

# WPIAL HALL OF FAME INAUGURAL CLASS ~ 2007

## COACHES

**WALTER “PETE” ANTIMARINO, GATEWAY** – One of the most successful football coaches in WPIAL history. Coached Gateway from 1958-89 and had a 236-80-12 record with three WPIAL titles and two co-championships. Also coached at Pitcairn High and had a 255-93-13 overall record.

**DAVE NICHOL, MONACA** – A coach for two seasons, Nichol won 967 games as Monaca’s coach in basketball and baseball. He coached baseball for 39 years and won 492 games, was a state runner-up once and a WPIAL runner-up once. He coached 30 years in basketball, won 475 games and won both a WPIAL and state championship.

**DON GRAHAM, NORTH CATHOLIC** – The winningest coach in Pennsylvania boys’ basketball history. In 51 years at North Catholic, Graham had an 801-436 record with three Catholic state championships. After North Catholic joined the WPIAL, Graham won 10 section titles. He also was North Catholic’s athletic director for 19 years.

**PAT CAMPBELL, BETHEL PARK** – Made a big splash as a boys’ swimming coach at Bethel Park, McKeesport and West Mifflin. In 21 seasons at Bethel Park (1969-88 and 1996), his teams won an impressive 11 WPIAL titles, including eight in a row at one point. He also won six state championships. His dual meet record was 335-59.

## TEAMS

**NORTH HILLS FOOTBALL, 1987** – A team that was known nationwide. Ranked the Number 1 team in the country by USA Today. The team finished 13-0, outscored opponents, 435-20, had 11 shutouts and the first-team defense did not give up a point. North Hills’ coach, Jack McCurry, also was USA Today’s national coach of the year in 1987.

**BETHEL PARK BOYS SWIMMING, 1996** – This team had six swimmers reach All - American status and finished ranked the No. 2 team in the country. The team scored 176 points at the PIAA championships in 1996, the most ever by a boys’ team.

## ATHLETE

**SEAN SHAPERT, MOON** – A 1985 graduate and a goal-scoring machine. Shapert scored 213 career goals, which still stands as the national high school record today. He had 88 goals as a junior and helped his team to a WPIAL championship.

**BILL FRALIC, PENN HILLS** – One of the best football linemen ever to come out of the WPIAL. Was a Parade All-American and won numerous other awards before graduating from Penn Hills in 1981. On top of it all, also had a 98-7 record as a wrestler.

**SUZIE MCCONNELL, SETON-LASALLE** – One of the most decorated female basketball players ever in the WPIAL. She led Seton-LaSalle to the first Class AAAA state championship in 1984 and finished her career with 1,934 points, 953 assists and 813 steals. Also was a standout softball player and went on to become a championship high school coach at Oakland Catholic.

**DICK HOAK, JEANNETTE** – The star quarterback/defensive back on Jeannette’s 1956 WPIAL championship team. Was a man for all seasons, garnering all-state honors in football, all-section in basketball and three-year letterman in track.

**JENNIFER FLYNN -OLDENBURG, BALDWIN** – One of the best all-around female athletes in the history of the WPIAL. She won 12 varsity letters in her career from 1992-96 in volleyball, basketball and softball. Volleyball was her best sport, where she was twice all-state and three times all-WPIAL. She won three WPIAL volleyball titles and four WPIAL titles as a shortstop on the softball team.

**ARNOLD PALMER, LATROBE** – The legend started to grow when he was young as Palmer became the first to win back-to-back WPIAL and state championships in 1946-47. He won the 1947 WPIAL championship with a 69 at Westmoreland Country Club and also had a 68 in one round of the state championship tournament.

**CARY KOLAT, JEFFERSON-MORGAN** – Considered by many as the top wrestler in WPIAL history, Kolat never knew what it was like to lose in high school as he posted a 137-0 career record. He won four state championships and was voted the tournament’s outstanding wrestler each time. He eventually made it to the Olympic Games in 2000.

## **OFFICIALS**

**JIM HORNER** – A product of Montour High School, he officiated high school wrestling for 27 years. He worked close to 700 dual meets, the WPIAL individual tournament 25 times, the team tournament 21 times and the state individual tournament eight times. He also was inducted into the Southwestern Pennsylvania Wrestling Hall of Fame in 2005.

**NORM CRAWFORD** – He has worked as a starter for high school track meets for the better part of four decades. A 1940 graduate of Coraopolis High School and three-sport athlete, he has been the head starter at the state championships the past 20 years and was a starter at the Olympics in 1984 and '96. Also was a major force in the start of WPIAL girls’ track in the 1960s.

## **CONTRIBUTOR**

**CHARLES “ACE” HEBERLING** – After serving as the officials’ representative on the WPIAL Board of Control, in 1976, the rapid growth of the WPIAL led to his employment as the League’s first full-time executive director. He was a catalyst in establishing a League Office to manage the league on a daily basis. Under His leadership, in 1986 all four (4) WPIAL championship football games were contested at Three Rivers Stadium in one day. An active PIAA football and basketball official for 15 years, he also enjoyed a successful career as an NFL official for 23 years. In the NFL, he served as the referee in three (3) super bowl games.