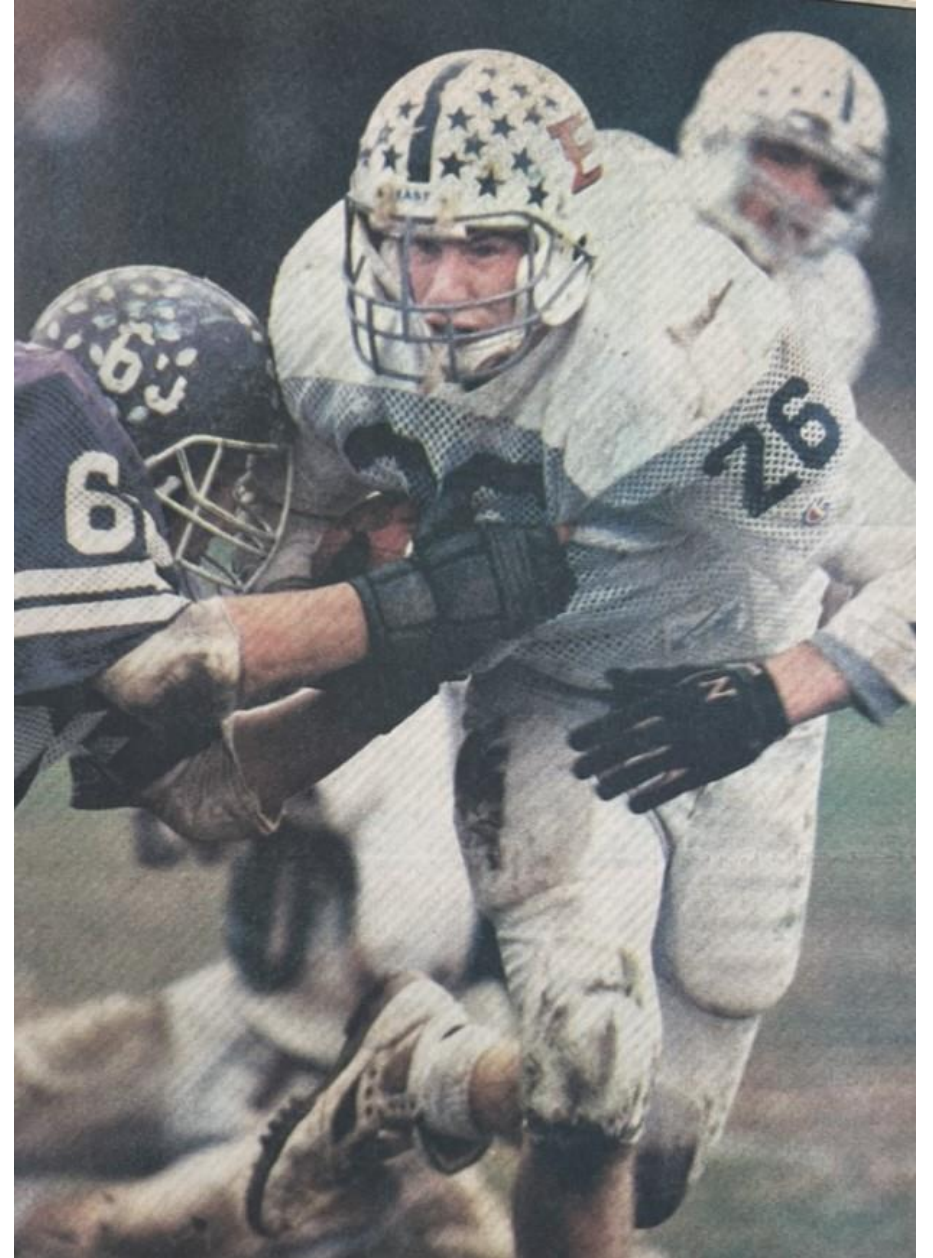


In the semifinals East won over top seeded Colonia High 27-16.

That day quarterback Bill Meekings was 9 for 12 passing for 155 yards with one touchdown pass.

**1989 East Football won the
State Championship Game
14-7 against
Rumson Fair Haven.**

**The defense led the way,
forcing three turnovers and
committed no penalties.**



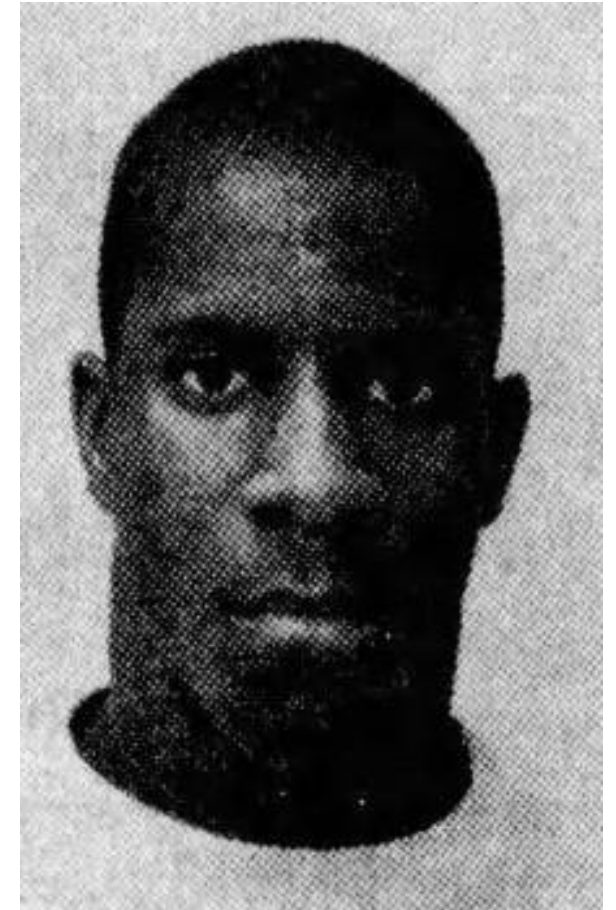
1989 East Football - First Team – All County



Andy Aiello
Guard



John McCelland
Defensive Lineman

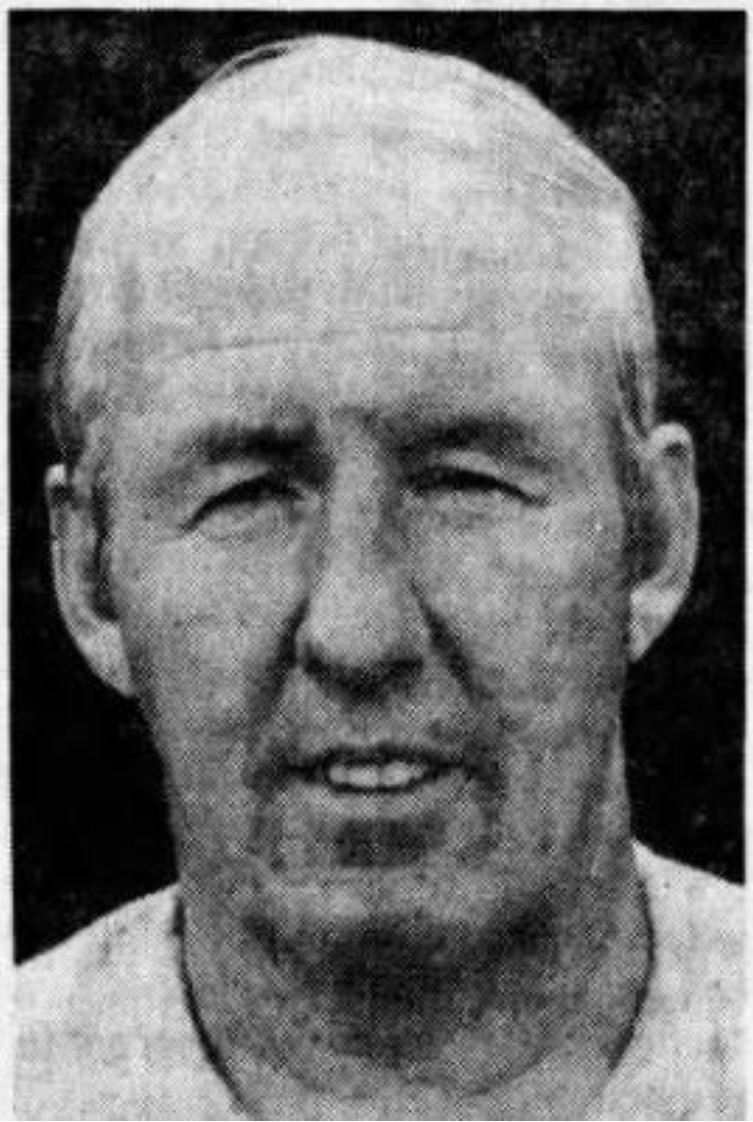


Ken Parham
Linebacker

**Bill Meekings
was the
Quarterback**

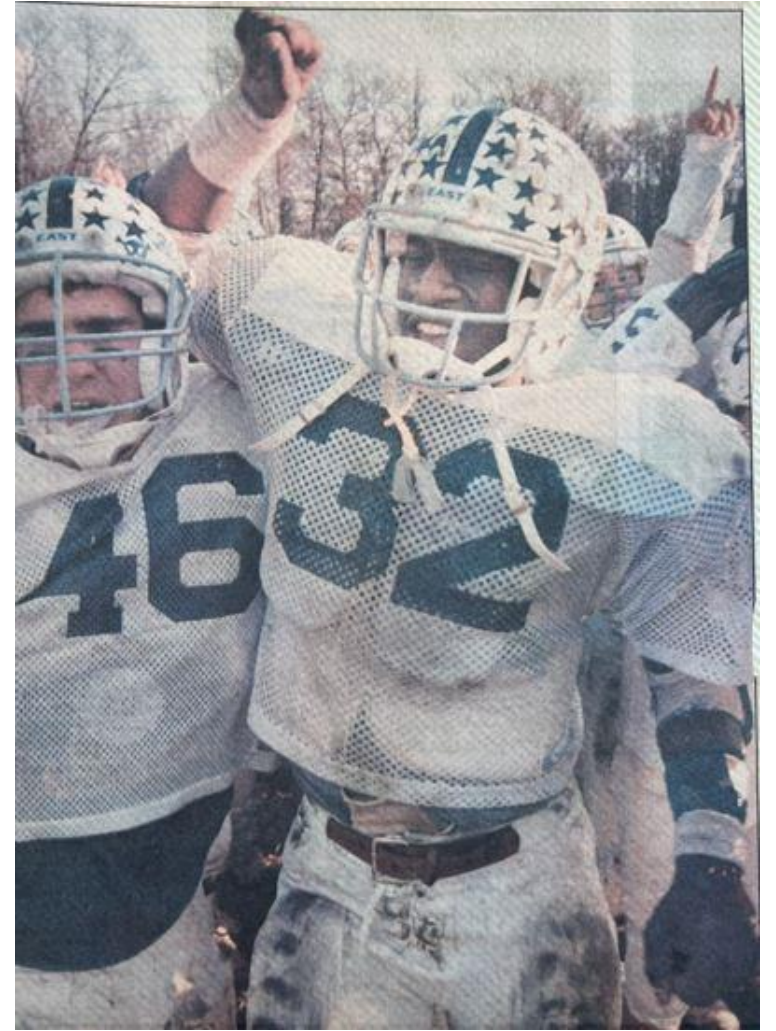
**He also played
Defensive End
as well as
Punter and
Kicker**

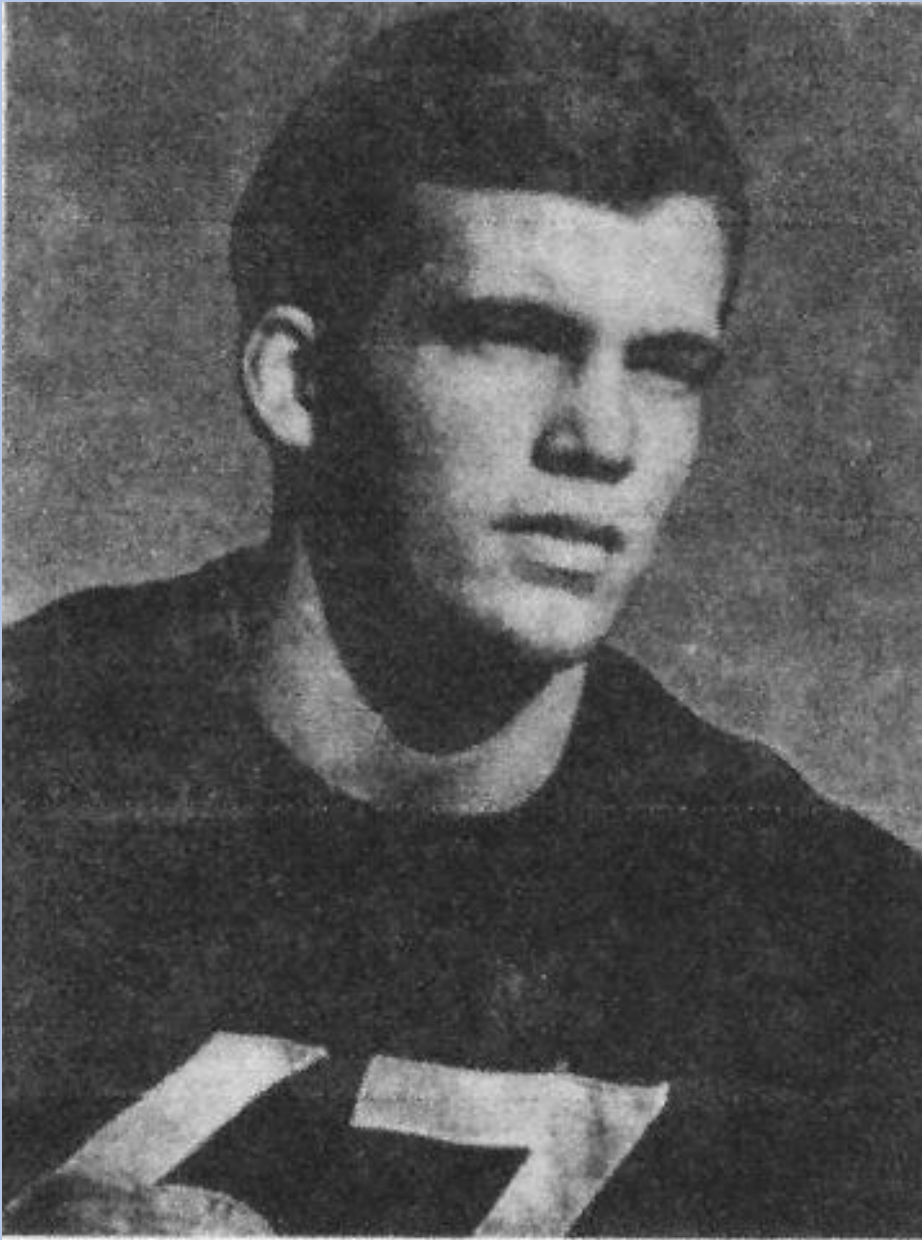




**1989 East
Football
Coach was
Bill Savage**

Photos from 89 East Football





East

1968-71

Robby Apgar

Football

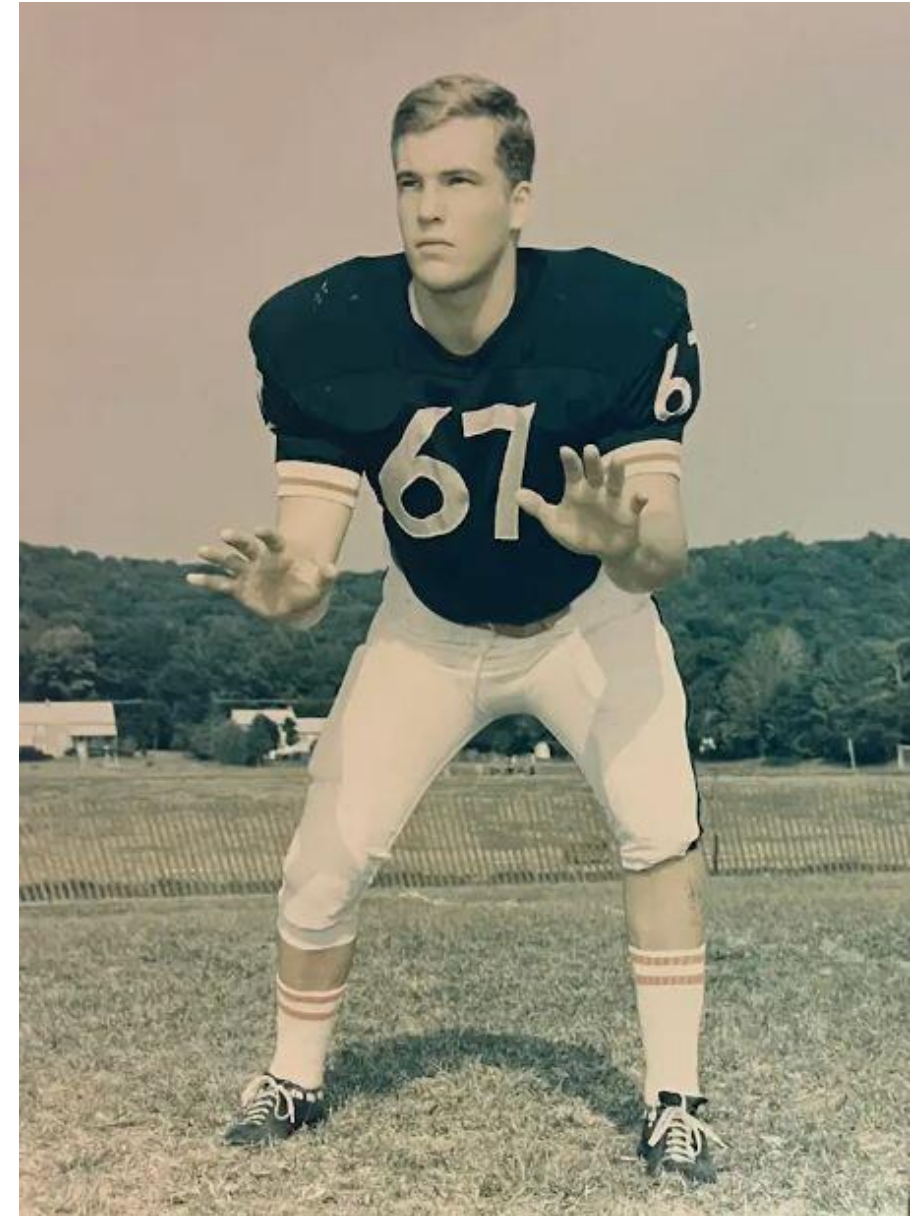
Robby Apgar

Three-year varsity 1968-70

**Started at center and linebacker
in junior and senior year.**

**Spot starter at center and
linebacker as sophomore.**

**Had the responsibility of leading the
defensive huddle (calling the play)**



Robby Apgar

**In his Junior and Senior seasons
East was 9-0-0,
Central Jersey Group III State Champions,
and Mid-State Conference Champions.**

**Both teams were inducted into
the B-R Athletic Hall of Fame.**



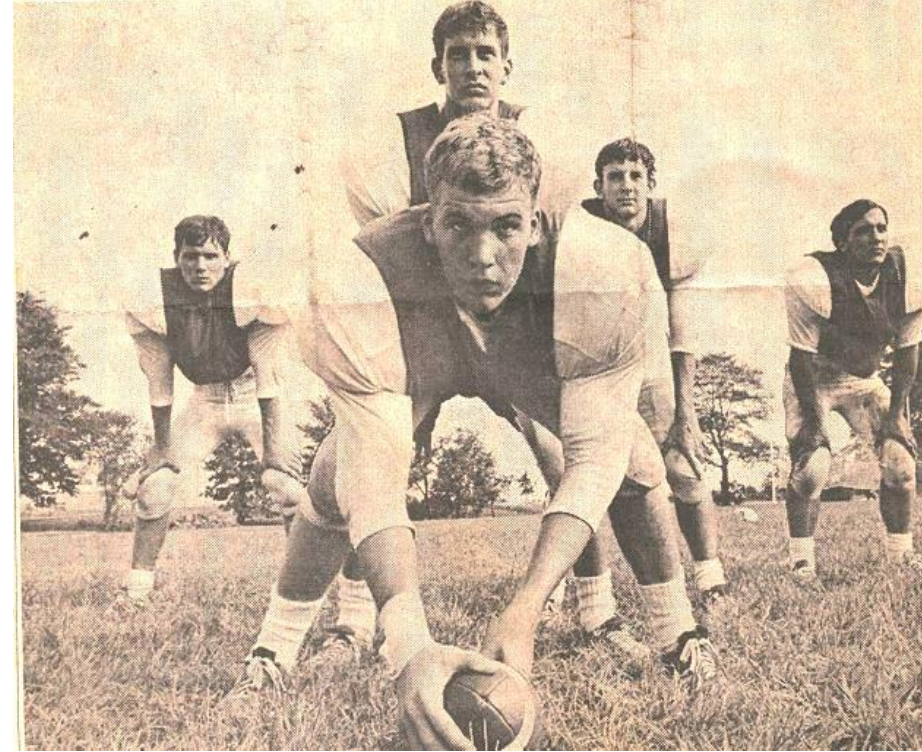


1970 - Robby Apgar received team's Most Valuable Defense Award leading team with 81 tackles.

Robby Apgar

1971

**Honors for the
“Center” position:**



1970 All-State 1st Team Group III (Newark News)

1970 All-Area Central Jersey 2nd Team (Courier News)

1970 All-Somerset County 1st Team (Messenger Gazette)

1970 All-Somerset County 1st Team (Home News)

1970 All-Mid-State Conference 1st Team

1969 All-Somerset County 1st Team



East

1971-73

Dale

Dalrymple

**Basketball, Field Hockey,
Softball, Tennis**

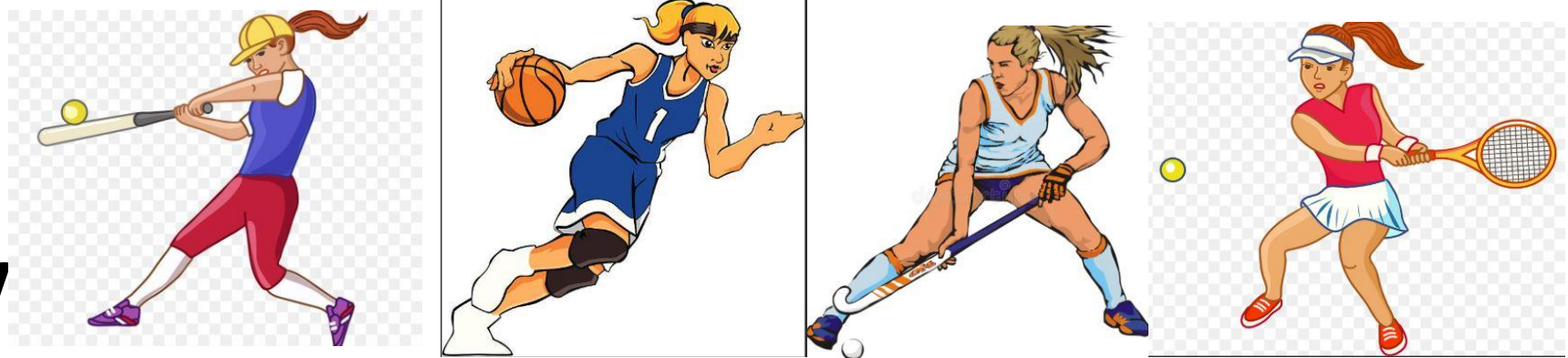
Dale Dalrymple earned 12 “Varsity” letters

4 in Softball

4 in Basketball

2 in Field Hockey

2 in Tennis



In 1976, inducted into BRHS-East Athletic Hall of Fame

1973 received BRHS-East Athletic Department Award for “excellence in athletics”.



Dale Dalrymple

started at center-halfback on the varsity field hockey team.

She was a key contributor on a team that finished 9-3 and defeated BRHS-West, 2-0, in the finals to capture East's first Mid-State Conference championship.

Dale was team MVP



Dale Dalrymple

in her senior year, as starting shortstop, led softball team with: 24 hits, 3 HRs, 15 RBI, 19 runs, 12 stolen bases, and a .585 avg.

Her contributions helped lead the team to an 8-3 record.

She was named Team MVP

**Dale Dalrymple in
her senior year,
as starting center,
led the women's
varsity basketball
team in scoring.**

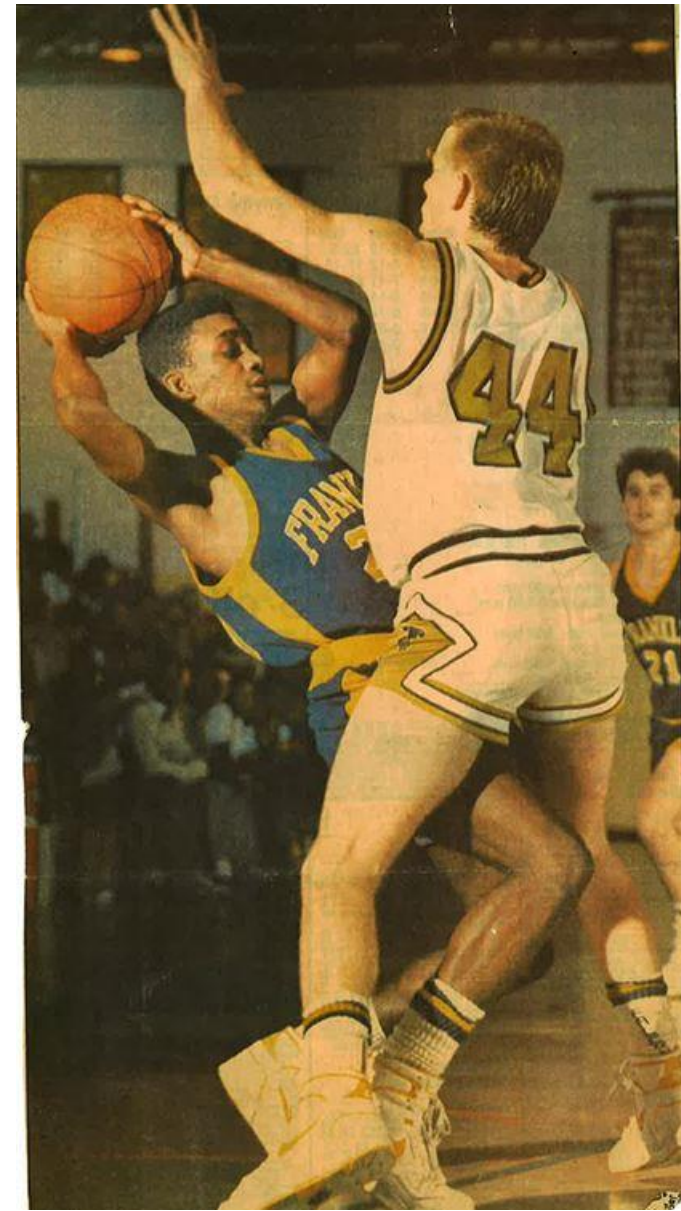




West
1987-1989

Dan
Engelhardt
Baseball
Basketball

**Dan Engelhardt
is the only player in
B/R High School
history to start on
two different sport's
teams that won the
State Championship
in the same year - 89**



Dan Engelhardt

**was a Starter and Co-Captain
on three State Championship
teams - Basketball 88 & 89
and Baseball 89.**

**Dan has been inducted to the Hall
of Fame as a team member of
those championship teams**

**Dan was awarded B/R West Gary
Randall Sportsmanship Award
(1989)**



Dan Engelhardt

1988 Baseball

Led BR West to County Champion

.434 batting average

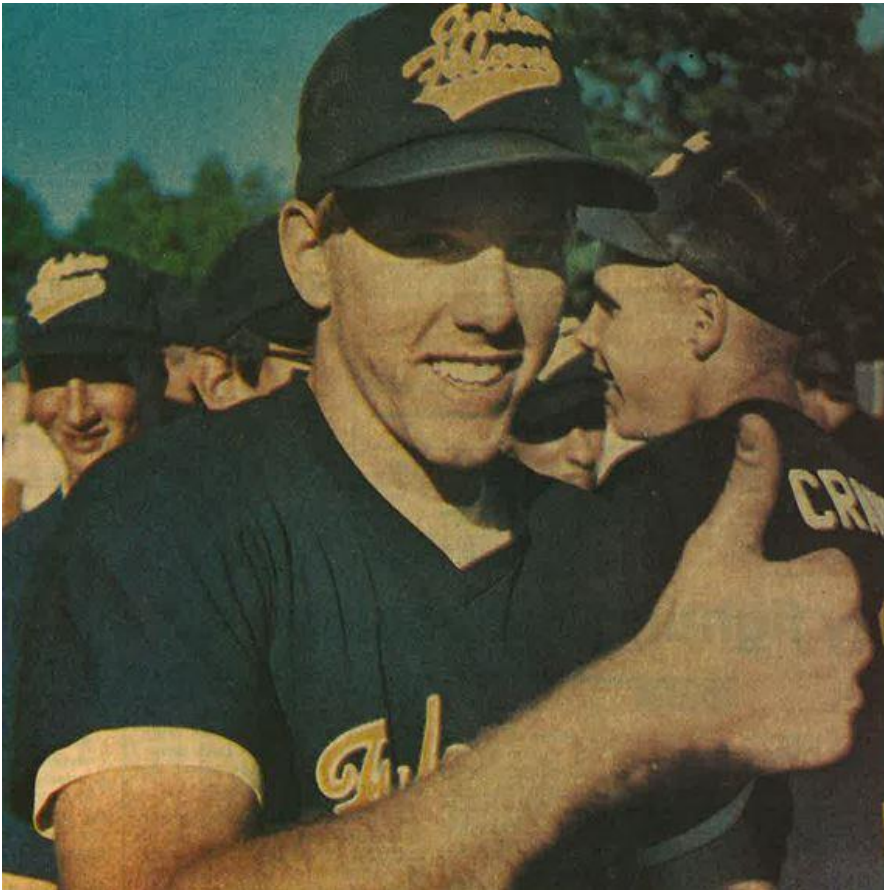
25 runs and 29 RBI

All State 2nd Team

All Central Jersey 1st Team (Courier News)

**All Somerset County 1st Team (Star Ledger /
Home News / Messenger Gazette)**

All Mid-State Conference 1st Team



Dan Engelhardt - Basketball

1989

Mid-State Conference 2nd Team

Somerset County 3rd Team

(Star Ledger / Home News / Messenger Gazette)

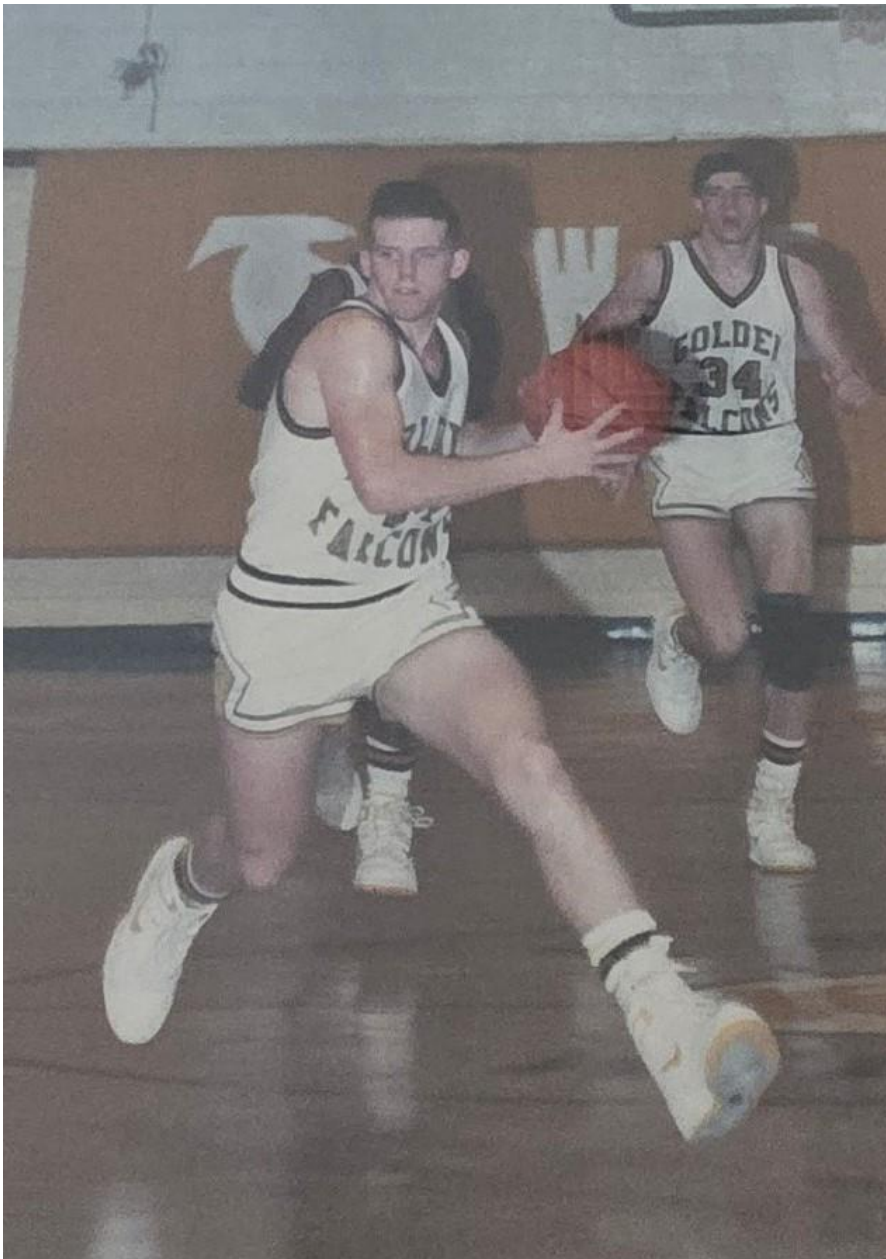
Central Jersey Honorable Mention

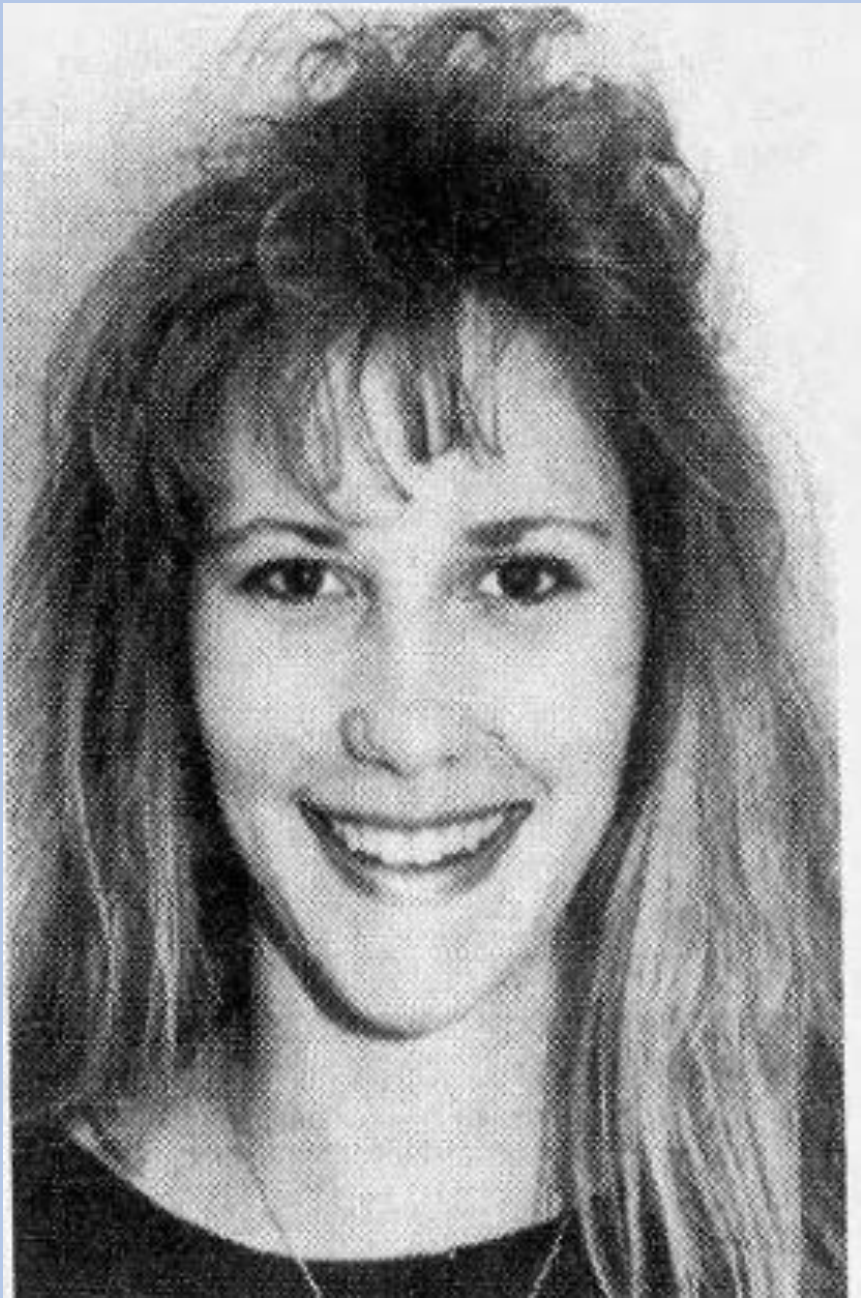
(Courier News)

500 Point Club Averaged 13 points / game

**Starter / Co-Captain on state record
(at the time)**

52 game winning streak





East
1987-89
Katie
Geiger
Basketball



**Katie Geiger
started 3 years on the
Girl's Basketball Team.**

Scoring 1107 points.

Katie Geiger

Basketball

All Group II NJ - 2nd Team

All Central Jersey - 2nd Team

All SCIAA - 1st Team

(Star Ledger, Home News, Messenger Gazette)

All Mid State Conference 1st Team



Katie Geiger

**led the Girl's Basketball Team to
An Undefeated Season
and Mid State Conference Championship**

**Runner up Somerset County Championship 1989
Captain and Team MVP**

**1988 Junior Season starter on first ever B.R. East
Team to win the Somerset County Championship**

**Fun Fact - Undefeated during career over
B.R. West 1986, 87, 88, 89**



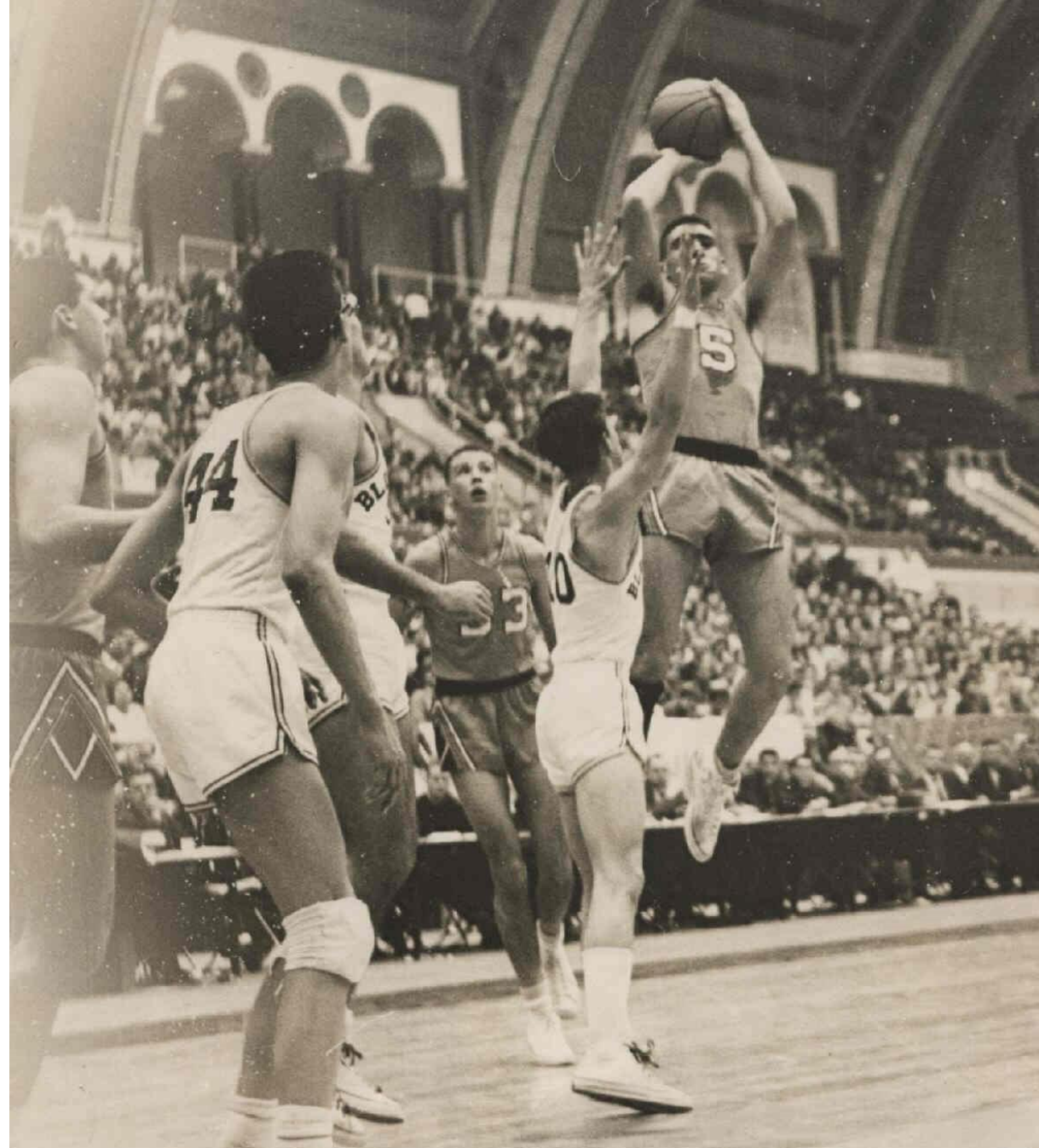


Falcons
1963-66
Andy Martin
Basketball



**Andy Martin was
a vital member
of the 1965
State Champion
Basketball Team**

**In the State
Championship Game
Andy Martin scored
19 points in the
63-55 victory
over Bloomfield.**





Coach Fischer on Andy Martin:

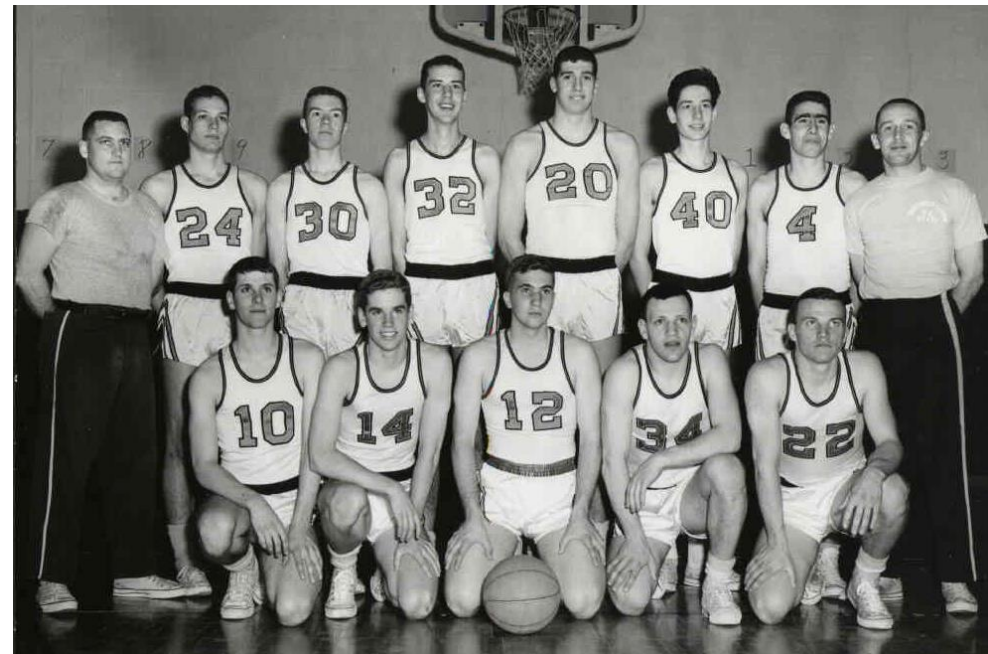
Andy was a tough kid to manage, but a fun kid to have.

***He had a very effective shot.
He was smart, he knew how
to be in the right place and
how to get open.***

**On bus rides the players on the 1965 Falcons
would sing the song “Charlie Brown”.
The whole team would sing together,
but the comical line of the song:**

***“Why’s everybody always
picking on me”***

was sung solo by Andy Martin.



**While serving
in Vietnam
Andy Martin
was awarded
the Silver Star
for Heroism**





Panthers
1997-1999
Dorcas
Miller
Basketball

DORCAS MILLER

CAREER SCHOOL RECORD 1,389 PTS.

1ST. 1000 PTS AT BRHS

ALL AMERICAN IN USA TODAY-HON. MEN.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR-STAR LEDGER

1ST TEAM STAR LEDGER

ALL COUNTY-COURIER NEWS

1ST TEAM COURIER NEWS

1ST TEAM-HOME NEWS

1ST TEAM MESSENGER GAZZETTE

SOMERSET COUNTY & SKYLAND
CONFERENCE CHAMPS



BRIDGEWATER

22

1995-1999

Sebes

Star Ledger
Player of the Year

USA Today
Honorable
mention for
All American



Dorcas Miller
Scored 1389 points
in her High School
Basketball Career

Led team to
Conference Champions



Dorcas Miller

All County 1st Team:

Courier News

Home News

Messenger Gazette



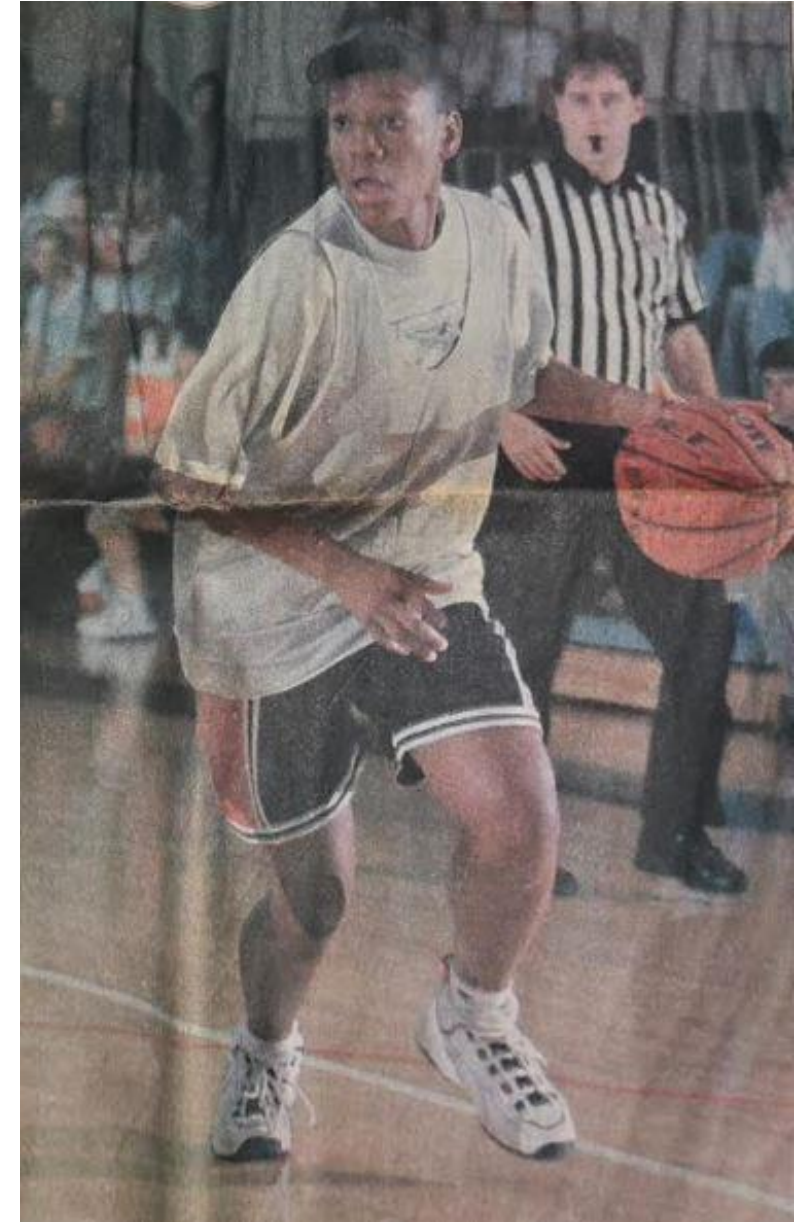
**Dorcas Miller says these 2 quotes
symbolize my why and who I am today**

***I play to win, whether during practice
or a real game. And I will not let anything
get in the way of me and
my competitive enthusiasm to win.***

Michael Jordan

***I can do all things through [a]
Christ who strengthens me.***

Philippians 4:13





West
1982-85
Michelle
Possessky
Track

Michelle Possessky

Javelin

Holds BRHS West School Record

Central Jersey Group III - 2nd Place

NJ State Group III - 3rd Place

**NJ State Meet of Champions
15th Place**



Michelle Possessky

Shot Put



Holds BRHS West School Record
Central Jersey Group III Champion - 85
Mid State Conference 3rd Place
Central Jersey Group III - 3rd Place - 84
Qualified for Sectionals
Freshman thru Senior years

Michelle Possessky

Track & Field

4 Years Varsity
Leading Scorer on
Track Team Junior
and Senior Year



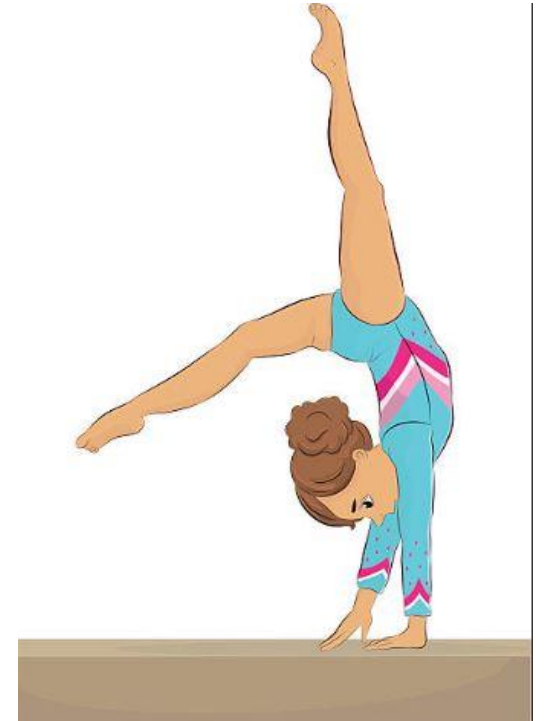
Basketball

Freshman, Sophomore, &
Junior years



Gymnastics

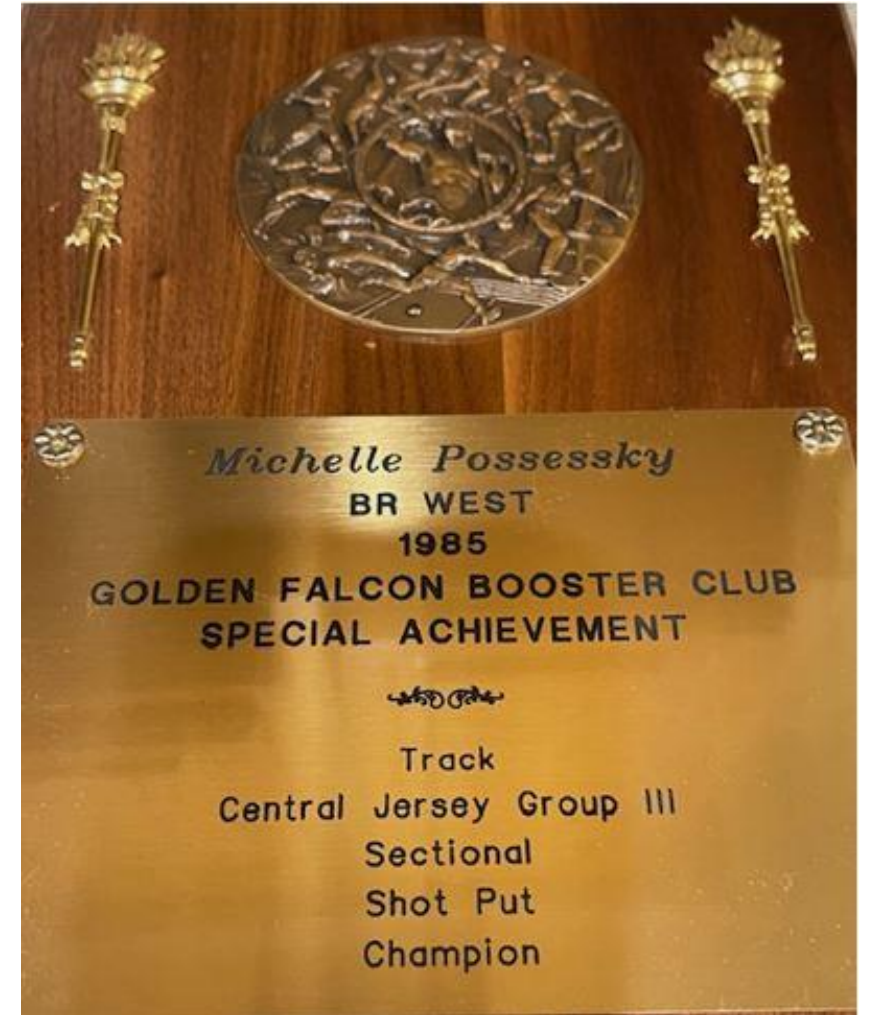
4 Years Varsity
Did Floor and
Balance Beam.
Co-Captain Junior
& Senior Year



Michelle Possessky

**Golden Falcon Booster Club
Special Achievement Athletic
Award - 1985**

Senior Class President



Michelle Possessky with coach Jim Aversano



**Michelle credits
coach Aversano with
much of her success
as an athlete.**

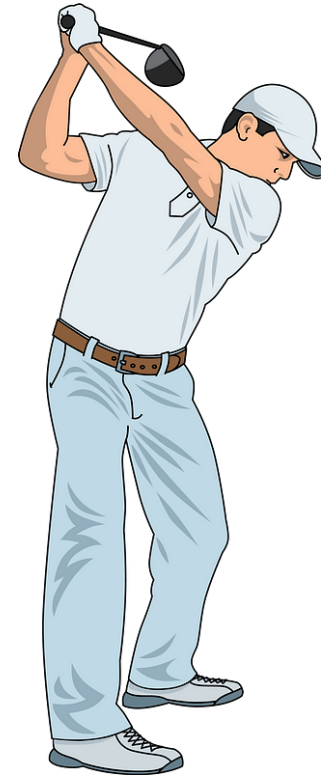


East
1973-75

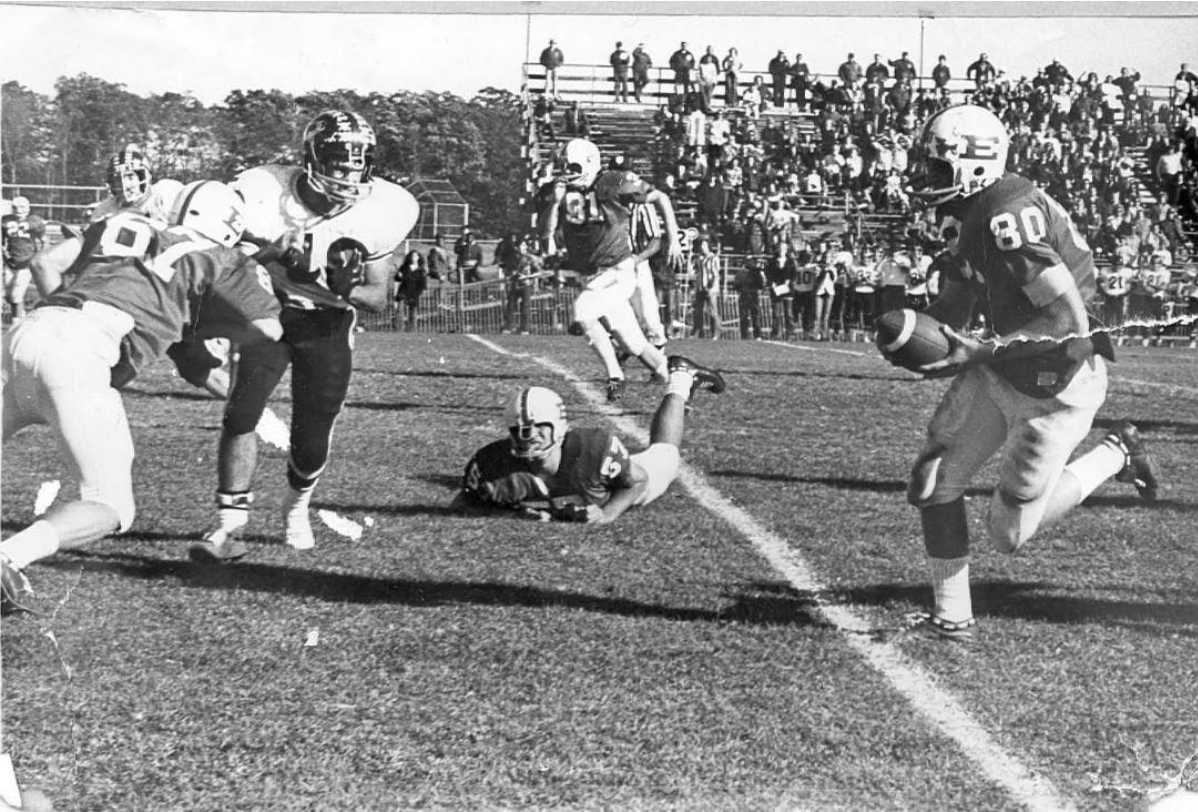
Chris
Raffo

Football, Basketball, & Golf

Chris Raffo earned 9 Varsity Letters: Football (3), Basketball (3), and Golf (3)



In his senior year he received the Outstanding Athlete Award



Chris Raffo

**Football Achievements:
Started on Offense and Defense**

Junior year Most Tackles Season 62

**Won Monster award Junior year
as a linebacker**

**Junior year - most fumble recoveries
tied with 2**



**Chris Raffo had
18 unassisted
tackles in one
game against
Piscataway**



1974

**Chris Raffo helped
the football team
win the
State Championship.**

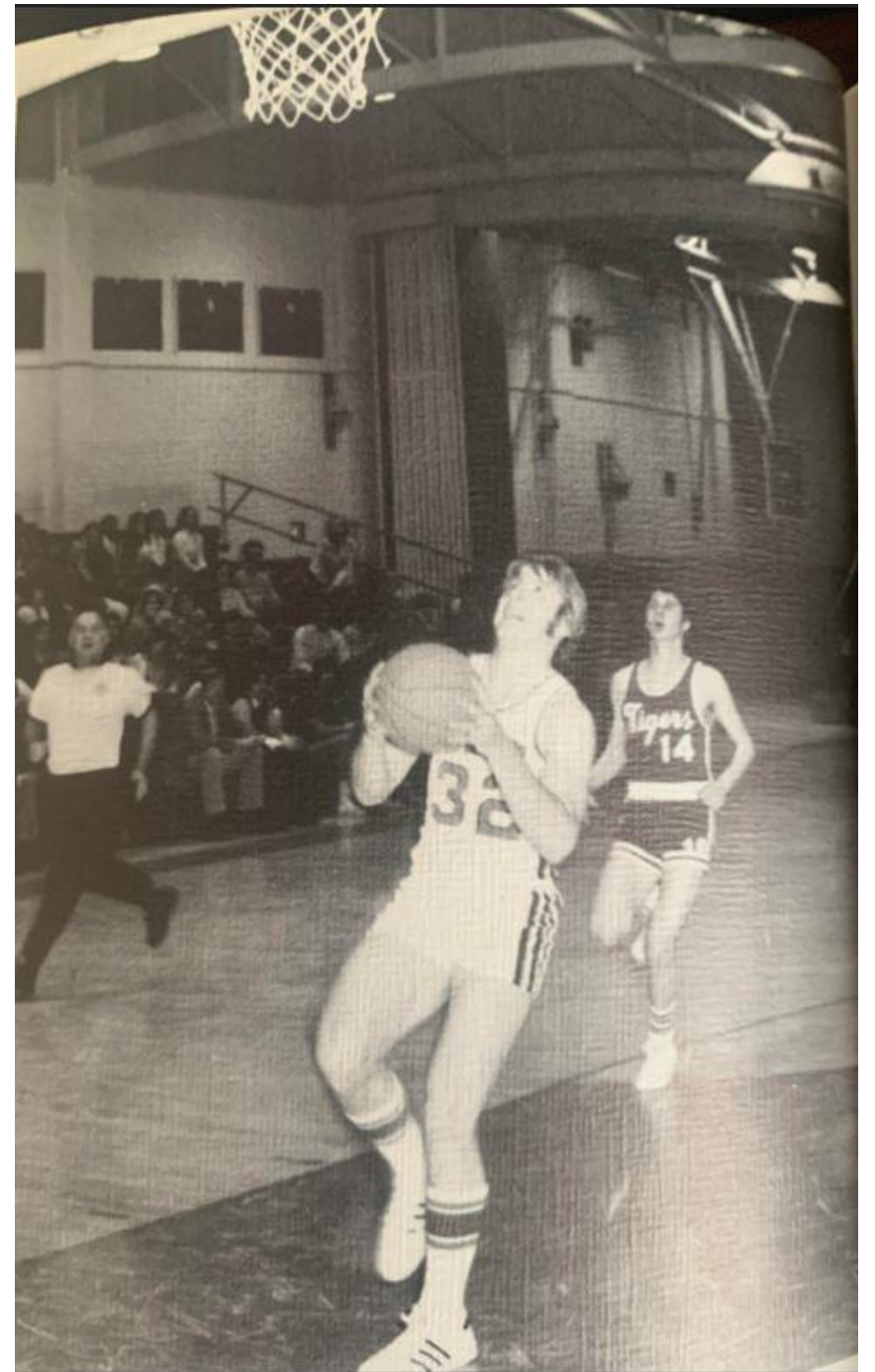
**In the championship
game against
Carteret he received
the Game Ball.**

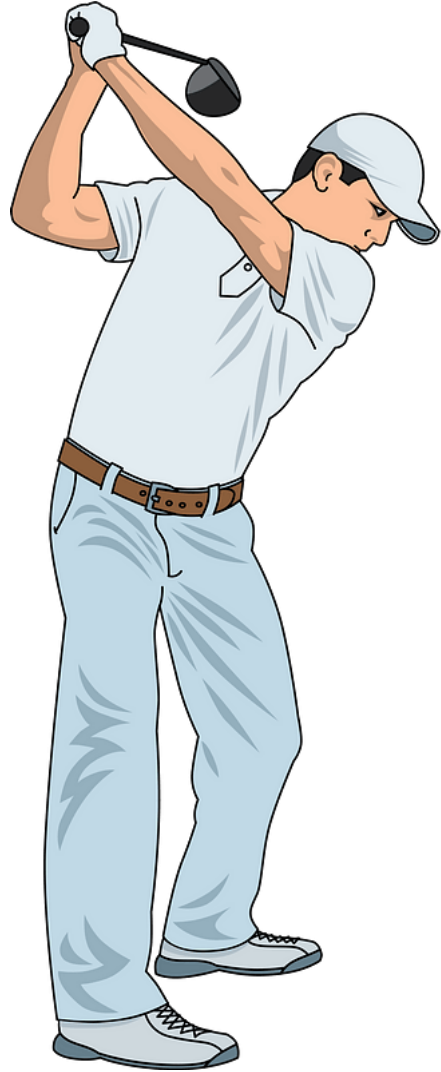


Chris Raffo was also a member of the National Honor Society

Chris Raffo
was Captain of the
Basketball Team in his
Senior Year.

He was also MVP.





Chris Raffo
was Captain of
the Golf Team in his
Junior and Senior Years.

He was the MVP in his
Senior Year.





West

1992-1996

Peter

Scavo

Soccer

Peter Scavo was a center-forward and standout on the soccer team.

1992 (FRESHMAN YEAR)

Highlight - Made the game winning goal in the 1992 Group IV Semi-finals.



1993 (SOPHOMORE) SEASON

Peter scored 34% of the team's goals.

21 Goals, 6 Assists

2nd Team All Central Jersey Courier News

1st Team All Somerset County Courier News

1st Team All Somerset County Star-Ledger



1994 (JUNIOR) SEASON
Peter Scavo scored 37.7%
of the team's goals.

Peter was awarded the following:

3rd Team All State Star Ledger

1st Team All Somerset County Star Ledger

1st Team All Area Central NJ Home News

1st Team All Somerset County, Courier News



1995 (SENIOR) SEASON

Peter Scavo was out for most of the season due to an injury but he came back for the semi-finals win where he hit the goal that tied the game with 11 seconds left.



Bridgewater-Raritan's Scavo an impact striker

BOYS SOCCER

Scavo leads B-R

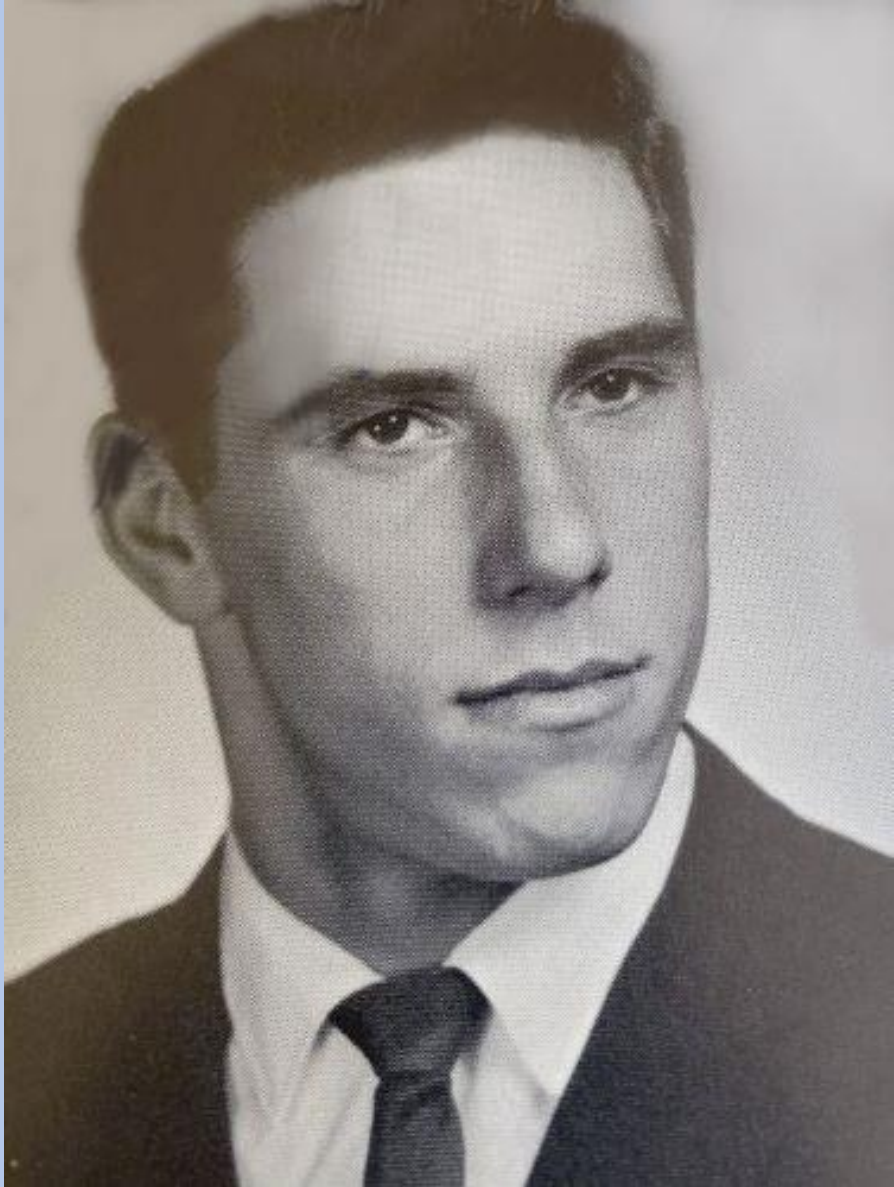


Scavo's OT goal
fires Bridgewater

BOYS SOCCER

B-R's **Scavo** leads
team in 1-0 shutout

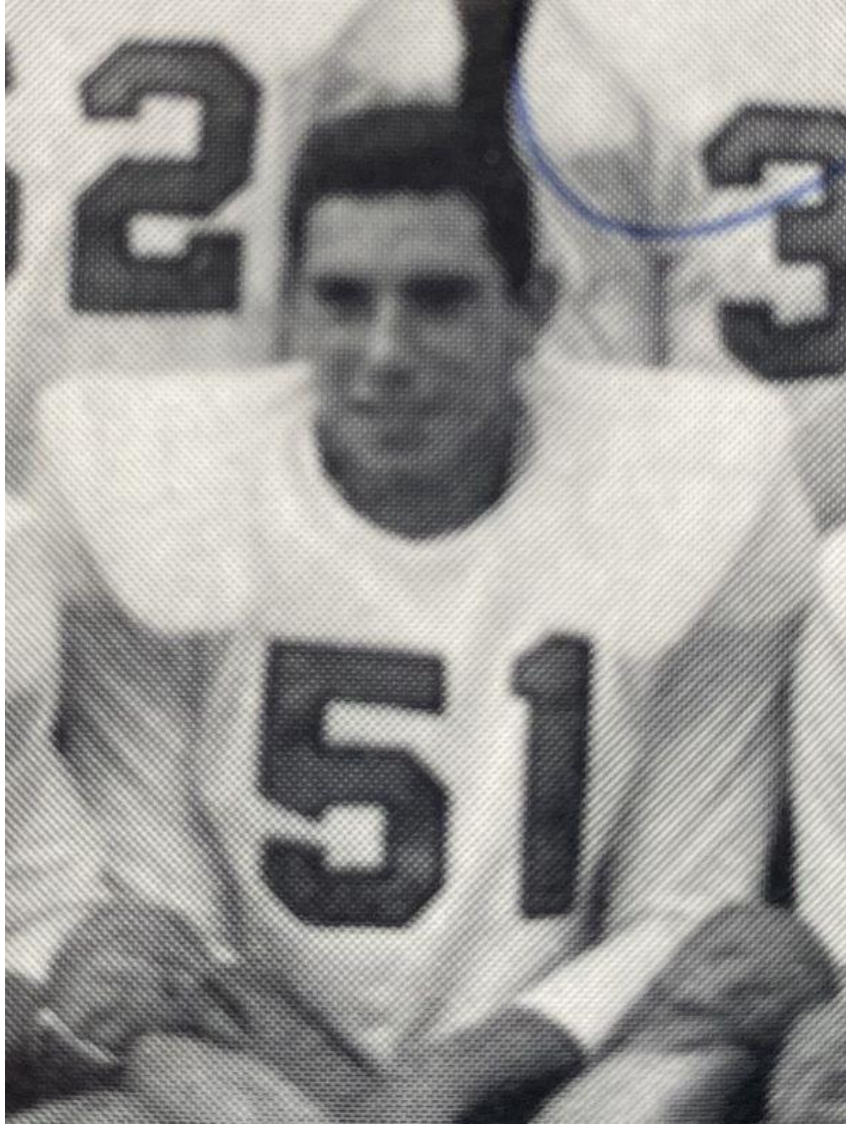
Peter Scavo went on to play college soccer at Seton Hall.



Falcons
1959-1962

Carl
Schindelar

Football
Track



**Carl Schindelar
was the high school's
first all-state athlete (1961).**

**In football he was a linemen
who played both ways.**



**His teammate said
Carl Schindelar
was a 210-pound specimen
who was strong and fast.
When Carl removed his
two front false teeth for
games, he seemed a man
playing against boys.**



CONGRATULATIONS—Carl Schindelar, left, and Don Vallario are congratulated b

**His track coach
Jim DeCicco
said Carl Schindelar
was a coach's
dream athlete
- as anything you
needed him to do
to win - he did.**



Carl Schindelar

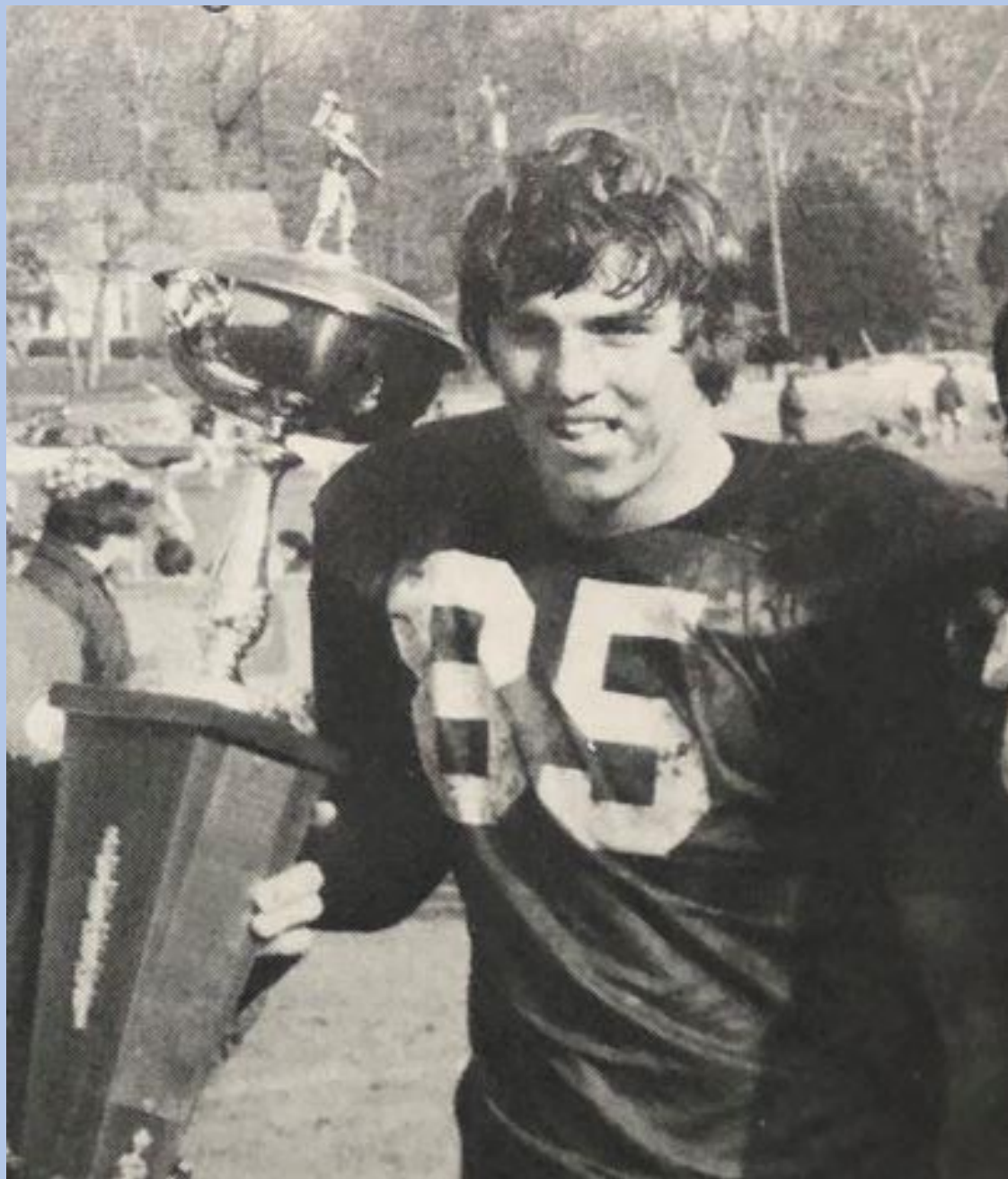
in Track

**He did many events:
Discus, Javelin and
(sometimes) Shot Put
and he ran the
100, 200, and 440**

**After College
Carl Schindelar
served in the
United States Air Force
serving in Vietnam.**



He was honorable discharged in 1967.



East
1976-1978
Tom
Shoolbraid

Football
Basketball
Lacrosse

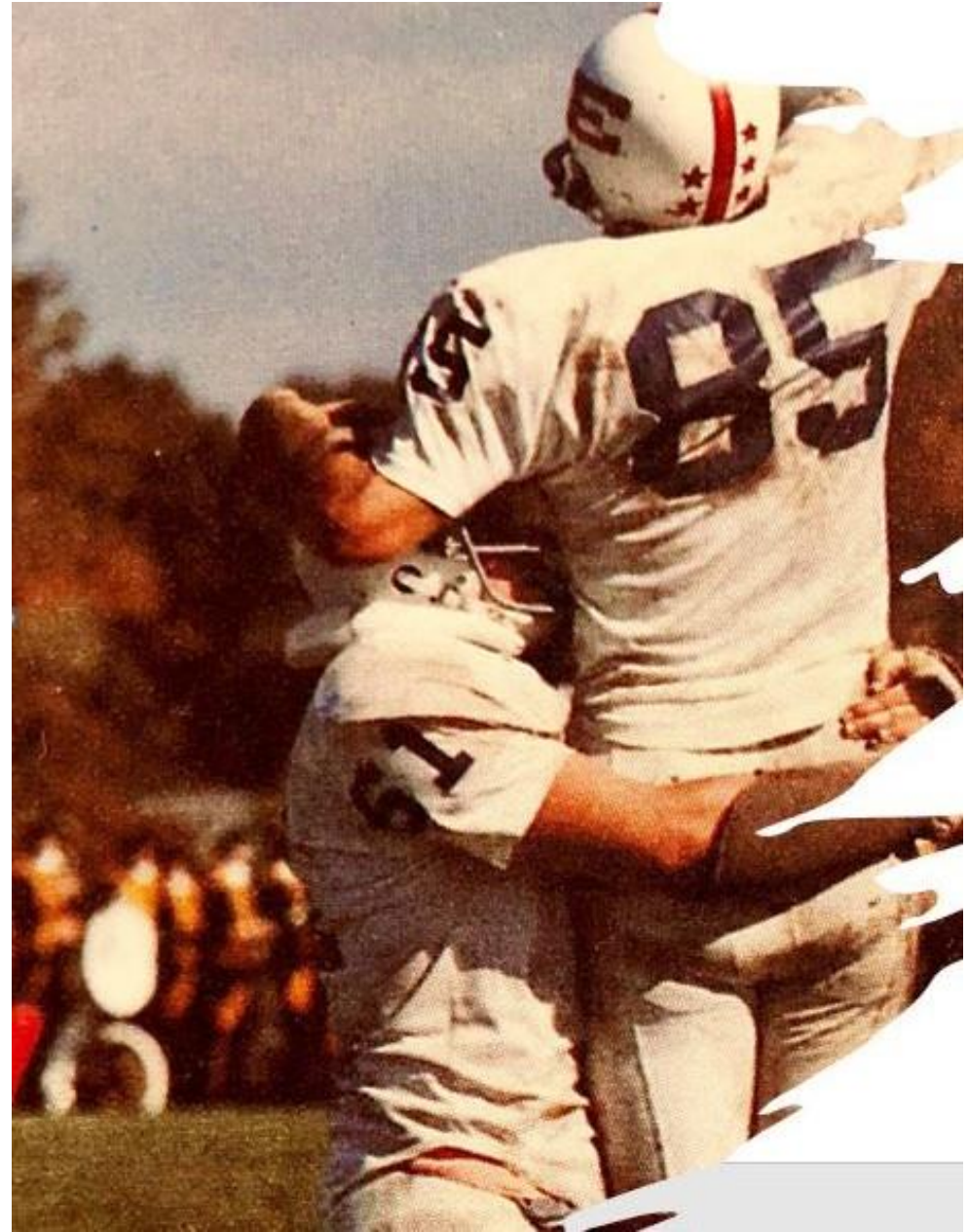
Tom Shoolbraid Football

**1st Team All Mid-State
Conference**

1st Team All Area

1st Team All County

Honorable Mention All-State



Tom Shoolbraid FOOTBALL

3-year letterman

2-year starter both ways (TE/DE)

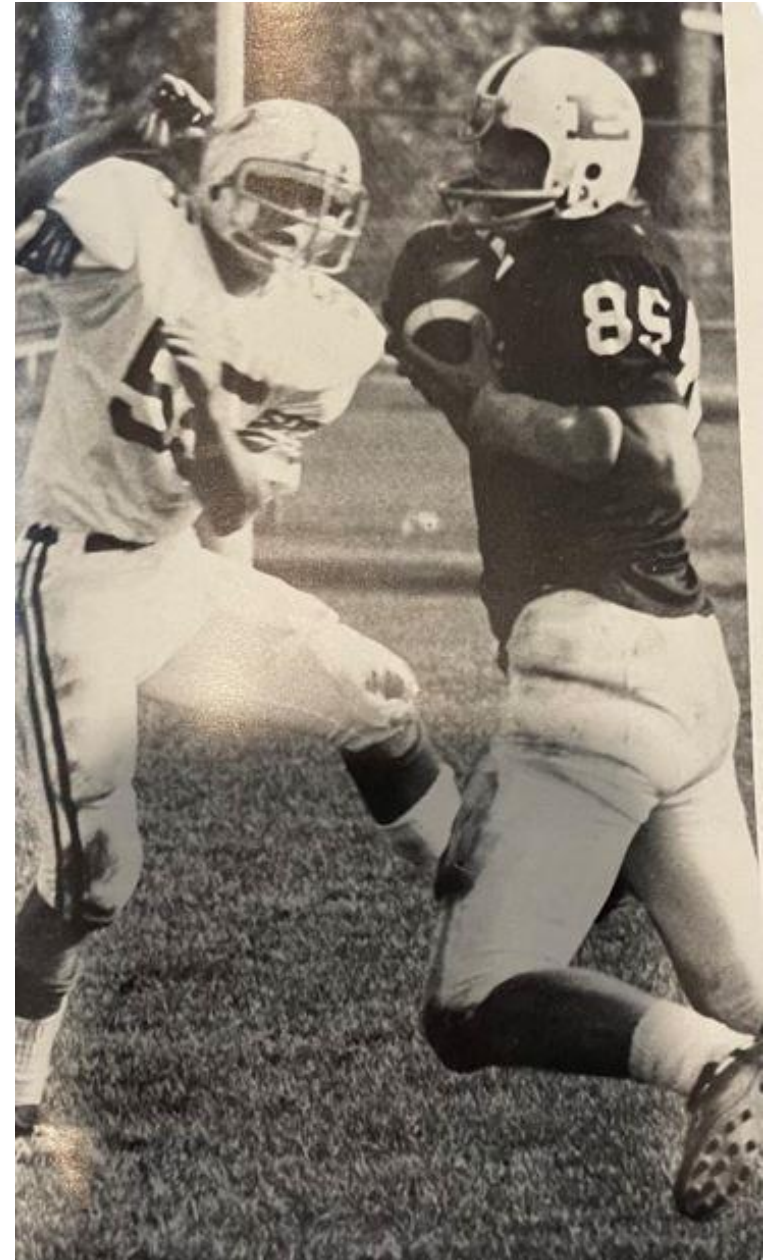
Captain and MVP

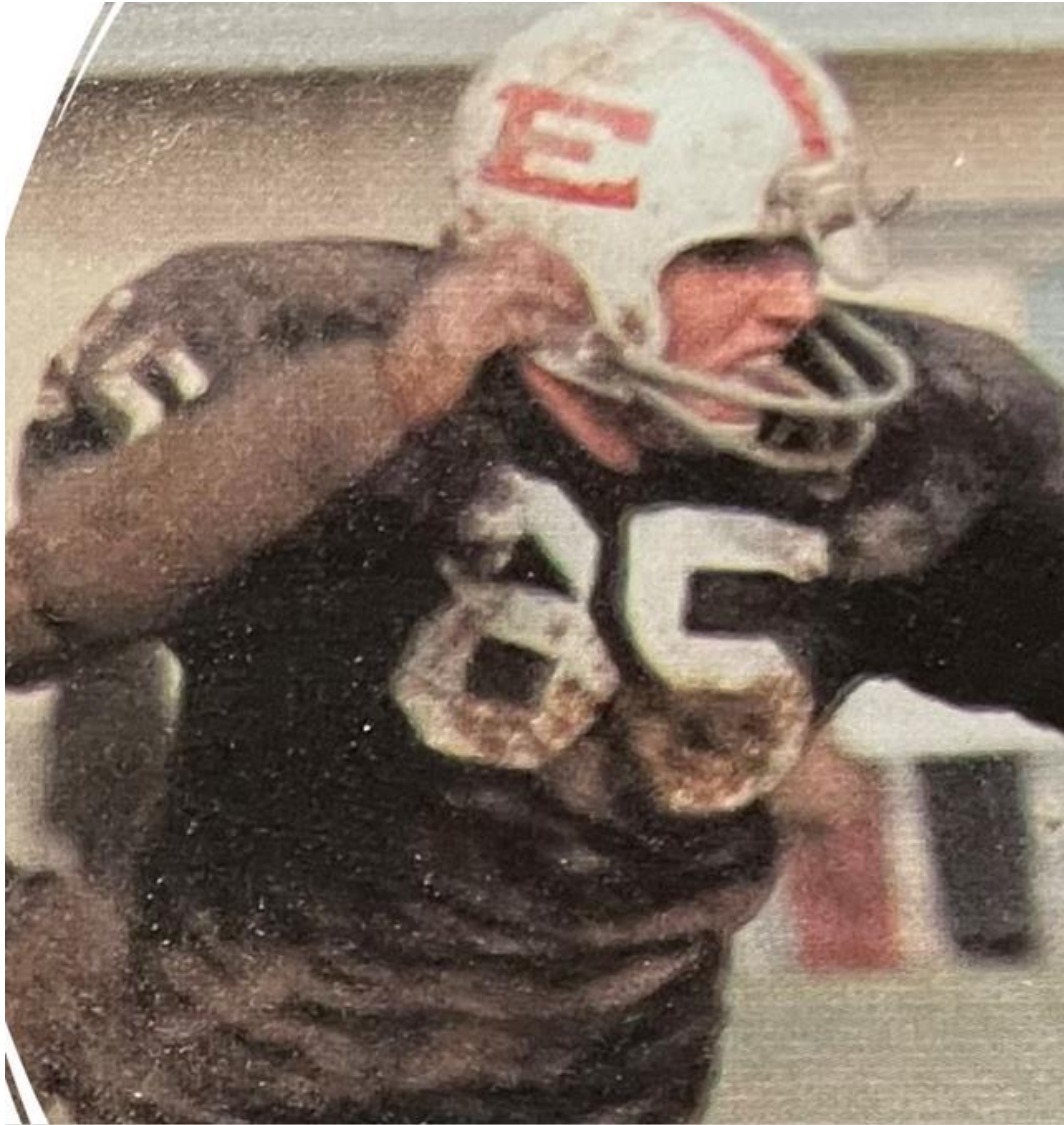
6'3" 230 LBS - Senior year

"BEAST of the EAST" award winner

Team leader in Receptions, Receiving yards, Total TD's

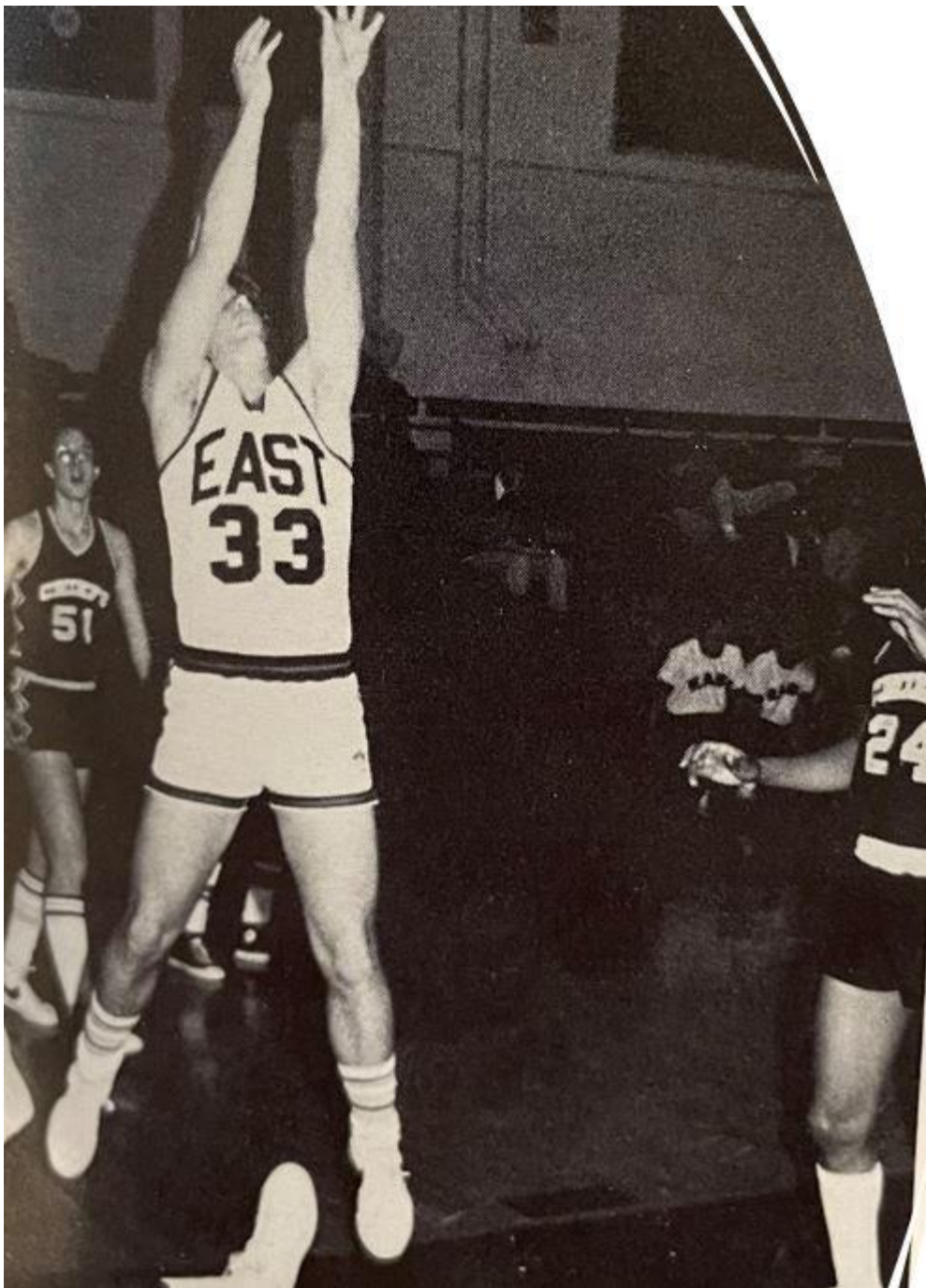
2nd in total tackles and INT's





**On Thanksgiving Day
against B/R West
Tom Shoolbraid had
2 Interceptions in
a 14-0 victory.**

**Tom was named the
Courier News
Defensive Player of the Week
for this performance.**



Tom Shoolbraid - Basketball

1st Team All Mid-State Conference

2nd Team All Area

2nd Team All County

Tom Scored in double figures in every contest Sr. year

Tom Shoolbraid - Basketball Co-Captain & Co-MVP

**Team leader in points & rebounds,
helping team to:**

Mid-State Conference Championship

Somerset County Tournament Finals

#2 Seed in Group 4 State Tournament

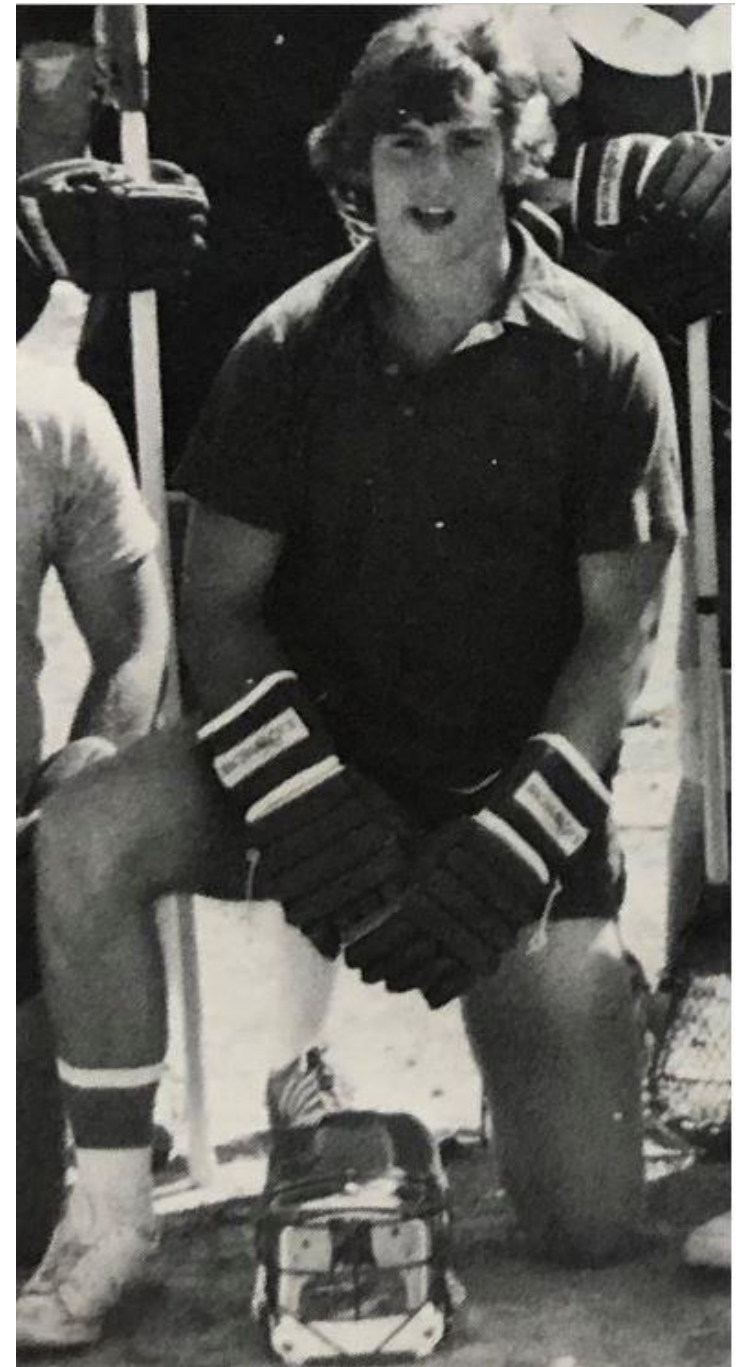
– advanced to semi-finals



Tom Shoolbraid – Lacrosse

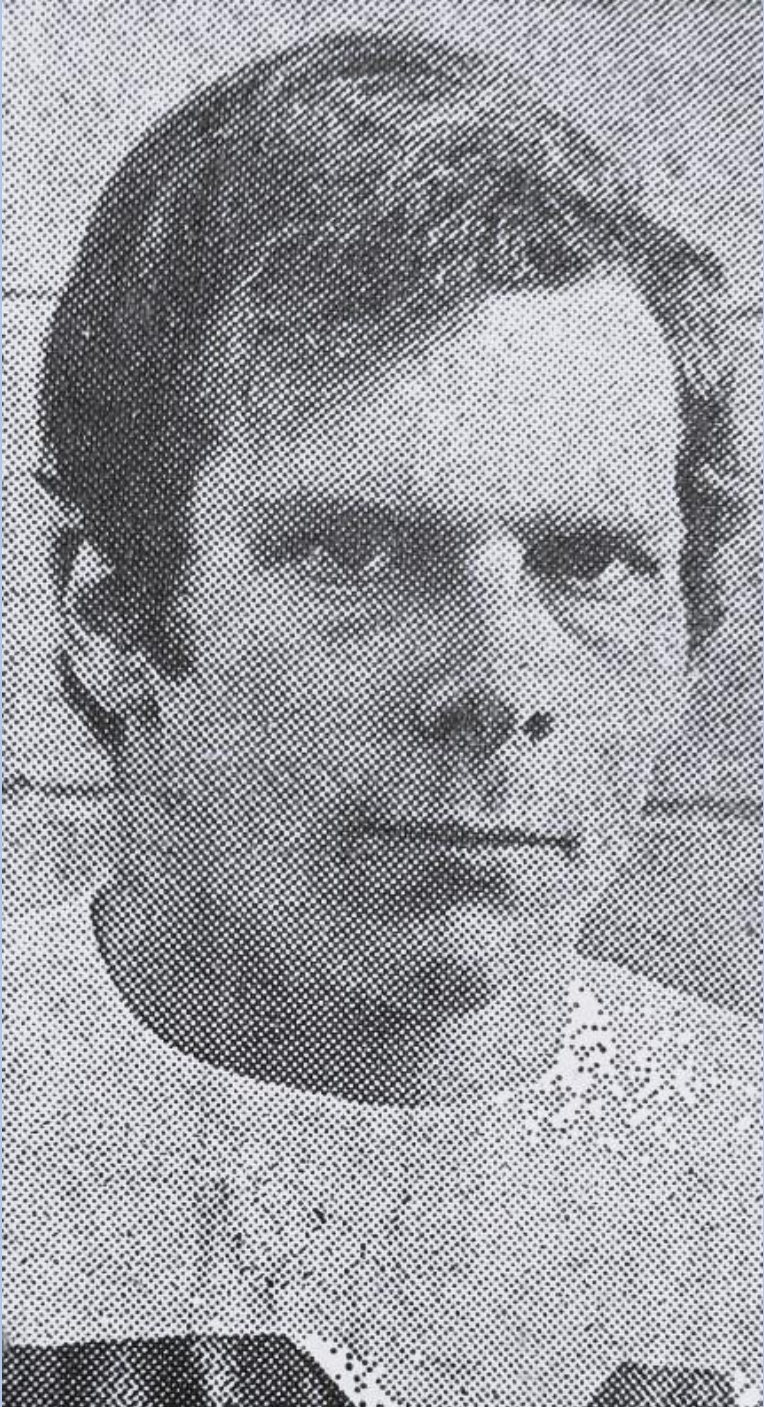
**Founding member of the
BRHS Lacrosse Program**

**Led team in goals scored both
Junior and Senior seasons**

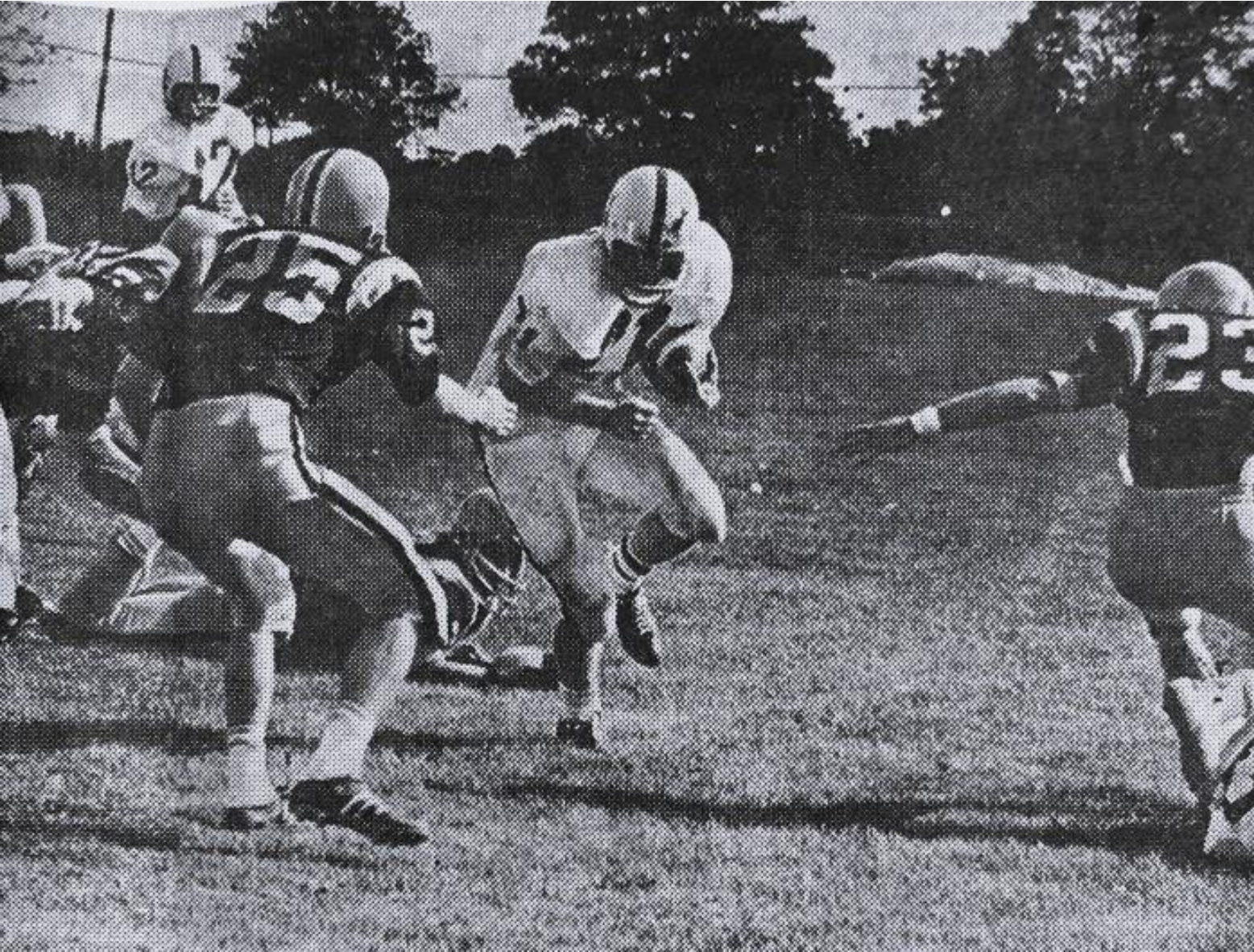




**Tom Shoolbraid
was Outstanding
Male Senior
Athlete
B.R.H.S. EAST
1978**



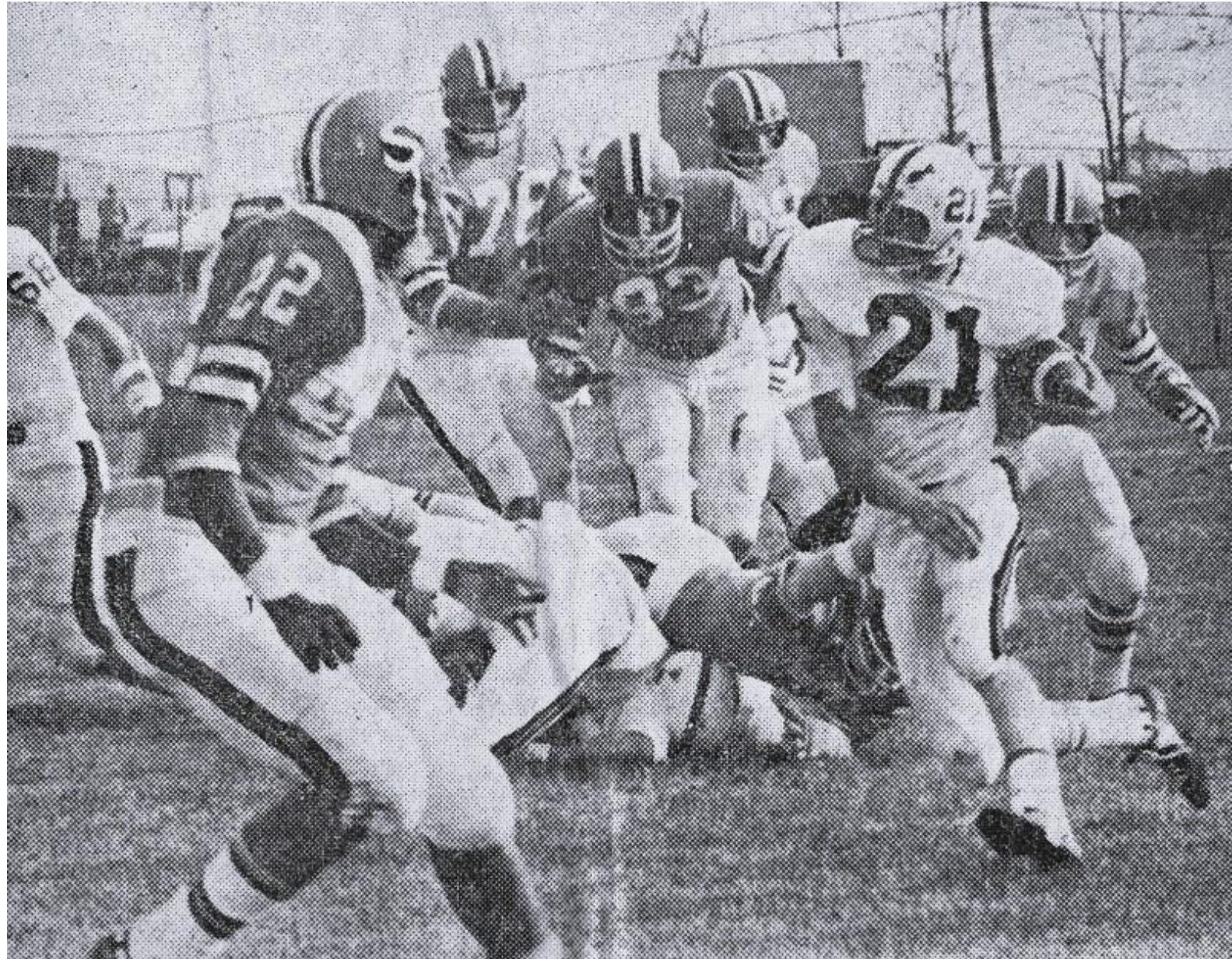
East
1971-73
Dave
Wessel
Football

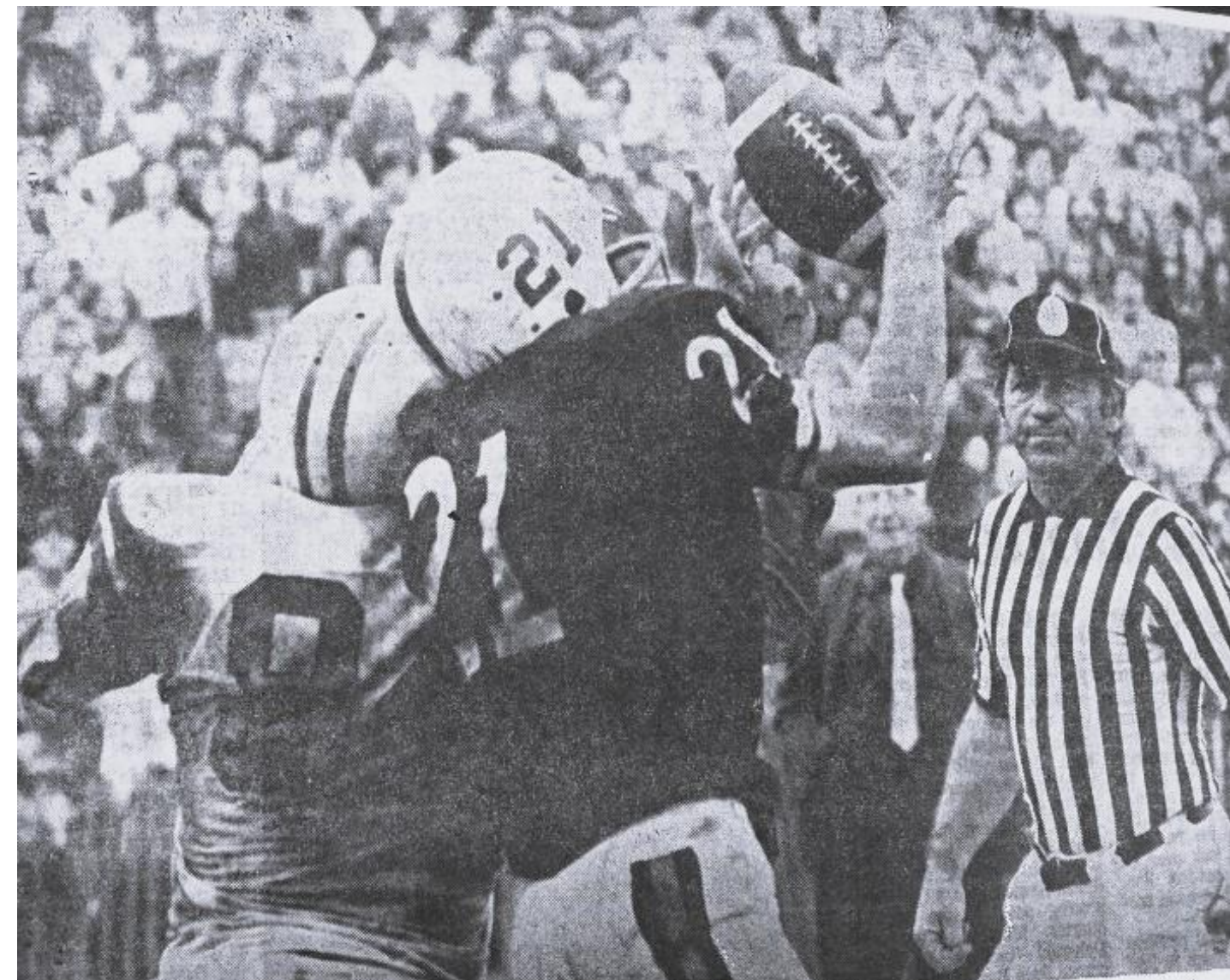


Dave Wessel credits his teammates for his induction today.

He says without them he would not be in The Hall of Fame

On Thanksgiving Day 1971 against West, Dave Wessel scored 2 touchdowns to lead East to a 18-6 victory. In the third quarter he made a spectacular 81-yard run and later in the fourth quarter he ran 4 yards for another touchdown.





**Dave Wessel
had
8 interceptions
in his senior year.**



**Coach Greiner said
“Dave Wessel is a real
clutch player.
He gives you the big
play, is a sure tackler
and has an extra
sense for going to the
ball. He’s also an
inspirational leader.”**



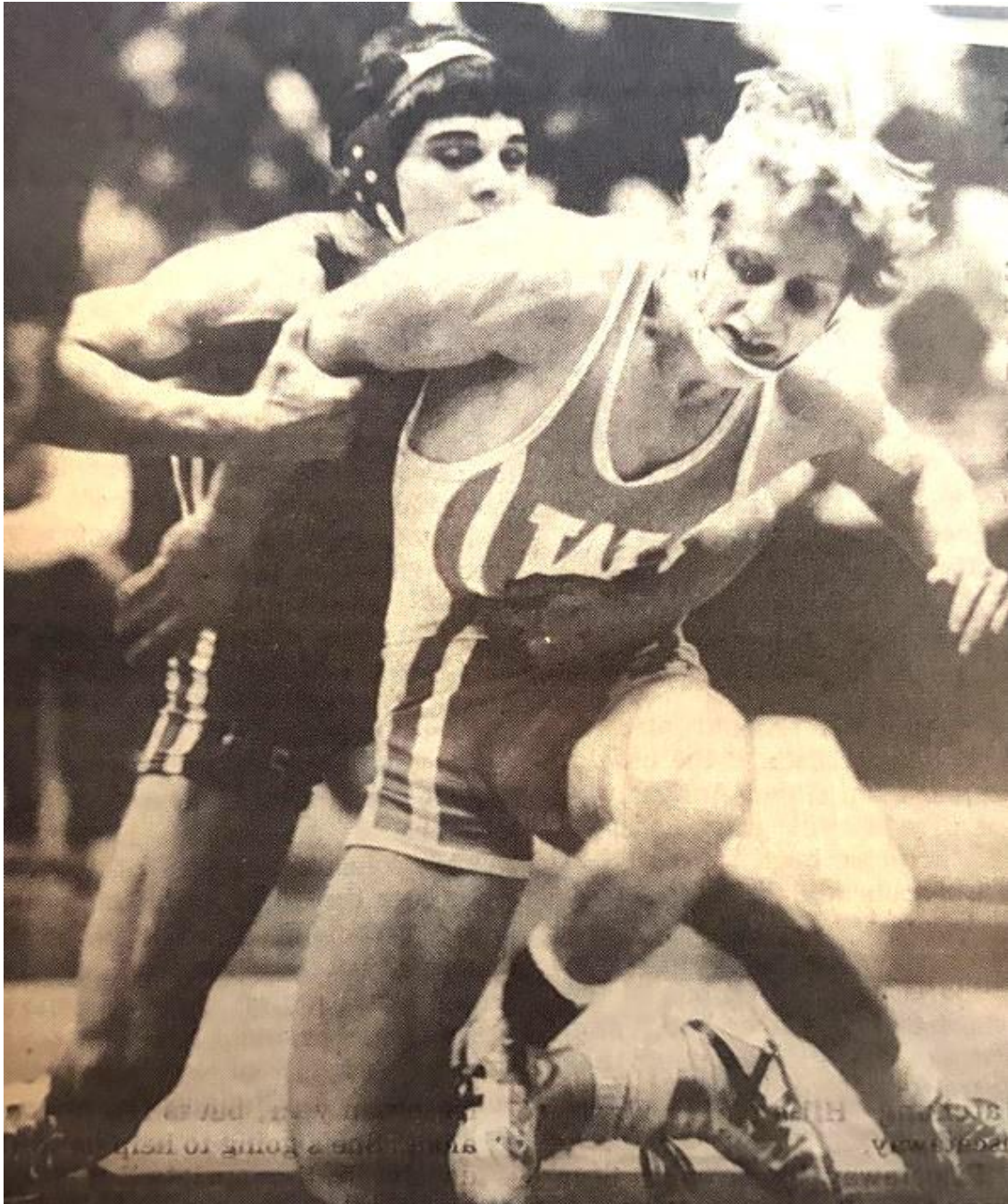
West
1979-1981
Charlie
Winchock
Wrestling



Charlie Winchock

Respected by his teammates and feared by his opponents, Charlie or “Choo” as he was known compiled an impressive wrestling resume.

In his junior year he was 29-0.



**In his senior year
Charlie Winchock
the was 31-1 in the
regular season.**

**He was third in the
State Tournament.**

**Charlie Winchock was a four year (4X)
varsity letter winner.**

**He was a Two-time District 18 Champion as
well as a Two-time Region 5 Champion.**





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Veronica
Finlay**

Veronica Finlay was in charge of the fund raising for the Turf Field at Basilone Stadium.



Before the Turf Field was installed, the field was in this condition.

Veronica Finlay's Fundraising for the Turf Football Field was extensive

She led a Committee of 35 committed individuals

Over 65 consistent volunteers helped with events and fundraisers.

Turf field cost: \$730,480

John Basilone Memorial and improvements: \$50,000



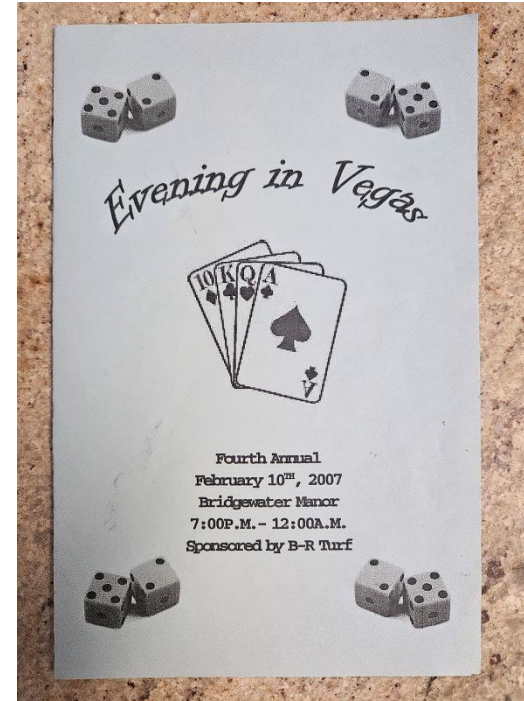
Fundraising by Veronica Finlay was quite extensive

Ongoing Fundraisers:

T-shirt sales, Brick sales, Sponsorships, Snack bar, Car Washes, after school Snack sale, Bagel Sales, Thunder Stick sale, and Raffle

Fundraising Events:

Sweet Laxin Tournament
Casino Night
Golf Outing



On September 10, 2004, the field was opened and dedicated the John Basilone Memorial Field. The first football game was played. Veronica Finlay spoke at the ceremony.



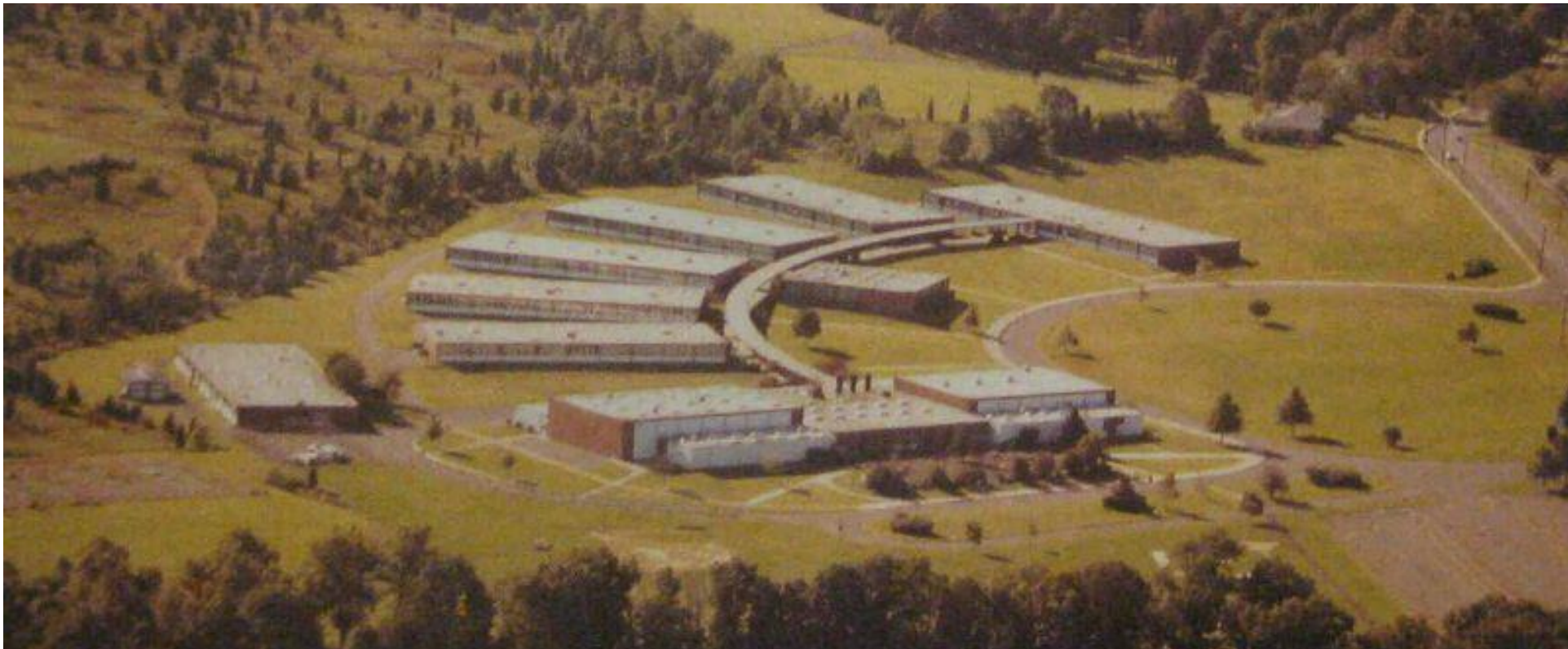
A job well done by Veronica Finlay





Contributor
Jim
DeCicco

Jim DeCicco was one of the original teachers when the High School first opened in 1959





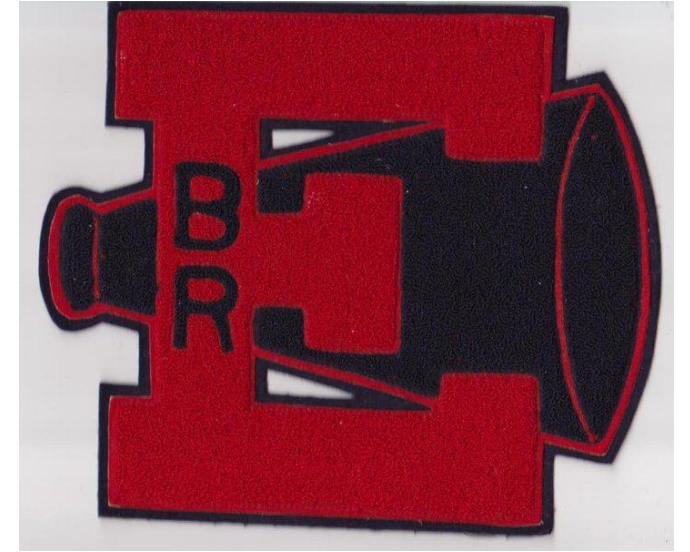
**1962
Coach
Jim DeCicco
proudly displays
the First Trophy
in school history
for the Country
Relay.**

Jim DeCicco coached track



Track Team from his final year of coaching

**Jim DeCicco was
Principal of
East High School
For twelve years
from 1973 – 1985**





In 1971 Jim Decicco played a big role in the implementation of Title IX.

Title IX was cultural shock to High School sports as it gave girls' sports equal funding to boys' sports as well as equal access to facilities.

As he along with Joe Porcaro and two teachers - Gwen Gano and Nancy Holmberg – ensured that it was a smooth transition.

**Jim DeCiccio
was Elected to the
Bridgewater East
Hall of Fame
back in the 1970s
for Enthusiast Leadership**



Jim DeCicco

served in the Marines Corp.

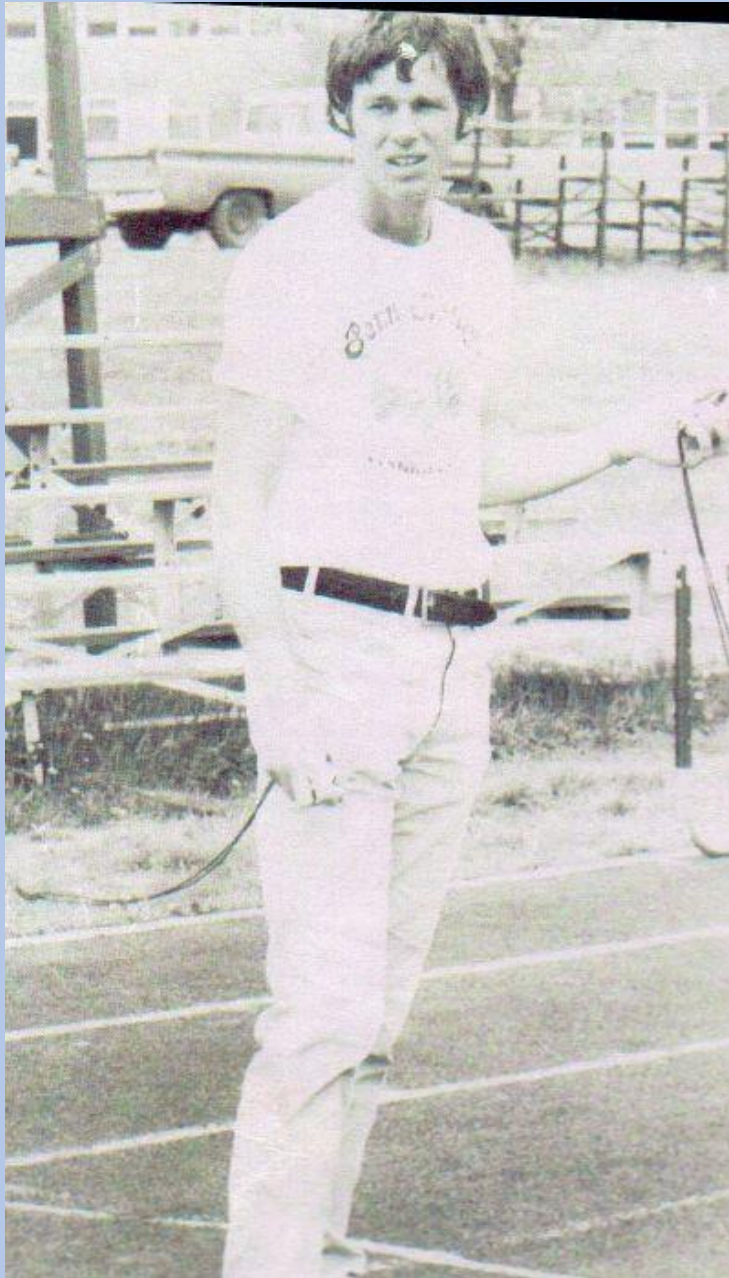
He was full time from 1952-56

He continued in the reserves for

27 additional years –

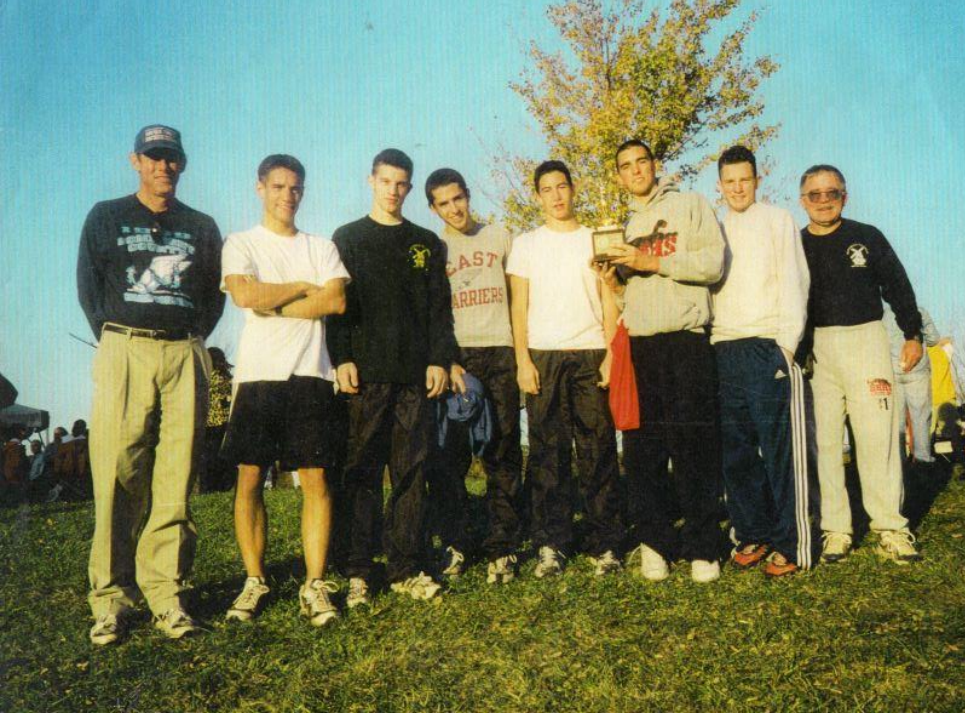
rising to the level of Colonel.





Coach Gus Duryea

East and West



**Coach Gus Duryea started
as the head coach for
boy's track & cross-country
at East from 1979 to 1986.**

During that time, he had five state champions:

Jeff Hines - 1980 for 1500 meters

Eric Richard - 1981 for Vault

Larry Majesky - 1982 for 400 meters

Keith Vanderbeek -1982 Shot Put 1982 (Sectional champ)

**Bill Lange - 1980 Eastern states champ and broke national
indoor record with a 17 feet pole vault**



**At West
Coach Gus Duryea
coached Track and Cross
Country with
Al Rossi from 1987 to 2010.
They won the 1991
State Championships in track
thanks to Jay Hobbs
winning the 100, 200, long
jump and 2nd in the high jump**



**Gus Duryea's
cross-country teams won
four county titles,
two sectional titles and
two conference titles.
Gus and Al Rossi were named
the Star Ledger Cross Country
Coach of the Year in 2003**



Coach
Bob Fischer

Tennis

Soccer

Basketball

1970-2000



Bob Fischer

Head Coach 12 years Men's Tennis

Championships:

2 State Sectional

5 County

6 Conference

2 Coach of the Year Awards

Bob Fischer



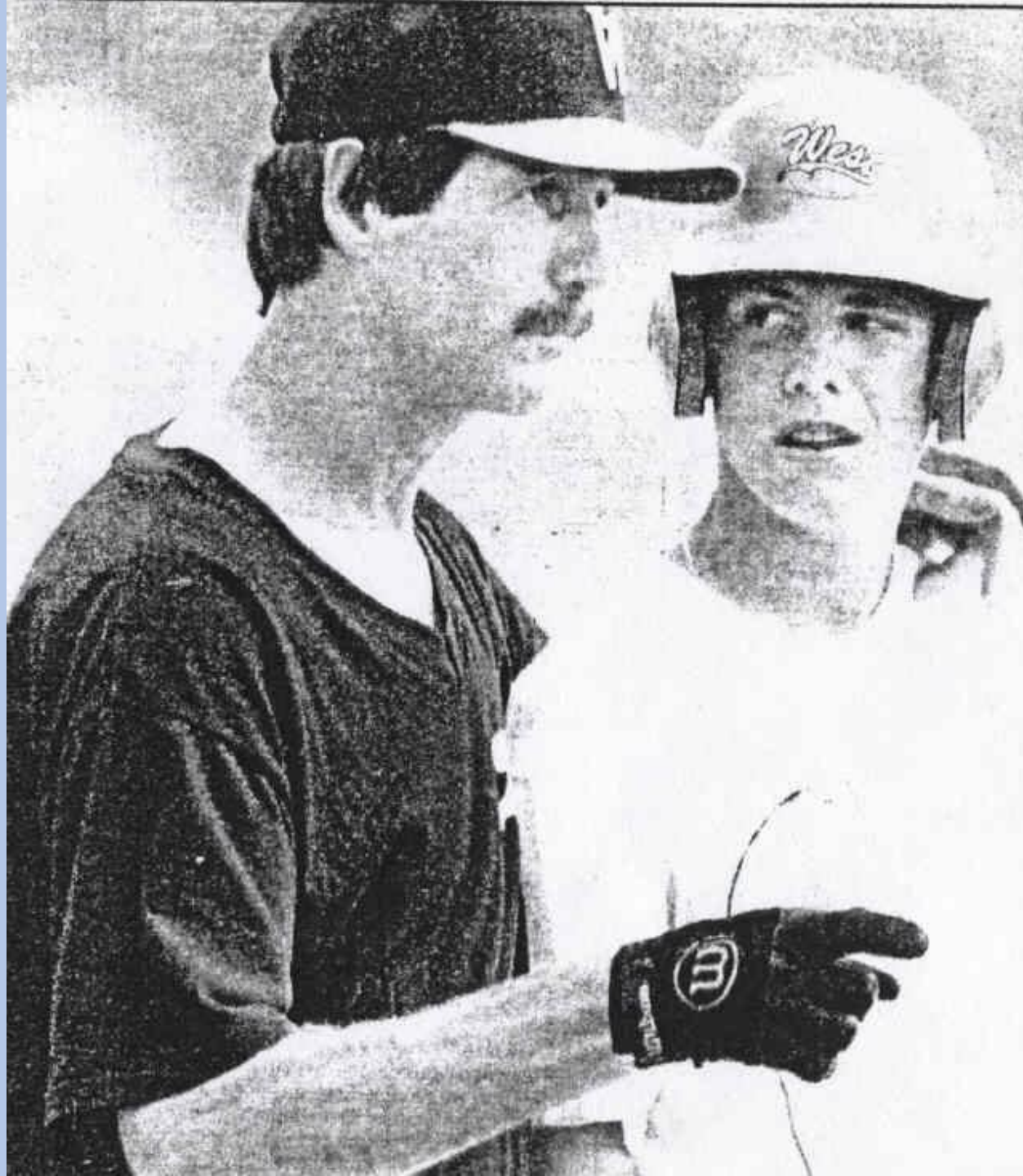
**Assistant Coach
In Basketball
For 3 Straight
State Championships
1987, 1988, 1989**



**Bob Fischer says
that he is proud to
have been a coach
in over 1,400
Varsity contests
(mostly as assistant)**

**Bob Fischer
also coached
Boy's Soccer
where they had
30 consecutive
winning seasons**





West
1986-1999
Coach
Norm
Hewitt



Norm Hewitt

Baseball 1989

**Coached West
to the Group 2
State Champion**

Norm Hewitt

Head Baseball Coach

East/West 1986-1999

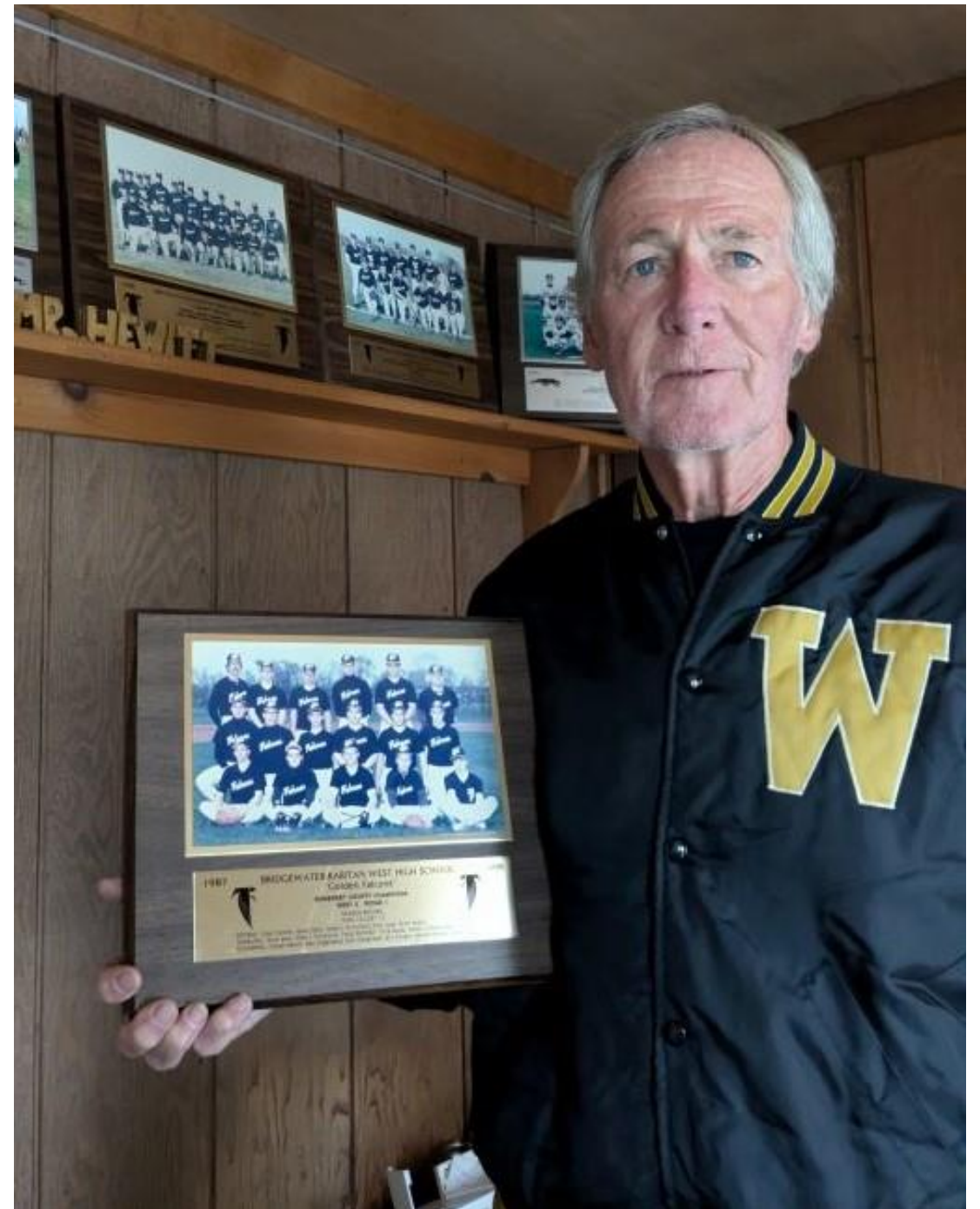
Won Group 2 State Champions 1989
Coach of the Year Star Ledger
6-time SCTC Championship
8-time Division Champs
6 Sectional Titles
4 Somerset County Titles



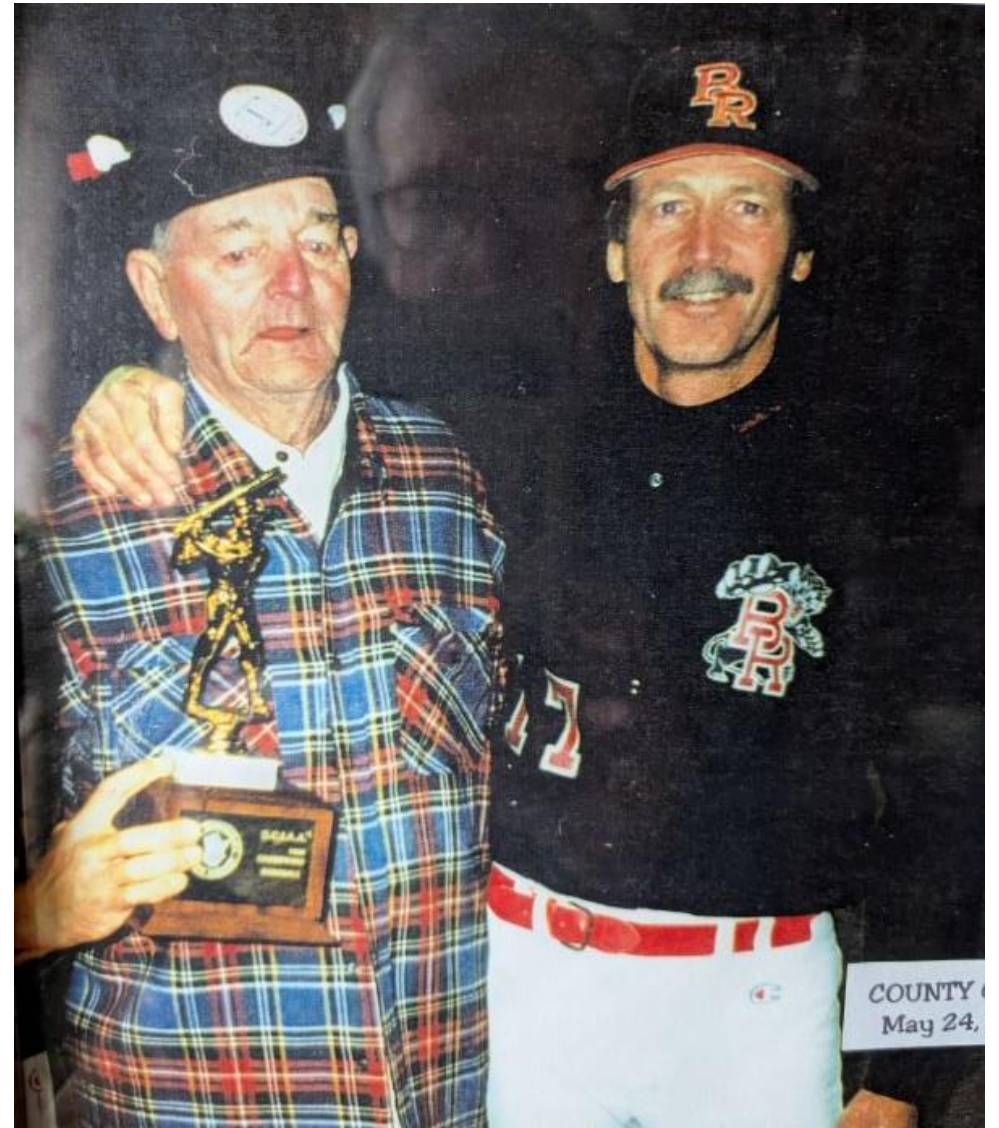


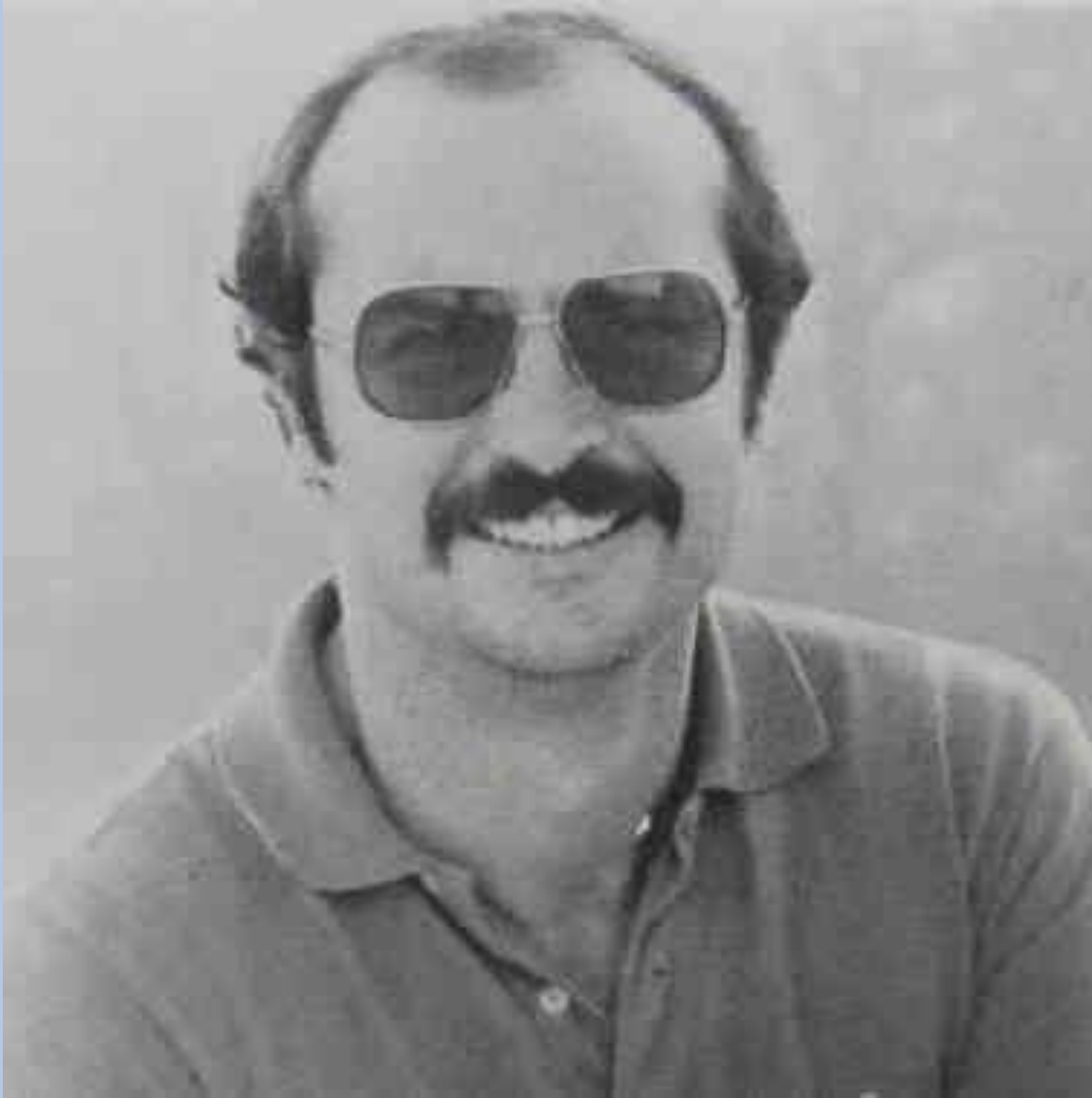
**Norm Hewlitt
is most proud of
the great young
men who have
passed through his
programs and have
achieved
remarkable careers.**

**Norm Hewitt was the
founder
of the first
Central New Jersey
indoor baseball
training center;
Touching All the Bases**



Norm Hewitt has coached at Yankee Stadium





**Coach
Tony
Maglione**



**Tony Maglione
was Girl's Basketball
Head Coach
For 14 Years.
Career Record
156-104**



**Tony Maglione
Head Football
Coach 16 Years**

One unique
accomplishment for coach
Tony Maglione was
that he won a county and
conference title with a
boys' team
and a girls' team.

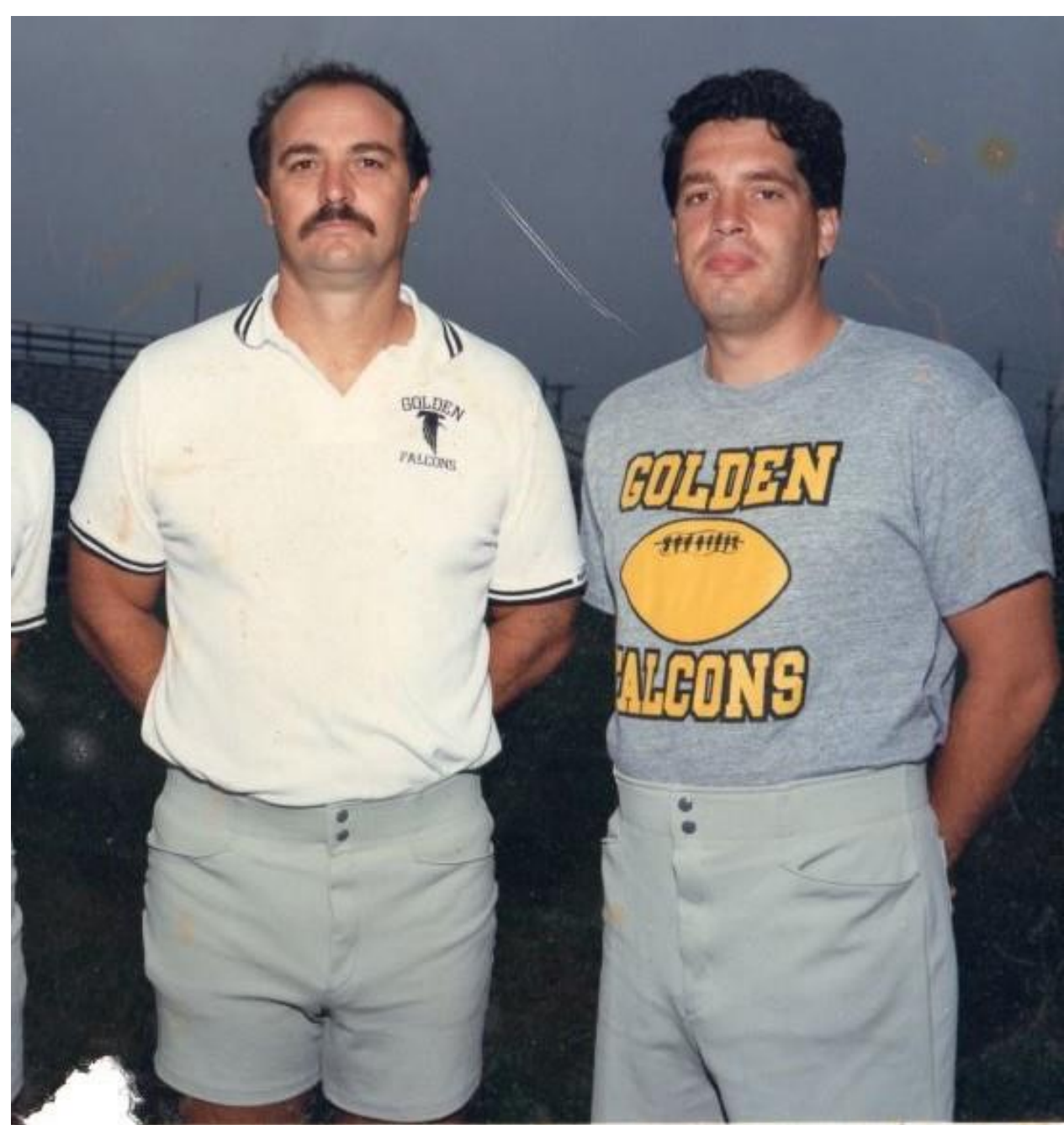


Tony Maglione

**1 State Sectional
Championship**

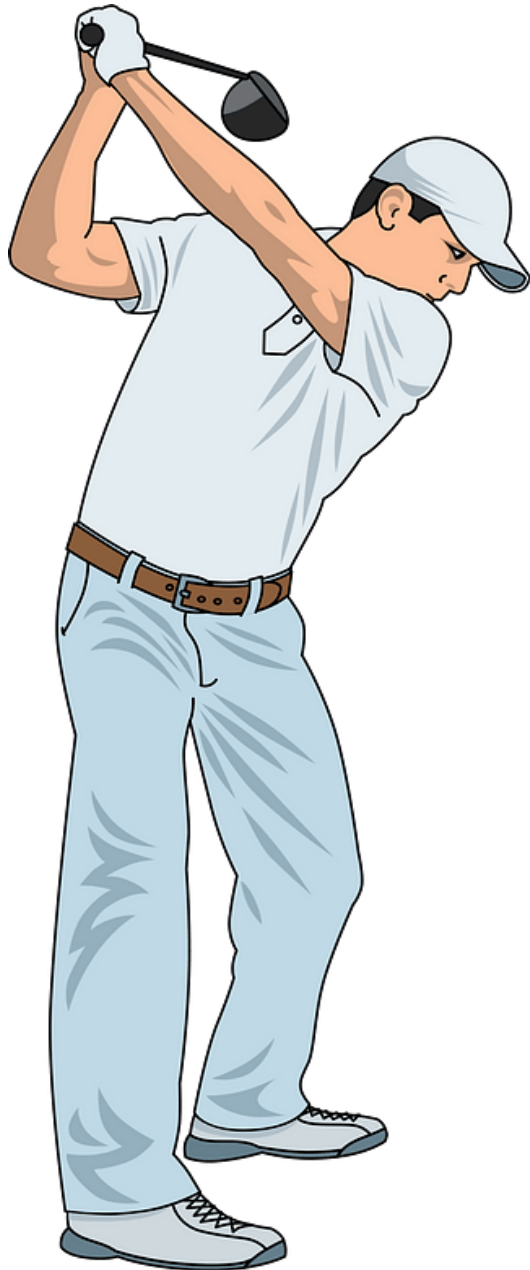
3 County Championships

6 Conference Titles



**Tony Maglione
was
Area Coach
of the Year
Twice**





5th Annual Golf Outing

BRHS Athletic Hall of Fame

Monday, May 18th, 2026

Raritan Valley Country Club

\$235 Includes:

*Continental Breakfast,
Practice Range, Prize Table
18 Holes of Golf w/ Cart

*6 Beverage Stations w/ Snacks



Around the Course, Dinner Open Bar