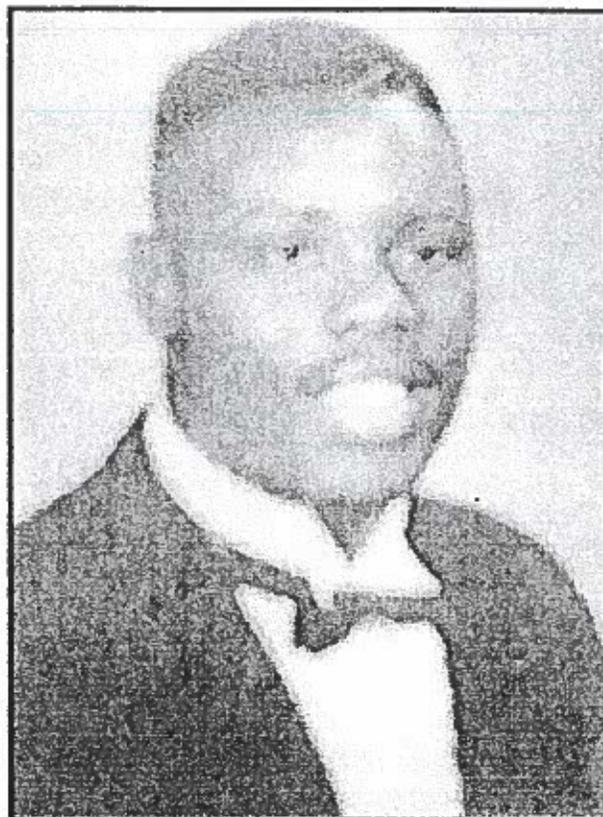

Riley Cooper **1990**



Riley Cooper, also known as Wink, born in 1971 in Brooklyn, NY moved to Long Island in the summer of 1976. From a young age, Riley demonstrated a natural gift for athletics, showing endless energy and a love for sports. He often ran around the house imitating his heroes -Walter Payton, Barry Sanders and Joe Morris. So much so that his mother could barely keep up with him. His speed was unmatched and it was clear that Riley was destined for great things in the world of sports.

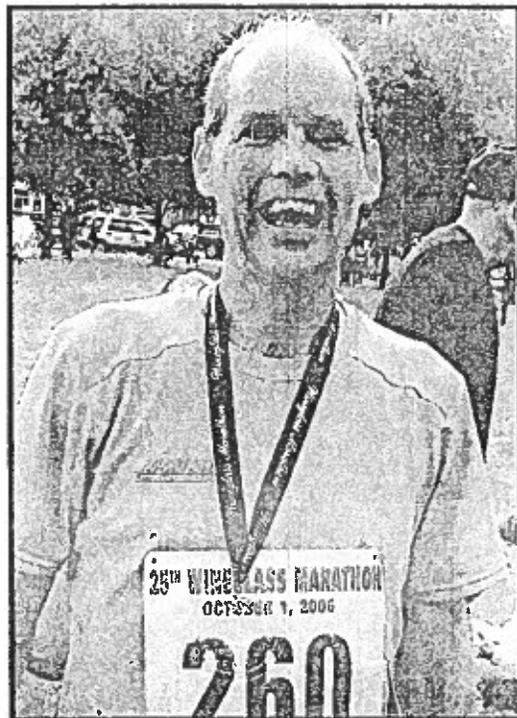
As Riley matured, so did his passion for sports, particularly football. Under the guidance of Coach John DiClemente, during his years from 1988-1990, Riley rushed for over 100 yards per game, earning MVP Honors and being named All-County for 2 straight seasons. His standout performance led to his nomination for the All Long Island Team.

Riley also became a force in Track & Field, setting records in multiple events. Riley set a high jump record at 6'7". Riley dominated in Wrestling were under Carl Hawker earning an invitation to the Empire State games.

Riley married his high school sweetheart, Monica Cooper and together they have one son, Zahir Cooper. Riley is also a proud father of other sons, Michael & Rashid Cooper.

Welcome Wink, to the Central Islip Sports Hall of Fame.

Curtis Corkey 1978



Curtis Corkey played fullback for the junior varsity and varsity soccer teams for three years, but he felt that his real achievement was found in the natatorium.

The swimming program at Central Islip High School was only a few years old when Curtis Corkey tried out for the team as an eighth grader. He was excited to earn a spot on the Varsity squad where he said he

had some exceptional coaching from Coach Ken Balvin. Coach Balvin moved on after a few seasons and the team was then coached by Coach George Cronin during his sophomore year.

Under Coach Balvin, Curtis first gained recognition as a swimmer. In his freshman year, he broke the school record in the 100 yard breaststroke. In the next two seasons, he continued to improve his times in the event. He still held the record for the event even though he did not swim the breaststroke as a senior.

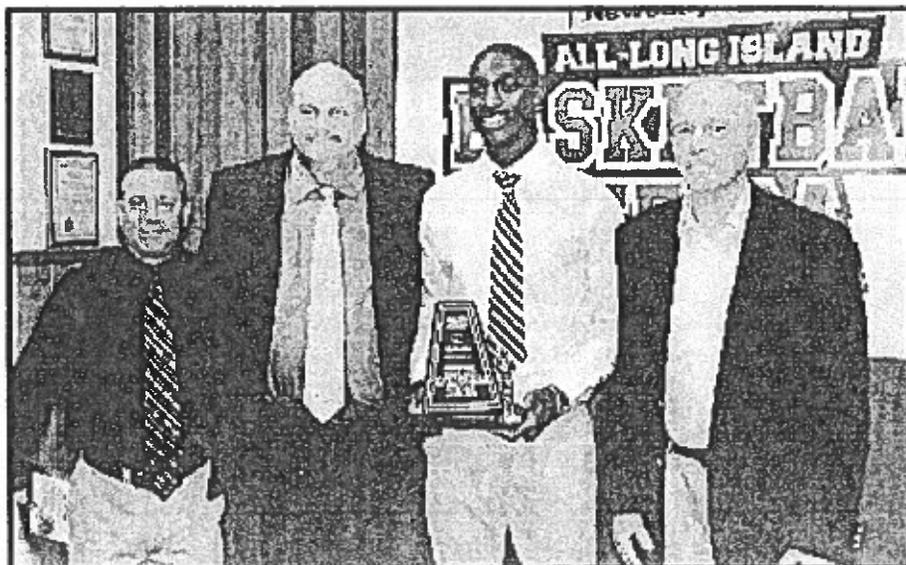
As a sophomore he began to develop as a free style swimmer. As a result, Curtis was the team's top scorer for three consecutive years. By the end of his junior year, he set freestyle records at all four distances: the 50, 100, 200, and 500. He also swam in the 4x50 free relay and the 200-medley relay team. Curtis started his senior year as the school record holder in every event except the 100 backstroke and 100 butterfly.

After graduating college in 1982, he moved to Alfred, NY to help build a church. He ran the Montauk Tri-Athlon in 1986. After his running of the marathon at age 46, he was given the opportunity to swim with an Alfred area affiliate of USA Swimming. Here he helped develop young swimmers learn the work ethic required to succeed in a physically demanding sport. He coached his daughter Cristina on this swim team.

More recently, he coached Little League baseball and started a soccer program for homeschooled families, where he coached his son. His time in the pool is on hold as he waits for the last of his five children to graduate from his last year of college.

Curtis married Randi Bjorkgren in October 1982 and moved to western New York where all five children were born. In 1997, after several years in full-time ministry and 11 years in the railroad industry, Curtis started his own business in the financial services sector, where he continues to work today.

Tim McKenzie 2013



The Central Islip Boys Basketball Team had an impressive postseason run in 2012, finishing their season as Suffolk County Class AA runner-ups with a record of 20-2. Leading into the 2013 season Central Islip was ranked as the #1 public school and #3 in all of Long Island behind LuHi and St. Mary's.

Tim McKenzie was highlighted as a player to watch heading into his senior year. Tim represented Central Islip in numerous showcases including The Metro Classic All Star Game, an accumulation of the top 20 players in the Tri-State Area, New York City (Boros) vs. Long Island/Westchester (Burbs) competing for bragging rights.

Newday referred to McKenzie as a "Swiss-army knife kind of player, one who fills up the stat sheet depending on the game situation." He was known to spark Central Islip's ball-hawking zone defense and provide support offensively. As a slashing scorer Tim averaged a "double-double" in points and rebounds during his sophomore through senior seasons.

Tim earned many individual honors while representing the Musketeers. Three-Time All-League, Two-Time All-County, 2012 Large Schools All-Tournament Team, 2012 Newsday All-Long Island (Second Team), 2013 Newsday All-Long Island (First Team), and Two-Time All-New York State Recognition.

Tim accepted a scholarship to play collegiate basketball at Lincoln University (PA). During Tim's first season with the Lions, he was awarded All-CIAA Freshman Team and Rookie of the Year amongst Lincoln's collegiate sports teams.

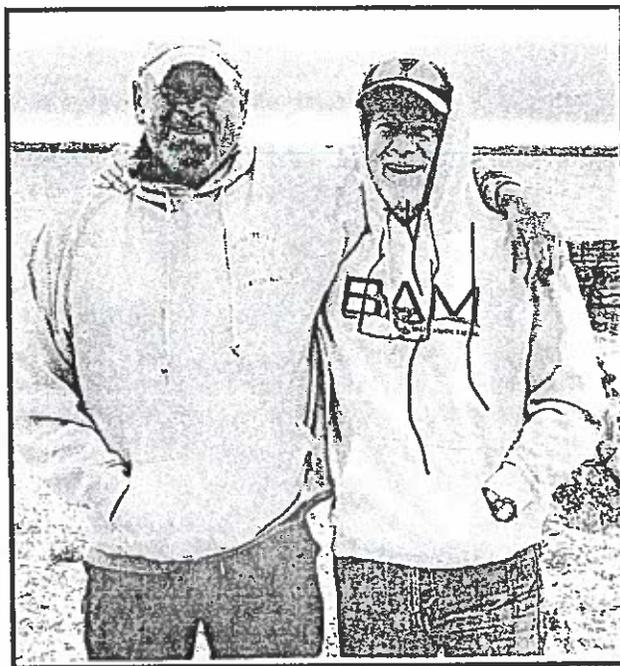
Unfortunately, Tim's collegiate basketball career was cut short due to injury after his first season. Tim went on to earn a bachelor's degree in Finance at Clarkson University (NY) and is currently pursuing a master's degree at Hofstra University (NY).

During Tim's free time, he enjoys volunteering and giving back to his community by teaching young players the game of basketball.

Now it is time to move Tim into a phrase where he definitely belongs...the Central Islip Sports Hall of Fame.

Congratulations and welcome Tim McKenzie!

Michael Morales 1974



In the early 1970's, Coach George O'Leary attempted to turn a bunch of rough and tumble football players into a competitive lacrosse team. In its first year as a Varsity program, the team was short on fitness but full of that CI swagger. The team snug into the playoffs in its first year as the last seed. They faced Brentwood, the eventual County champ, and lost. But the dream appeared.

The 1973 team improved greatly, and the team went further into the playoffs, but suddenly the team's goalie left the team early in the season. Coach O'Leary asked for a volunteer to play goalie. Michael Morales was the only player to raise his hand, and he stepped up to meet the challenge.

His team needed a goalie, or the season was lost. A lacrosse ball is a heavy rubber sphere that can travel up to 100 miles per hour when shot by a skilled player. After practice ended, Mike and Coach O'Leary worked on his craft blocking shots and misses.

In 1973, Mike earned the respect of his teammates when the team made the playoffs and went deeper than the year before.

The 1974 team was loaded with good athletes and along with some transfers from other strong lacrosse programs boosted the roster. The squad remained true to its roots with an intimidating brand of physical play complimented by unmatched stamina and speed.

In the goal was Mike Morales, playing the most important position on the field. Mike was magnificent. While others praise and press, it was Mike who always gave his team a chance to win. Mike made timely, magical saves when it mattered most. There would have been fewer wins posted on the scoreboard and fewer awards for the other boys.

Mike was also a member of the football team in 1971-1973 and played on the inaugural lacrosse team from 1972-1974.

Mike was humble and a team player who made success possible for the '74 squad through his dedication and hard work.

Welcome Michael Morales into the Central Islip Sports Hall of Fame.

Jerry Watkins

1968

Jerry Watkins graduated from Central Islip High School in 1968. Jerry was a member of the soccer team & basketball team.

Jerry graduated from Ottawa University receiving a Degree in Education with concentration in Science 1973 where he was a member member of the University Division III Soccer & Football team (established school record for longest field goal 52 Yards)

Jerry joined the faculty in the Central Islip Public Schools, where he taught from 1973-2007. He coached Boys soccer at the junior high, Junior Varsity and was Head coach of varsity team. In the winter season, he coached Boys freshman, JV and Asst. Varsity Basketball. He was the boys Junior High & Head Coach of Varsity Boys Track & Field program. Jerry was named the League 3 Coach of the Year in Boys Soccer and JV Basketball. He was the recipient of team Sportsmanship Award in Soccer, JV Basketball and Boys Track.

Jerry was chosen as one of 24 Educators nationwide to study DNA Science at Cold Spring Harbor DNA Learning Center and Laboratory in 1995. He established DNA Research program for underserved and minority students across Long Island, the Five Borough's of New York City and the Museum of Natural History. He was recognized by the Town of Islip, Central Islip Community Civic Council & Long Island NAACP for Distinguished Service to the Community.

Coach Watkins coached Riley Cooper in Track & Field, who became a force in the sport setting records in multiple events such as the 4x100 & 4x200 relay and the 100 and 200 meters sprints. He coached Oliver Williams to state championships in winter and spring track.

In 1995-1996, his team won the League Title in Soccer which produced all Long Island player, Matt Chulis (Hall of Fame), who went on to play Professional Soccer and is currently the A.D. at the University of Virginia.

Coach Watkins is a life long resident of Central Islip and has 11 brothers and sisters and a host of nieces & nephews that attended Central Islip Schools.

Jerry is married to the love of his life, Shinita, for 49 years. Together they have two sons, Dr. Jermel Watkins and his wife Bernadette, and Justin Watkins and his wife Vanna. They have one granddaughter, Jada and grandsons, Chhay, Quincy and Connor, and two Godchildren, David Harvey & Kareema Harmon. Mr. Watkins would like to dedicate his induction into the Central Islip Sports Hall of Fame in memory of his mother, Anna L. Harvey.

