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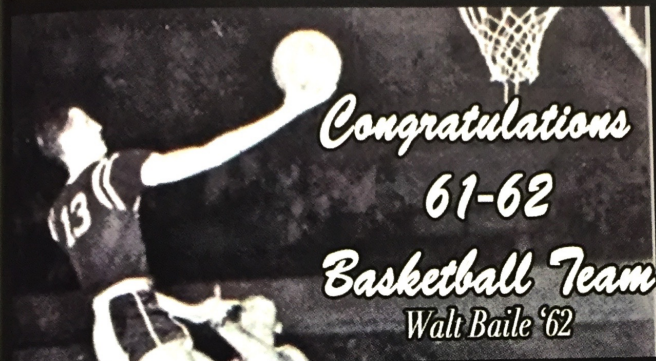
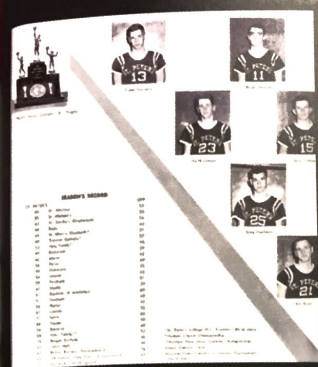
THE 1961-62 BASKETBALL TEAM

In the midst of a dominant era for Prep Basketball, Coach Jerry Halligan's teams took home three consecutive Hudson County championships in 1960-61, 1961-62, and 1962-63. It's no small task for a particular team to rise above the rest in this context, yet the collective and individual achievements of the '61-'62 squad, taken as a whole, give them a strong claim to the title "best of the best."

In a 24-4 campaign (12-0 in county play and 22-1 in the regular season), the team took the county and state sectional titles, and placed fourth in the prestigious Eastern States Catholic Invitational Tournament. But perhaps most remarkable is that those 24 wins gave the team's senior core a total of 87 victories as a unit, going back to an undefeated '58-'59 season for the freshman team. Six seniors, all veterans of the previous year's ESCIT and city championships as well, earned all-county recognition. Frank Nicoletti, a 2008 Hall of Fame inductee in his own right, made first team all-city, -county, -North Jersey, -state, and -ESCIT.

Achievements continued at the collegiate level. Nicoletti, a top twenty recruit nationally, played at Syracuse alongside future hall of famer Dave Bing and future legendary coach Jim Boeheim. Greg Hochstein started for two years at Holy Cross. Brian Sheeran was captain at Fordham University. Stu McGregor played for legendary coach Bob Cousy at Boston College. Joe Repka went on to be a 1,000-point scorer at Saint Peter's College, entering their Hall of Fame in 1987.

Above all, as one nominator wrote, this electrifying team "brought great 'pride and glory' to everyone at Prep and in Jersey City." Playing to sellout crowds at the Jersey City armory and often on TV throughout the region, "the team distinguished itself as a group of student athletes. The Prep squad was comprised of skilled players, outstanding scholars and responsible young men," and stands as "a reminder that dedication to teamwork and unselfish sportsmanship are still important elements of any Prep initiative, on or off the basketball court."





Past Inductees

CLASS OF 2005

Eric Atanda, '79 Soccer • Jim Barry, '61 Basketball • Gerry Bellotti Football Coach • George Blaney, '57 Basketball • Jim Brady, '54 Baseball • John Clune, '50 Basketball • Bill Cochran Football Coach • Wellington Davis, '61 Track • Rich Gronda, '59 Football • Jerry Halligan Basketball Coach • Jim Hannan, '56 Baseball • Tim Hawkes, '65 Football • Jackie Hyatt, '49 Football • Roy Leenig Basketball Coach • Rev. Earle Markey, S.J., '49 Basketball • Jerome Pedersen, '92 Supporter • Lou Rettino, '59 Football • Joe Urbanovich, '65 Baseball/Coach • George Waddleton, '53 Basketball

CLASS OF 2007

John Amabile, '57 Football • Phil Martorelli, '59 Football & Baseball • Hank Morano, '53 Basketball • Frank Piscal, '57 Football • Bob Schwarze, '54 Football • Joe Zucconi Football Coach • The 1958 Baseball Team • The 1994 Football Team

CLASS OF 2008

Carmine Campisi, '50 Football • John Crotty, '56 Basketball • Hugh Doherty, '09 Football, Basketball, Baseball Coach • Ed Grant, '43 Supporter • Ken Harbace, '53 Football • Dave Ilaria, '98 Wrestling • Joe Kealy, '88 Tennis • George Murtaugh, '22 Football • Tommy Myers Football Coach • Frank Nicoletti, '62 Basketball • Tom Schember, '79 Soccer • Rich Skinner, '57 Football • Johnny Slane, '22 Football, Basketball, Baseball • Jack Szeigis, '58 Baseball • Elnardo Webster, '87 Football • Jack Welter, '43 Football & Baseball • Wayne Zdanowicz, '60 Football • The 1958 Football Team

CLASS OF 2010

Mike Burgess Track & Field Coach • Jack Cassidy, '48 Track • Jim Jim Deveney, '53 Baseball & Basketball • Doug Gronda, '86 Wrestling & Football • Mike Hurley, '56 Football • John Irvine, '83 Soccer Player & Coach • Tony Mendolla, '62 Football • Jerry Vayda, '52 Basketball & Baseball • The 1951-52 Basketball Team • The 1952-53 Basketball Team

CLASS OF 2013

John "Hip" Evers, '26 Football & Baseball • Don Guide Volleyball Coach • Mike Pedone, '56 Basketball • Thomas O'Keefe, '45 Basketball • Gavin Cummings, '84 Basketball • John "Rocky" Hanlon, '53 Football • Don Melega, '58 Baseball • Jack Dow, '59 Football • Frank Koch, '61 Track & Field

CLASS OF 2016

Edmund Caulfield, '00 Swimming • Pedro Cirino, '96 Football • Matt Foster-Moore, '00 Soccer • Jack Gordon, '92 Basketball • Bill O'Donnell, '95 Football • Barry Tyne, '59 Baseball & Football • Bob Zakhar, '62 Football • The 1989 Football Team

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THANK YOU
to all my teammates, without whom
I wouldn't have been inducted!

Bob Ryan, '62