

**BEACON HIGH SCHOOL
HALL OF FAME**

**Edward Zwinscher
Class of 1964**

Edward Zwinscher is being inducted into the Hall of Fame for his basketball accomplishments. Ed was Beacon's sharp shooting guard who never seemed to miss a shot from the outside. Ed was a member of the 1962- 63 and 1963- 64 basketball teams. As member of 62-63 team he was a contributor to the team's 20-0 season that included a sectional championship. The 63'-64 team went undefeated in the Dutchess County Scholastic League (10-0) and the regular season (17-0). The two teams set a school record by winning 38 consecutive games. Ed was a two time DCSL All Star and as a senior was named Oneonta tournament Most Valuable Player and DSCL Most Valuable Player.

Ed took his basketball skills to Hartwick College in Oneonta, New York where he was a four year starter. At Hartwick, he was a defensive specialist for the Hawks.

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**Reuben "Yogi" Simmons Senior
Class of 1980**

Reuben Simmons is being inducted into the Hall of Fame as a football player. Reuben was a tremendous running back.

As a junior, Reuben scored 84 total points, a school record; 12 touchdowns, 10 extra points and 1 two point conversion. His 12 touchdowns were a school record for most touchdowns in a season. Reuben also ran for 901 yards. As a senior Reuben scored 10 touchdowns and ran for 714 yards and had 353 yards in kick returns. His 1,615 yards rushing was a career school record at that time. Reuben was All County three years and was team captain in his senior year.

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**Eric 'ROMO' Romanino
Coach and Athletic Director**

Eric Romanino began his 34 year career as a Physical Education teacher and coached his way into the Beacon Bulldog record book. 'Romo' is the only Beacon coach to have won at least 100 games in two sports as he accomplished the feat in both wrestling and baseball. His wrestling teams won six league and two divisional championships and he had a career 108-65-3 record as varsity wrestling coach. He was also named 1994 Section 1 Wrestling Coach of the Year. As varsity baseball coach, his record is just as impressive as his teams won four league titles and the 1991 Section 1 championship. In 1990, Romo was named Beacon Evening News Baseball Coach of the Year. In 1994, Romo became Athletic Director and proceeded to give a new vision to the Beacon Athletic Department. He led the charge to develop student athletes and as a result in 1995 we had our first NYSPHSAA scholar athlete team and since then we have had over 100 teams honored. He has encouraged our coaching staff to train athletes year round and we have seen a huge growth in the number of athletic scholarships our program has earned. Eric has started team parent meetings as well as putting together the seasonal athletic newsletter. Romo promoted sportsmanship and, in 2009, our athletic teams were recognized with the NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Award and, in 2012, our athletic teams were recognized with the Section 1 Sportsmanship Award. Romo was the driving force behind the establishment of the Beacon Bulldog Athletic Hall of Fame. Romo also was involved in promoting Section 1 as he was Section 1 wrestling chairman for the past 20 years and served on the Section 1 Executive Committee. In 2013, Eric was named Section One NYSPHSAA Athletic Director of the Year and in 2014, Romo was inducted into the Section One Wrestling Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

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1955 and 1956 Football Teams

In 1955, Beacon joined the newly formed Dutchess County Scholastic League (DCSL). Under the outstanding coaching of Jim Gauriloff and Mike Scoba they guided a team with a strong line and powerful, fast running backs to emerge as league champions the first two years. They beat teams in the league that were from larger schools (Arlington, Wappingers Central and Roosevelt).

They also beat non-league teams from Newburgh ('55), Peekskill ('55-'56) and Suffern ('55). In 1956 Beacon's tough defense allowed only two points against them in league play. A feat that has not been repeated. These teams produced four All County selections: Running backs Lou Amoroso and Bob Schlegel, tackle Bob Galletta and quarterback George (Mickey) McKenzie.

LOU AMOROSO	JAMES HUGHES	NICK SCHETTINO
JERRY ANTALEK	PHILLIP JERZAK	ROBERT SCHLEGEL
TONY ARRIGO	JOHN KELLY	LOU SPACONE
PETER BEST	JERRY KOMISAR	BILL SPREEN
JOSEPH BLANCHFIELD	JERRY LACOLLA	EUGENE STEFFANACCI
DAVE BURKE	JOHN MAGEE	JOHN STEFFANCI
JIM COTTON	ED MCDERMOTT	MIKE STEFFANCI
DON CRING	GEORGE MCKENZIE	JOHN STELLA
DENNIS DARCY	JAMES MUSACCHIO	RICHARD SUGG
ALEX DRITAS	ROBERT MYRICK	LEN SUPPLE
WALLY DURSO	JOE NEWTON	RICHARD TALBOT
HENRY EDDY	JIM O'LEARY	RICHARD TEN EYCK
DANIEL GALLAGHER	JOHN PAVELOCK	ED TIGHE
BOB GALLETTA	JOHN PAPO	STEVE TROCHAN
AL GRIFFIN	DIGGER PHELPS	FRED WARE
JOHN HALEY	JOE PHILLIPOVICH	MELVIN WHITENER
BILL HOCKLER	JIM PHILLIPS	ROBERT WILLIAMS
JOHN HOPPER	WILLIE PICKENS	DOUG WOLFE
ROGER HOWELL	JAMES RAYMOND	JAMES YANARELLA

