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### Monday, September 9



at **Proctors** Schenectady

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### **Tom Chestnut**

- ~ Played basketball at Linton for Walt Przybylo
- ~ Played basketball at Princeton (1966-69) for legendary coaches Butch von Breda Kolff & Pete Carril; teams finished 25-3, 20-6 & 19-7; won two Ivy League titles & tied for a third (lost playoff); played on two NCAA Tournament teams; 1966-67 team was ranked as high as #3 in the country
- ~ Had a pro tryout with the ABA's Texas Chaparrals (became San Antonio Spurs); one of the last two players cut
- ~ Played pro basketball in Europe; twice led the **Dutch League in scoring**
- ~ President & chief operating officer of the Cleveland Cavaliers; later was chief operating officer of the Philadelphia 76ers
- ~ Vice pres. & gen. mgr. of SportsChannel NY (became Fox Sports Net); oversaw production of games involving Yankees, Mets, Islanders, Devils & Nets
- ~ Helped create new regional sports networks. in Cleveland, Cincinnati & the San Francisco Bay Area.

### **Athletic Hall of Fame Members**



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The 16th Annual

# Schenectady City School District

# **Athletic Hall of Fame** & Reunion Dinner

Monday, September 9, 2013

**Proctors** 



# 2013 Inductees



Ed Barnowski

**Bob DeLuca** 





Lee Wallard



**Guest Speaker** 

**Tom Chestnut** 

#### **INDUCTEES**

# **Ed Barnowski**



- All-County football player at Mont Pleasant High School in 1960
- Pitcher for MPHS baseball teams (1959-61)
- Led Mont Pleasant to an undefeated baseball season in 1960
- All-County baseball player in 1960 & 1961
- Class "A" League Baseball Player of the Year in 1961
- Played in the Schenectady Twilight League
- Pitched at Syracuse University for two years
- Signed a professional contract with the Baltimore Orioles following his soph, season at S.U.
- Struck out 322 batters in 222 innings for Class "A" Stockton of the California State League in 1964 (led all minor leagues in the country in strikeouts)
- Pitched a no-hit, no-run game for Stockton vs. Reno (1964)
- Pitched nine innings of no-hit ball for Stockton vs.
   Salinas in 1964; however the game went into extra innings (no decision)
- Topps Baseball Cards Pitcher of the Month (August 1964)
- Pitched a no-hit, no-run game for Class "AA"
   Elmira vs. Reading in 1965 (Eastern League)
- Finished with a 17-8 record for the Class "AAA" Rochester Red Wings in 1966
- All-Star Team selection: Class "A" Stockton (1964), Class "AA" Elmira (1965) and Class "AAA" Rochester (1966)
- Pitched in the Major Leagues with the Baltimore Orioles in 1965 & 1966 (Baltimore won the World Series in 1966)
- Pitched in a total of six Major League games (no decisions, 2.45 ERA, struck out eight batters in 7.1 innings)
- Finished his seven year Minor League career with a 3.12 ERA (averaged 9.7 strikeouts per nine innings)
- Assistant general manager and general manager of the Rochester Red Wings (mid 1970s)
- Named "Schenectady Athlete of the Year" in 1965 by the Mont Pleasant Athletic Club
- Inducted into the Capital District Baseball Hall of Fame in 2011 (inaugural class)



# **Bob DeLuca**

- Played varsity basketball at Linton (1960-62)
- · His teams finished with a 32-4 cumulative record
- His 1960-61 team lost just one game and won the Class "A" League championship, Class "A" Sectional title & Class "A-B" Section II championship
- His 1961-62 team tied for the Class "A" League title (lost playoff game)
- Scored 19 points and had 10 rebounds in Linton's 74-68 victory over Power Memorial in the championship game of the 1961 Holiday Festival. Named to the Holiday Festival All-Star Team. Lew Alcindor (Kareem Abdul-Jabbar) played for Power Memorial.
- All-County Basketball Team selection; All Class "A" League selection (1962)
- Earned three letters playing basketball at Cornell (cumulative records: overall 49-24, lvy League 30-12)
- Scored 18 points in Cornell's 70-69 victory over Princeton in 1965. (Bill Bradley scored 40 for Princeton. It was Princeton's last defeat before losing to Michigan in the Final Four.)
- Scored 30 points in an 86-77 win over Princeton in 1966
- First Team All-Ivy League selection as a junior and senior
- Cornell team captain as a senior
- Seventh on the Cornell career scoring list when he graduated
- Honorable Mention Converse All-American (1966)
- Invited to try out with the Baltimore Bullets (NBA)
- Played professionally in the Eastern League following college; also played with the Schaefer Brewers
- Inducted into the Cornell University Athletic Hall of Fame in 2005
- Inducted into the Capital District Basketball Hall of Fame in 2009 (inaugural class)





# Lee Wallard

- Was a student in the Schenectady City School District nearly a century ago
- Began driving in auto races during the 1930's in Altamont
- First start in AAA Championship racing was at the "Syracuse 100" in 1941
- · Served in the Navy during World War II
- Won the 1951 Indianapolis 500 in record time, driving his Number 99 Belanger Special to victory (led 159 of the 200 laps)
- Very popular driver who was credited with changing the driving technique and strategy used in the Indianapolis 500 race
- Drove in three other Indianapolis 500 races:
  - Finished seventh in 1948
  - Led for part of the 1949 race before exiting due to mechanical problems
  - Finished sixth in 1950
- Burned severely during a race in Reading, Pennsylvania, just days after winning the 1951 Indianapolis 500 (hospitalized for four months)
- Named "Schenectady Athlete of the Year" in 1951 by the Mont Pleasant Athletic Club (Yogi Berra was the guest speaker at the dinner honoring him)
- Retired from racing in 1954
- Traveled the world as a representative of the Champion Spark Plug Company giving presentations on highway safety

Will be inducted posthumously



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.