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**HALL OF FAME**

*INDUCTION CEREMONY*

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# Central Islip Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony 2016

Welcome ..... Tom Black

Brunch

Induction Ceremony

Inductees into the Central Islip Hall of Fame 2016

Matt Chulis  
Vincent DiResta  
Don Fischer  
James "Ollie" Jackson  
Richard "Dicky" Johnson  
Glenn Mayol  
Don Meehan  
Ed Milligan  
Jamal Patterson  
Mitchell Patterson  
Edward "Buster" Rivers  
John Schmitt  
Steven Wickwire  
CI Little League Baseball  
CI Boys' Soccer Championship Teams  
CI Fire Dept. Hoboes Drill Team

Closing Remarks



## **Matt Chulis**

### **1995**

There is this legend, (well, it is really not a legend, as it actually happened) of a little boy kicking a soccer ball in his backyard. And against his neighbor's picket fence. On a daily basis. The neighbor laughed off the broken pickets. Ah, it is fine. Pickets can be replaced. Let the kid play, he thought. And, PLAY, the kid most surely did.

Matt Chulis played soccer on a CI High School team Newsday claimed to be 'The United Nations of Soccer.' Our inductee insists to this very day that this venture into a larger world helped propel him in his sport. And in life. And what a life it has been.

None other than soccer powerhouse, The University of Virginia, would ask Matt to live in Charlottesville for at least four years. Little did they know! In '95, Matt was named as a Freshman All-American. The next year he became a NSCAA All-American. And, the year after that, and the year after, well, you get it. Oh, and National Defender of the Year in 1998. Our fellow alum was doing rather well, one might say. But, have we mentioned that what had started earlier on the national and international stage: Matt as captain of '93,'94 US National under 18 team, continued through to 2000 on the u-23 group?. Yep. It is true.

Professional soccer was next. Chosen 9th in MLS Super Draft, from 1999 to 2005 Matt found Columbus, Chicago, Portland, and Pittsburgh his home. In 2005, he finished his pro career playing in a place called Long Island for the Rough Riders where he stayed on to assist league management. And, after a stint as Director of Youth Development for the Pittsburgh Riverhounds earlier, that peculiar calling which afflicts so many CI athletes was beginning to surface. You guessed it. Coaching. (Sort of a natural thing, really)

So, when your collegiate alma mater calls, you take the call. In 2004, Matt accepted a position as Asst. Coach in the sport in which he played so superbly at The University of Virginia. Promoted to Asst. Head Coach in 2010, Matt has helped guide his players to ACC and National Championships. Welcome back Coach Matthew Chulis. You've broken through the picket fence and into The Central Islip Sports Hall of Fame.

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## **Vin DiResta**

### **1977**



It has been said that luck is the residue of hard work. If anyone can point to any CI athlete who worked harder than Vinnie, well, kindly present those facts. Couple that with his gifted work in the classroom' graduating #27 in his class and you will find a premier alum. Vincent DiResta.

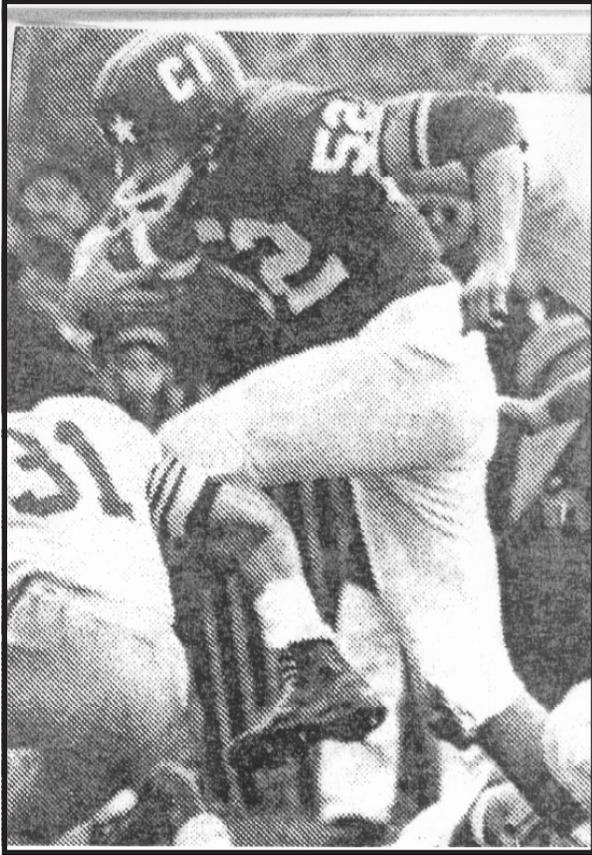
The son of a CI school teacher and FDNY Lieutenant, Vinnie attacked all his goals with zest. Do not tell that him he could not attain something. Eagerly, he went after it. The United States Air Force Academy comes calling. Vinnie accepts. Like DiMaggio, he made it look so easy. But, it ain't.

All the while he juggles three varsity sports in CI. Basketball, Baseball and Soccer. He heads off to Colorado Springs and finishes his collegiate career at The University of Virginia. Goaltender on the UVA Soccer team. Not a shabby accomplishment.

Vinnie returned to Long Island and has been in law enforcement ever since. He won a gold medal at The Empire State Games in Team Handball as goaltender for Team Long Island. Competitive softball leagues found Vinnie for decades, as well as The Long Island Mens Soccer Club.

Vinnie resides on Long Island with his wife, Theresa, a nurse. His son, Vincent, graduated from The University of Virginia where his brother Ryan now attends. Pure coincidence, we are guessing! And, their daughter Samantha; a graduate of FIT. Must be something going on in the DiResta household, doncha think?

Well, Vinnie, welcome back to the CI household.



## **Don Fischer**

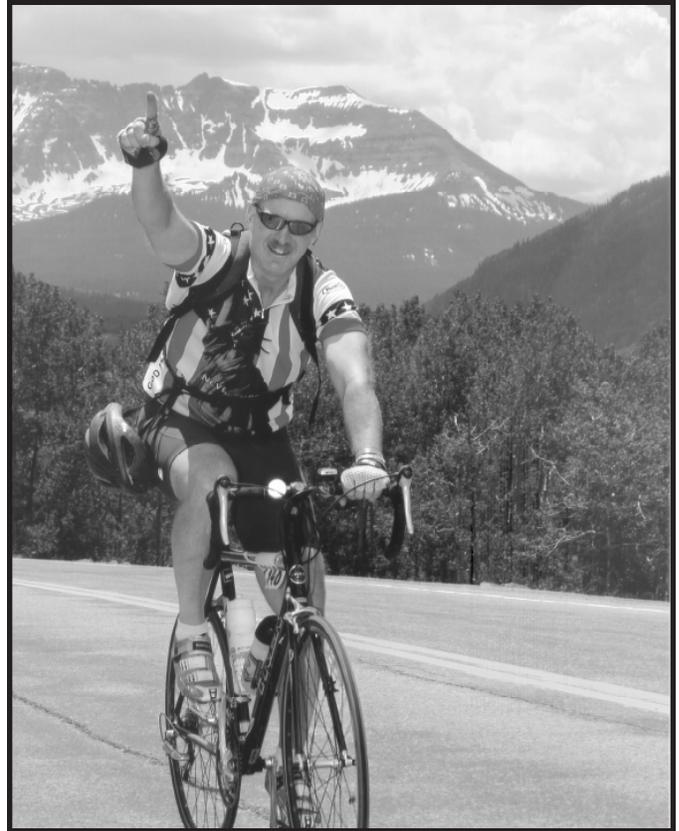
### **1964**

During a period that many can sit at the “Golden Age” of Central Islip Sports, one of the king pins and central figures of that era was Don Fisher. He lettered in football (2 years), basketball (2 years) and baseball (2 years). As a hard nosed, sure-handed tight end, he made All-League honors on undefeated squads in 1962 and 1963. In fact, the Musketeers never lost a game while Don played at Central Islip. He was an outstanding forward on a League Championship basketball team that reached the County Finals in 1963 and 1964. He started on the baseball diamond at shortstop and utility outfielder.

Don graduated in 1964, as a recipient of the Principles Award for leadership from Central Islip High School; and received a full football scholarship to the University of Connecticut. He was the starting tight end at the University of Connecticut for all four years he attended; and he was the outstanding lineman of the Yale Bowl in 1965. Don graduated in 1968 with a B.A. in Economics and began a long odyssey of travel throughout Europe and North America; which included a stay in Morocco where he studied Arabic. Returning to his roots in Central Islip from time to time he became a substitute teacher from 1969 to 1986. John stated he finally settled down when he married his wife Vera and took a job at SUNY Oneonta for the next eight years. At that point, Don said he finally got a bug to travel again and he became an over the road truck driver for the next 20 years.

Don is now semi-retired, but still keeps his hands on the wheel as a driver and tour guide for college outings. He and Vera still live in Oneonta with their 19-year-old son Thomas, who is currently attending Potsdam University (After a year as an exchange student in Argentina and later traveling Europe - Like father - Like son) Don and Vera also have two daughters; Andrea, a nurse living in Troy and Natalie living in Albany; who is a graduate of Binghamton University with a M.S. in Public Administration. Don recently became a grandfather (Jory) for the first time and looks forward to a lot! In his leisure time, Don enjoys traveling, camping, and visiting his children and grandchild.

It is with great pleasure and pride that we welcome home this “King of the Road” to a driver seat in the Hall of Fame.



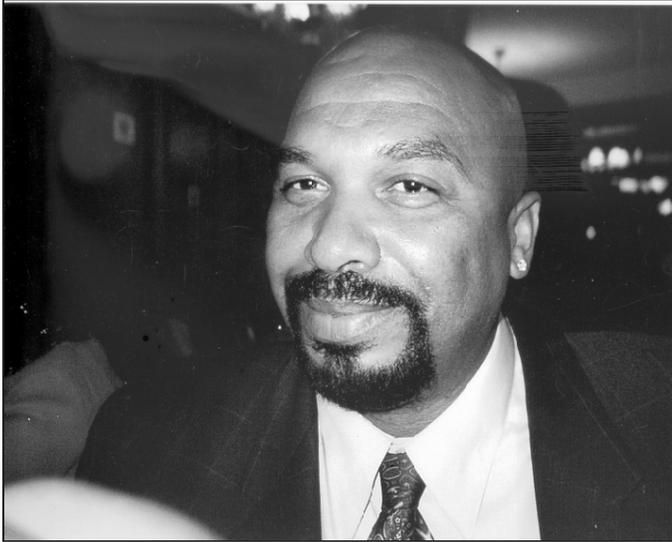
## Richard “Dicky” Johnston 1975

There are these guys, in towns, you see, that, for a multitude of reasons they look up to particular persons for no particular reason. In our town, a particular fella. Brash, humorous, thinking. Always. Central Islip’s own: Dicky.

Greet him. And one shall be addressed as “tough guy”. A CI thing. Assuredly. And, yet, there is more to it all. Varsity baseball. Wrestling. And that game he loves: Soccer. First team: All League his Junior and Senior years. And, then off to SUNY Oneonta. He attired himself in the friendly attire obtained at The Salvation Army Store on Carleton Avenue. Long black coats for long winters Upstate. It became the thing to wear in Oneonta. Because of him. SO Central Islip.

So, our tough guy then earns his MBA at Lehigh University in 1983. He is Head Soccer coach. Continues to learn stuff and, wouldn’t you know it, he becomes Dr. Richard Johnston. Professor of Political Economy and Economics. And, he carries no opinion upon things. Ask his colleagues. Ah, maybe, not. But know this: our Dicky is a four-time recipient of Teacher of the Year at Monmouth College. And the Women’s Soccer team at Monmouth can find him along their sidelines as their assistant coach.

You CAN come home again. And welcome back. Smart guy. We are most proud.



## **James “Ollie” Jackson 1981**

CI Pride. Some of us take it for granted. Others do not. Our motto could never find itself implanted in a more worthy heart than in that of Ollie Jackson. His teammate Stan Benton called him THE ICE MAN. The soul of the team. Never rattled. Always in control. Yes, that is Ollie.

Combine this natural gift on the basketball floor with skilled attributes and a controlled dynamo. Captain and MVP of CI's League III Championship team his senior year, Ollie simply exploded through the roof of gymnasiums throughout Suffolk County. He finished as the third leading scorer in the county averaging a massive 24.2 points and 14 rebounds per game. All League..All County..Newsday All Long Island. The Ice Man had Cometh.

After high school, Ollie played ball at SUNY Potsdam and then in several Pro-Am Basketball leagues throughout the nation. Ollie guesstimates that he had played with or against over 200 NBA players. And, then, in the CI tradition : Coaching. Three years coaching A.A.U. teams. And, why not? Ollie is from CI!

In 1988, Ollie married the late Traci Brightman. Breast cancer took her life after 22 years of marriage to Ollie. She was a CI cheerleader who is cheering her husband on today, no doubt. The CI basketball star marries the CI cheerleader and they produce two great CI kids (Jalen and Camryn). CI Pride, indeed.

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## Glenn Mayol 1982



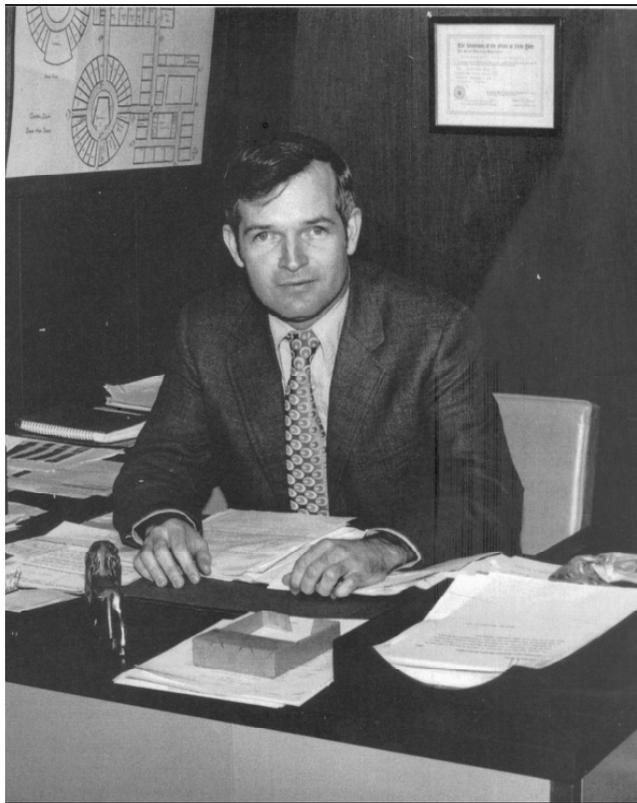
Coaching is quite the theme in this year's CISHOF Induction Ceremonies. It has been said that to be a good coach, it certainly helps to have been coached by good ones. For Glenn Mayol, Central Islip afforded him some of our top selections. And it sure seems that he took the ball and ran with it.

Glenn was another of our three-sport alums who seemed to glide effortlessly from sport to sport. Glenn played varsity football under Coach Tom Black for three seasons- culminating in a League Championship his senior year. Glenn was awarded an all-league accommodation for his efforts on a team spoken about often by CI folk.

Glenn garnered all-league mentioning in two other sports his senior year. Under Coach Ray Wurm, the 1982 Baseball Team made the playoffs; a year Glenn calls most satisfying. He had been named, all-league the year prior as a junior, but that team had failed to find the success they would the year ahead. Yet, in the world of basketball, Coach Ben Morselli had our teams roaring. Glenn played on three consecutive League Championship Teams – '79-'80, '80-'81, '81-'82- and was, well, of course, an all-league selection that final year. After graduation, Glenn played basketball at Stony Brook University for two years. Could California and coaching be in his future? It was.

Glenn earned an undergrad degree in Finance at Cal State Sacramento before receiving his Masters in Sports Science from The United States Sports Academy. In 1997, Glenn was named Head Women's Basketball Coach at Laguna Creek High School in Elk Grove California. And, another fine coach from CI had emerged. Glenn guided Laguna Creek to four successive league championships from 1999-2003 and by 2004, he had become the winningest coach in women's basketball history. (152-41) That same year Glenn was named "Coach of the Year" by the Sacramento Bee and soon took a position as Head Women's Coach at Yuba Community College. Success, again. All time leader in school history. CI's Glenn Mayol.

Coach Mayol resides in Elk Grove, California with his wife Valarie and their three children; Elias, Lucas and Eric. Could there be another coach in the making on the west coast? Hmm. Welcome back to the east coast, Glenn, and into The Hall.



## **Don Meehan Retired 1997**

Don's career as an educator in Central Islip spanned 35 years; starting in 1963 upon graduation from St. Michael's College in Vermont. He served as a Social Studies Teacher, Dean of Men, High School Vice Principal and most notably for 25 years as the Principal of Central Islip High School. You could say he was the "Johnny Carson" of administration, a number have come after him, but nobody did it longer, or better than Don.

During that time he provided sound direction and leadership to a generation of young men and women: both students and staff. He was the Musketeers number one fan and booster and his presence at sporting events was a constant. He backed his players and coaches, insisted on academic standards, promoted female athletics, and fostered a spirit of fair play and good sportsmanship that was a hallmark of Central Islip teams.

Out from behind his desk, Don served two tours as interim Athletic Director at Center Islip (He did not get paid). He spent 22 years as Principal Representative of the Section XI Executive Board, two terms as President of Section XI and also 22 years on the Executive Board of the NYS-PHS Athletic Association. As such, he helped to shape rules, regulations and standards for the proper growth and improvement of athletic and physical education programs throughout Suffolk County and the State of New York.

Don also found time for one of his great loves; officiating high school basketball and lacrosse. His outstanding performance led to top-ranked playoff refereeing status in basketball.

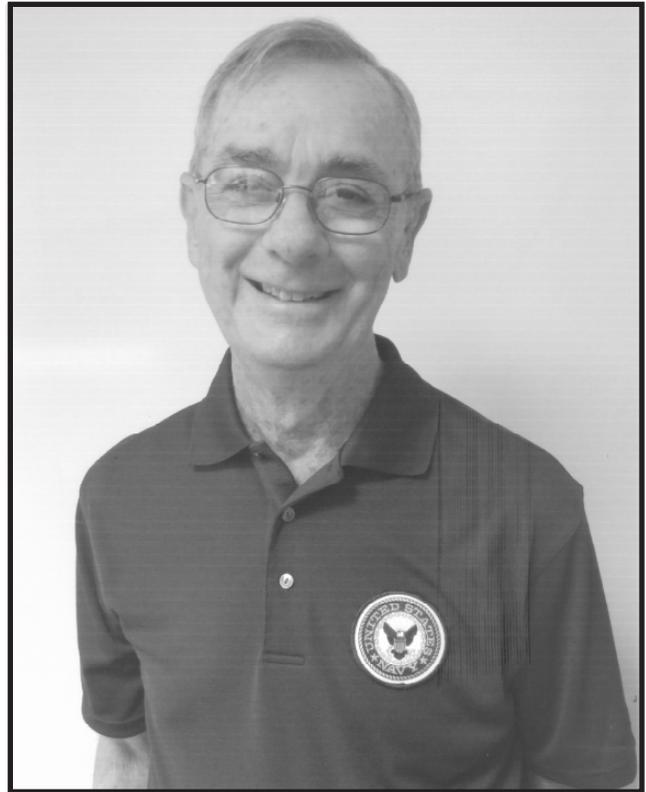
And speaking of great loves, Don has been married to his wife, Janet for 32 years. She, by the by, is also a product of "Central Islip Pride" having attended Central Islip Schools K-12. They have two fine sons, Michael and Douglas, who tagged along with Mom and Dad to cheer on the Purple and Gold; and later went on to have a successful athletic, academic, and professional careers of their own.

Don has never left Central Islip, He is a founding member of the Central Islip Sports Hall of Fame Committee and continues to boost and support the Musketeer Academic and Athletic Programs. (However, he refuses to buy any more light bulbs.)

So, now Don, on behalf of the thousands of students, players, coaches, and colleagues you have provided with leadership, support, and guidance over the years, we invite you back to the Principal's Chair in the Central Islip Sports Hall of Fame.

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## Vic Milligan 1960



The veterans committee has once again gone back in time to honor a Musketeer hero from 60 years ago. Our next inductee lettered in baseball (4 years), soccer (4 years), track (1 year) and basketball (4 years). As a freshman, he started at point guard on other wise All-Senior basketball squad that won the first ever B-1 County Championship on the Hardwood for Central Islip Vic Mulligan states: "I was blessed to be a part of that team. In those days Central Islip was a very small town. Everybody was behind us, the little gym on Wheeler Road, it was packed every game, and it was amazing how athletics can have such a positive impact on a community. It was an exciting and memorable time!"

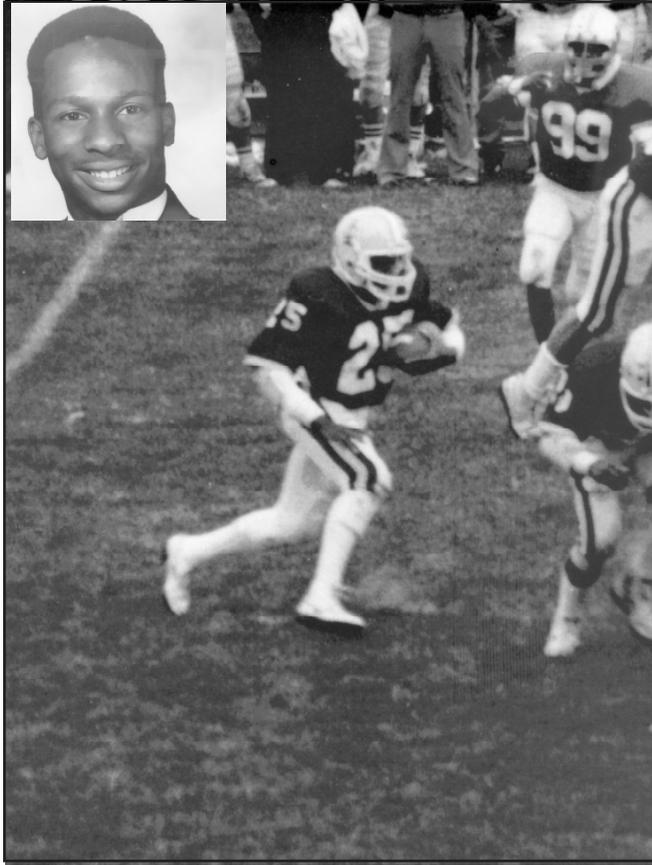
Those who remember Vic recall his dedication, unless practice, and hard work; which serves as an inspiration to all who watched him or played with him. In basketball he worked continuously to hone in his ball handling and play making skills. On the diamond, he was a slick fielding shortstop with a sold batting average. In soccer, he was a fleet footed mid-fielder. He ran the 100 for the track team.

Vic was a soft-spoken leader, a good guy; and an individual whose underclassmen would later look up to; a great role model both on and off the field. He was also President of the Senior Class, after graduation Vic went on to work 41 years in the Military Electrics Industry retiring as a Senior Engineer. He and his loving wife Toddy have five children, Vic III, Christine, Lisa, Alex, and Elizabeth along with three grandchildren.

Vic and Toddy reside in Centereach, New York and spend the winters down south. He has served as President of the Board of Education at Our Savior New American School. Vic and Toddy are avid golfers. He has had a hole-in-one at Cherry Creek; however, she has had three! They work and play together during the cold months hosting and maintaining golf courses throughout southern Georgia.

Vic concluded that a final comment to the committee: "I don't do anything spectacular, probably better than the average, but I love the game and my teammates; and when all is said and done - it was all about the team!"

That kind of sums up the heart and soul of Central Islip's pride and Vic Milligan! So today we have the honor this humble and deserving "Team Player" - Welcome to the Central Islip Sports Hall of Fame – Vic Milligan!



## **Jamal Patterson 1986**

This admitted “sports junkie” loved everything about the “big three” - Baseball, Football, Basketball. And did he ever excel in his passion! He watched his brother Mitchell take to the fields and courts and found his own style. And a distinct one at that.

Born in Brooklyn in 1969, his family soon moved to Central Islip where if one needed to find him, it would be a sure bet that one need not have to look very far. Perhaps at the C I Recreation Center shooting hoops, Or, at an adjacent field with either baseball glove or football in hand.

When high school beckoned, Jamal was ready to display those athletic talents. And his coaches- Black, DiClemente, Carpluk, Charlton- took immediate notice. In his senior year Jamal merely rushed for 212 yards on Homecoming Day. On eight carries. In the first half! On the court, he was a member of the ‘85-’86 co-League 3 championship team and was awarded consecutive all-league merits in his junior and senior years.

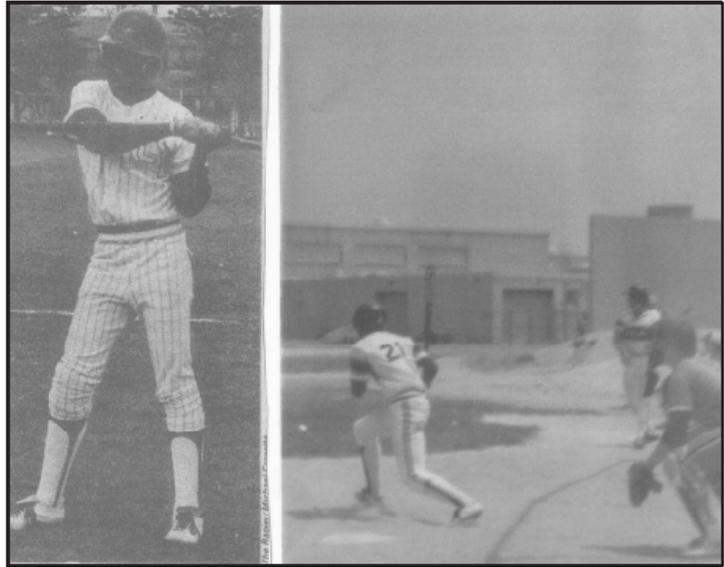
And, then, off to the baseball diamond. Jamal’s senior year was the stuff dreams are made of. He batted .397 with 30 stolen bases and was awarded league MVP and was named to the All-Long Island team. He was runner-up for the Carl Yastrzemski award which signifies the top player in Suffolk County. Quite a high school career, indeed!

After playing college baseball at Miami-Dade, Florida has become home for Jamal who currently lives in Central Florida. He credits Don Meehan for helping him keep his “head straight” and among his fondest memories is playing stickball with his friends in Central Islip.

We are proud to have you join the Hall, Jamal. Football, Basketball, Baseball, Stickball. Well done.

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# Mitchell Patterson 1981



It appears that this is a year that the Selection Committee played “Hardball” with a number of baseball nominees. However, nobody played the “Grand Old Game” better than Mitchell (Mitch) Patterson.

Mitch was born in Brooklyn and moved to Central Islip in 1972. He learned to love the game, like most, playing with the neighborhood kids on local sandlots (official catcher and not hitting to right field!). He played his first real organized ball with the Central Islip Little League on the old McGowan and Lowell Avenue fields earning All-Star and MVP honors. He also played in the PAL under Tom Reilly’s guidance (Tom was also a young boy that time!?).

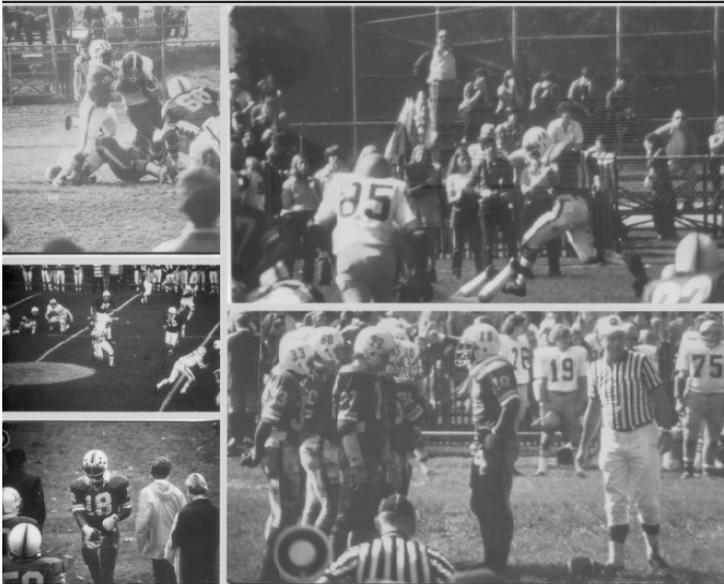
In the Spring of 1980 Mitch started as a freshman outfielder on the JV team under Coach Doug Carpluk (Coach Carpluk was also very young at the time!?). After three games, Coach Carpluk had seen enough and moved him up to the varsity where he remained a fixture in centerfield for the next four years. During that time Mitch amassed some amazing statistics. The guy never made an out! He was an All-League III section all four years. He made the All County Team in both his junior and senior years and was tapped as one of the top five players in New York State in 1982-83 and was named to the All-State Team.

Mitch graduated the same year he was drafted by the Philadelphia Phillies. He was recruited by Coach John Abbenate to attend the University of Texas-Pan America on a full baseball scholarship. He played under Coach A. Olgetree; who was listed as third highest ranked coach in the nation for the most wins. (He was not young like Reilly and Carpluk!). Mitch continued to “pound the pill” with a .305 BA. He later transferred to Mira Costa College in Oceanside, California; where he played under Coach John Seely (age unknown). He hit .386 with 6 four baggers. In 1988 through 1989 Mitch played in the MLB Summer Rookie League in San Diego with the Chicago Cubs and New York Mets (Let’s go Mets!). In the fall of 1989, Mitch returned to the East Coast (the right side) to play for Long Island in the New York State Empire Games. In 1989 through 1990, he played semi-pro ball for the league champion Huntington’s A’s; batting .484 with 10 “Dingers” and was the team’s MVP.

Mitchell hung up his spikes shortly thereafter and went to work for Fed Ex Flight. He currently lives in Kissimmee, Florida with his wife Kim of 19 years; and daughter Nikita (college) and son Mitchell Junior (high school).

Mitch spends his free time writing his custom motorcycle (Victory Hammer), fishing, and enjoying life to the fullest with his family and friends.

To close the story, we congratulate our honoree by drawing on the old “baseball anthem” by John Fogerty, Centerfield: “A-roundin’ third and headed for home is a brown-eyed, handsome man.



## Ed “Buster” Rivers 1976

Edward (Ed) came to Central Islip at the start of his senior year in 1974 to live with the Moreno family. Incidentally, the Moreno’s son, Joe Moreno, is a former New York Jet was an early inductee to the Central Islip Sports Hall of Fame. There must have been something in the water! During the next two years, “Buster” as he became known as, amassed six varsity letters - two in football ,two in wrestling, one in lacrosse, and one in track. He was an All-League full back averaging 4 yards per carry and received the team’s Best Tackler Award with over a 180 bone-jarring hits from his linebacker position. On the mats, he placed third in the league heavyweight division. Also a good student, he received the Industrial Arts Award for fine performance.

On graduation, Ed received a full scholarship to C.W. Post University for football; where he went on to play for 4 years, bulking up to become Defensive Tackle. He was a member of the Pioneer Team that won the Lambert Bowl in 1976. In the off-season, Ed served as student athletic trainer under head trainer and later Athletic Director, Vinny Salamone. Ed’s outstanding effort and solid work ethic in this area awarded him the Louis Zaccard Memorial Award. Ed was also active in other campus activities as a founding member of the Malik Sigma PSI Fraternity (still in existence) and was the winner of the first Crown Award; emblematic of a student who best presents the positive qualities and image of the university.

After graduation in 1981, and Ed begin a long and rewarding career in physical education and coaching. Throughout the years, he assisted Coach John Shaughnessy at Central Islip and Coach Sam Kornhauser at Stony Brook University in football. He coached football and wrestling at the eighth grade, ninth grade, and varsity levels as both assistant and head coach at Longwood High School .In 1988,Ed’s wrestling team ranked Number 1 in Suffolk County and Long Island; finishing third in the state. All this while, Ed pursued his teaching career as a physical education instructor for over 30 years. He also served at various times as a recreational therapist at the Central Islip Psychiatric Center and as an Adapted Physical Education instructor at Longwood High School and Stony Brook University.

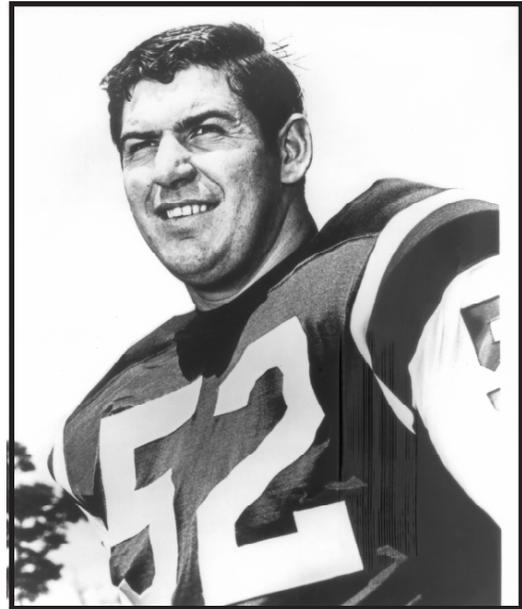
Ed was also active in community affairs as a member of the Patchogue Kiwanis Club, the Black Republicans, and President of the Eastern Long Island Black Education Association.

Ed is happily married to his loving wife of 32 years, Jacqueline Yancy River and they are the proud parents of four beautiful daughters: Dawnyse River Meyers – Hofstra University graduate and Athletic Trainer; Starlyse Rivers Butler – Norfolk State University graduate and executive assistant, both of Locust Grove, Georgia; Moonee River- Temple University graduate, High School History Teacher, Queens, New York; and 1st Lieutenant in the Gordon Heights Volunteer Fire Department; and Kendra Rivers – graduate of Longwood High School. That paragraph alone is worthy of a lifetime achievement award for raising for successful young women.

Welcome aboard, Buster!

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## John “Smitty” Schmitt Resident ‘60



There is always an exception to the rule. In this case, the reason for it is extraordinary, as our honoree John Schmitt did not attend Central Islip High School. He was raised in Central Islip and attended Saint John of God (1-8) and only his parents and an act of faith sent him to Seton Hall for high school. The Musketeer's loss was Mother Seton's gain.

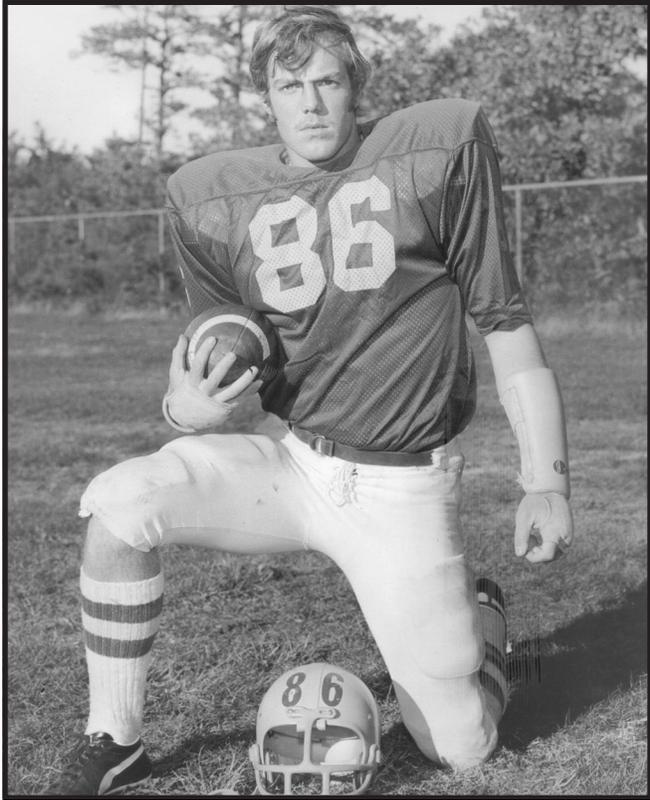
Recently, John told his old friend and classmate, Jack Cassidy, that he would be greatly honored to be considered for the hall. It was unambiguously agreed upon by the Committee that this would be a most deserved and fitting precedent for several other outstanding athletes who grew up in Central Islip, but attended private high school.

While at Seton Hall, John began a long climb to NFL stardom and in magic moment in sports history. Smitty was a four-year standout in football and was named as a First Team Defensive Tackle to the New York City Daily News All-Star Team and in his senior year, he also played four years of indoor/outdoor track for Seton Hall with specialties in the shot put, discus and hammer.

John accepted a full scholarship to Hofstra University under Coach Howdy Myers; after considering offers from USC, Kings Point, and CW Post, among others. While at Hofstra, he lettered for three years and was named to the Little All-American Team in 1963.

On graduation in 1964, John was assigned a free agent by the New York Jets. He was converted to center in hopes of replacing an aging veteran, Mike Hudiak. He worked long and hard to master his new and demanding roll. He made his initial debut over the ball against the San Diego Chargers, Ernie Ladd; at the time, the biggest man in pro ball at 325 pounds. He survived that day and went on to become one of the premier centers in the NFL over an 11 year career (Jets-10 years and Packers one year). He was named Jets Captain and an All Pro for three years. During that time Smitty played on some great teams, but none would rival the historic Super Bowl III squad of 1969. Their improbable, almost impossible and inspirational victory over the Colts marked the start of the sports phenomenon we see today; a quasi-national holiday where millions take time out for "The Game". After his retirement, John entered the business world where he has achieved the same great success experienced on the gridiron. Today, he is Chairman of the Board of PFP Corporation, a credit services company with over 300 employees operating in 17 states.

John has been married to his high school sweetheart Joann for 54 years. He states: "She gave me my first kiss - it must have been a good one." They have three children; John and Timmy who were VIPs of PFP Corporation; and daughter Jacquie. John and Joann have seven grandchildren (five boys two girls); granddaughter Lilly is an All-American Lacrosse player at John Hopkins University and a pre-med student; granddaughter Sarah, is a basketball and soccer standout at the University of New Hampshire; grandson Jack, is in the junior Bruins hockey program at BBN Prep.



## Steve Wickwire 1973

Steve was born in the Bronx and moved to Central Islip in 1956; and starred in little league baseball and basketball in the 1960's, winning a number of team and individual awards. Steve continued his athletic endeavors with the CYO at St. John of God. He ran 100 yard dash in track and led the basketball team to a Long Island Championship in the 1968-69 season. His 12 year old baseball team also won the New York State Tournament. In little league he boomed three homers in on game on two occasions! That's a lot of timber!

Steve was a three sport stand out at Central Islip High School in the early 1970's. On the gridiron, he played tight end and defense (three years). He was a strong forward on the basketball court (two years) but it was on the diamond that his star truly rose. As a slick-fielding first baseman with an explosive bat, he helped the Musketeers to the County finals in 1972 and set up an unusual slugging feat by blasting three triples in one game.

Upon graduation, Stephen attended Tarkio College, in Missouri on a basketball scholarship. He was an All-Conference selection in his sophomore year. Unfortunately for Steve, the college ended its baseball program in 1975. However, Steve continued to sharpen in hard ball skills by heading up the baseball club and becoming the Intramural Sports Director.

Steve graduated from Tarkio in 1977 with a BA degree in Secondary Education and Physical Education. His playing days were not over by a long shot; professional scout thought so highly of his abilities that he received two separate tryouts with the New York Mets at Shea Stadium. Failing to make "the show" by a slim margin, Steve turned his talents to softball where he played for ten years in the major division in the Town of Brookhaven USSA. He later umpired for another five years in the league and coached NYS LYSA (youth) baseball 1995 -1999 and 2005- 2008 and football and 2003- 2004.

Steven has worked as a manager for over 43 years with Waldbaums/DiCarlo. He has been married to his wife Brenda for the past 33 years they live in Yaphank, New York and have three sons (Like Fred McMurray) Steven (30), Ryan (28) and Richie (21).

Stephen continues to stay active with his hobbies: nature photography, golf, fishing, and travel.

We welcome this hard-working Musketeer as he steps into the plate in the Central Islip Sports Hall of Fame.

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# Central Islip



# Little League

It IS Americana. Little League Baseball. It began here. Our entire world now embraces it. Bikes pressed against dugouts and fences. Replaced by station wagons and, now, SUV's. It is the same game, though. Glorious in its idyllic goodness. Our professionals can never return to it. And, for certainty, many of them yearn for it. But, it is pure. And it belongs to us all.

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# Central Islip Fire Department

## “Hoboes” Drill Team

### HOBOES DRILL TEAM

New York State Champions 1963-1970-1976-1978-1990-1993-2010-2013-2014-2015

Suffolk County Total Point Champions: 1976-1977-1978-1979-1986-1988-1993-2010-2013-2014-2015

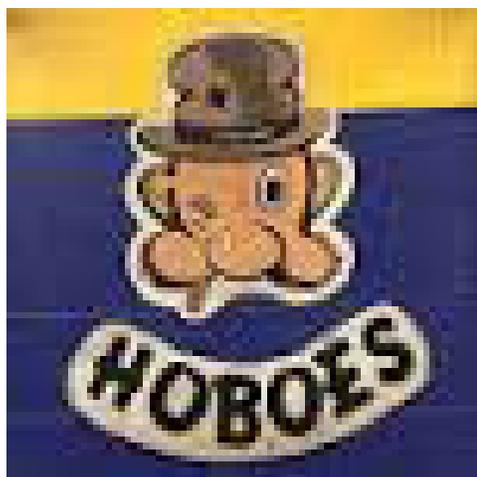
Competition between the many volunteer Fire Departments on Long Island can trace its history back to the late 1800's when tournaments were held to display the firefighting skills of the volunteers using the equipment in use at that time. These would consist of ladder climbing and hose events that also included hand-drawn equipment and, of course, a 'bucket brigade'.

With the development of motorized vehicles, these contests evolved over many years to what is used today, but the 'basics' of these competitions echo back to an earlier time when each Drill Team strove to be the 'best' at that day's tournament.

Central Islip's earliest entry into these events took place in 1909 when the 'Central Islip Fire Company' voted to take place in the #1 and #2 contests to be held at the Annual Tournament in Southampton in September. There is no mention of the 'Company's' performance in these two events in the minutes. Central Islip also attended the Suffolk County Volunteer Firemen's Association tournament in Sayville in 1910 with the Hook & Ladder and Chemical Engine (at the time, the Department's only two pieces of equipment).

This intermittent participation at tournament competition continued until finally on July 6, 1925, a 'Racing Manager' was appointed (although it was not stated who filled this position) with the following members joining our first organized 'Running Team' (as it was referred to): J. Arthur Mulligan, Henry Wolf, Sr., Ber-fred Wolf, Lynn Dickson, Lou-ligan, Thomas Nolan, James Thomas Shaughnessy, Wallace sessions were conducted on the Islip Town Volunteer Fire-2nd in both the Efficiency and trophies are still on display at est trophies for Drill T e a m

The Team took part in 1926 placing in six contests. used for competition. Equip-(such as the 'Patrol Truck') used at the Drill, and the truck was over.



nard Simms, Thomas Cordingley, Al-is Updyke, Harry Melton, Charles Mul-Nolan, Kyrle Skinner, Henry Martin, McCrone and Edward Gibson. Practice Church Street. This Team participated in men's Association tournament finishing Chemical Engine contests – these two the Fire House and represent our earli-competition.

the Southern New York Drill at Islip in Up to this time, regular apparatus was ment stored on a pumper or other truck was removed for the day, the truck was restored for service when the Drill

In 1929, William Kirschnik donated a truck for racing purposes to the 'Hose Company' for the Department to maintain and compete in tournaments. There is no description of this vehicle and no photo in the records. This year (1929) is also the Team's first entry into a New York State Drill which was held in Saranac Lake – 11 members participated.

Team Captain Robert Groth suggested in 1937 that the Team have a nickname, as did most other Drill Teams. A contest was held on a Department level for possible names with the winner to receive a prize of \$5.00. Ex-Chief J. Arthur Mulligan choice of the "Golden Arrows" was decided as the best entry and the Team used this name through the 1940's.

At this time, the Department purchased 'racing suits' for use at tournaments. One of these suits is on display at Headquarters, having belonged to long time Team member, Reggie Miller.



# Central Islip Boys' Soccer Championship Teams



1965

We know that a lot of kids play it and love it. We know they use a white ball with some designs on it, that looks like a basketball. but rolls on the ground.

These young men took that to a higher level, by winning the highest honors that can be achieved in high school soccer, the Championship. Congratulations and welcome to the Central Islip Sports Hall of Fame.



1967



1994



2013



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**CENTRAL ISLIP SPORTS**