

The NHIAA Hall of Fame Class of 2019:

Fred Bailey, Administrator, Groveton



Under the category of coach, the NHIAA is pleased to welcome Mr. Frederick Earl Baily into the Hall of Fame. Fred attended Woodsville elementary, middle and high school. Throughout his time in school Fred was an honor roll student and a member of the National Honor Society. He was also the Valedictorian of his senior class. Upon graduation from Woodsville, Fred attended Plymouth State College and earned a degree in education. In 1968 Fred joined the faculty and staff at Groveton High School as a student teacher and JV basketball coach. The following year Fred accepted a full time social studies position at Groveton High School where he remained an eagle for the next 34 years. During his tenure at Groveton, Fred served his community as a teacher, coach, athletic director, assistant principal and principal.

Fred began his varsity coaching career in 1971. This same year found Fred taking on the responsibilities of athletic director which he held until 1994. During Fred's tenure as the varsity basketball coach during the 1970's he and his teams amassed a record and dominance which placed Groveton on the basketball map. Fred's teams won three state championships in a row from 1977 through 1979. As noted by longtime friend Gary Jeness, perhaps Fred's greatest accomplishment as a coach was during the 1978-1979 season. After winning his second straight championship in 1978, Fred lost his entire starting line-up to graduation. Faced with a group of gritty and determined student athletes rather than the pure shooters he had the previous year, Fred utilized the talents of his players to be one of the best defensive teams of his coaching career, winning his third consecutive state championship plaque. Fred's tenure with Groveton came to a conclusion after the 1980 season, yet he still lent his skills and talents to the kids of the North Country through his involvement in his daughter's and son's AAU teams. When he finally hung up his coaching whistle in 1988, Fred had amassed a career record in basketball of 240 wins and 63 losses. Perhaps most impressive is that only one technical foul was called against him over the years.

Fred instilled in his players that hard work is its own reward and to never settle. He encouraged his players to try to be better, not just on the court but in life in general. He truly believed the old adage that winning is not as important as wanting to win and succeed. While he worked hard to get his players to embody these core values, one only needs to look at Fred Baily the person and educator to know that he lived by the message he worked hard to instill into his players. Congratulations to Fred on your induction into the NHIAA Hall of Fame.

John Bosa, Athlete, Keene



Under the category of Athlete, the NHIAA is pleased to welcome Mr. John Bosa to the Hall of Fame. John graduated from Keene High School in 1982. He was being recruited to play football in college when late in the recruiting cycle, Boston College offered him a full scholarship. John chose to attend BC despite the recent struggles in their football program. He knew it was the best combination of football and academics for him to succeed.

John played an integral role in the turnaround of a struggling BC Eagles program. He arrived at Boston College weighing just 218 pounds, too light to play defensive end. He red-shirted his first year, spending time in the weight room working on his strength and agility. Eventually working his way up to 265 pounds, where John earned a starting role on the Eagles defense. By his senior year, John was named captain, and the Eagles were playing in their fourth bowl game in five seasons. John was in on 119 tackles that year, and the Eagles won the 1986 Hall of Fame Bowl against Georgia. John graduated from Boston College in 1987.

Professional scouts recognized John as an unsung star on the Eagles defense. He was a relatively unknown player who had gained regional recognition, but for the most part flew under the national radar. It was in the 1987 NFL Draft when John's name would gain national recognition. Then Miami Dolphin's Head Coach Don Shula used a first round pick to select John 16th overall in the Draft. John's rookie season was highlighted by a Defensive Rookie of the Year award, and leading the Dolphins in sacks and finishing second in tackles. John was named AFC Defensive Player of the Week three times in his rookie year. Unfortunately knee injuries ended John's professional football career after just 3 seasons with the Dolphins. Following his playing career, John stayed in Miami and alongside his wife raised his two sons.

It is not often that we see talent of John's level here in the Granite State, but his accomplishments at Boston College and in the National Football League are a point of pride for his hometown of Keene, and the state of New Hampshire. It is with great pleasure to welcome Mr. John Bosa into the NHIAA Hall of Fame.

Mark Collins, Coach, Groveton

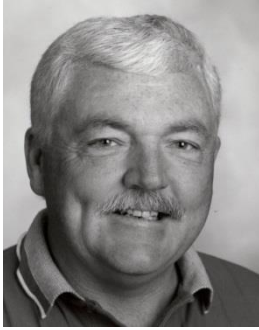


Under the category of Coach, it is with pleasure that the NHIAA welcomes Mark Collins into the Hall of Fame. Mark attended Groveton High School and was a 4 year, 3 sport athlete. Over the years, Mark has coached youth Basketball, Soccer, Baseball, and Softball in his hometown. In 1988, Mark took the reigns of the Groveton High School Boys Basketball team and has been the leader of the program ever since.

During Mark's tenure on the sidelines, his teams have been amongst the most successful in the state of New Hampshire. With an overall record of 440-203, his teams have been characterized by their exemplary work ethic, dedication, and how to play as a team. Mark would be the first to tell you that it is because of his team's dedication to become better athletes and not his abilities as a coach which has made Groveton a perennial power in Division IV Basketball. Those who know Mark closely say he is a very sincere and genuine individual who prefers his players to get recognition, not himself. That said, it is fitting that we take this time to recognize that under Mark's leadership, his teams have won 7 State Titles. Mark's teams have achieved 2 undefeated seasons and won 73 consecutive games from 1997-2001. In addition to his passion for coaching high school basketball, Mark has been a mentor for countless young coaches in the North Country. Perhaps the best reflection of Mark is found in the words of one of his closest rivals and fellow coach, Buddy Trask. Buddy states, "Mark's Groveton teams are always well prepared, disciplined, and play hard-nosed, tough basketball." He goes on to state that Mark has done an outstanding job of adjusting his system to the student-athletes who come out to play year in and year out. Mark knows how to get the most out of his players and the proof is the number of games and championship plaques that are displayed at Groveton High School.

As stated, Mark is all about his kids and the sport of basketball. Although he truly believes that the kids deserve all the credit, the NHIAA Hall of Fame Selection Committee believes that it is time to recognize Mark for all of his efforts on behalf of his hometown Groveton, New Hampshire.

Rick Forge, Contributor, Gilford



Under the category of Contributor, the NHIAA is proud to welcome Mr. Rick Forge to the Hall of Fame. Prior to Rick's graduation from Dover High School in 1971, he was a standout basketball player for the Green Wave who was coached by NHIAA Hall of Famer Greg Kagilery. Rick attended Plymouth State College earning his BS in 1975. After graduation, Rick took a science teaching position at Somersworth High School and began his coaching career.

As the Girls Basketball coach for the Hilltoppers for 12 years, his teams won the Class I Championship and made it to the Semifinals twice. In his 8 years as the Boys & Girls Cross Country coach, his teams were state Runners-Up. During Rick's illustrious 26 year coaching career in the sport of Softball, his Somersworth team never missed the post season, charting 26 tournament appearances, earning 6 titles, and reaching the semifinals 20 times. In total, under Rick's tutelage and guidance, his Somersworth teams earned over 750 wins. Rick can still be found on the basketball court and softball diamond lending his guidance, now to the student-athletes at Gilford High School. Since becoming the Girls Basketball coach, his Eagles have earned playoff births in all 12 seasons he has been head coach, made the Semifinals 4 times and the Finals twice. As an Assistant Softball Coach for 17 years at Gilford, his teams have made the Semifinals 6 times, Finals 3 times, and won the State Title twice.

As impressive as a coach Forge has been, his contributions to the sport of Girls Volleyball have been immeasurable. Rick was a founding member of the New Hampshire Volleyball Officials Organization in 1982. He has served on the organization's board since 1985, was the Apprentice Chairperson for 17 years, NH Rules Interpreter since 2003, and has officiated over 1,000 NHIAA varsity matches.

Long time Athletic Director and NHIAA Hall of Famer Harry Blood states that over Rick's career, he has recognized the importance that student-athletes have on their school, community, and state. He has always been proactive in setting the standard for the student-athletes on the playing field and in the classroom, and recognizing them for their accomplishments. Today it is fitting that we recognize Rick for all that he has given to not only the student athletes of Somersworth and Gilford but to student athletes across the state.

Donna Martineau, Official, Rochester

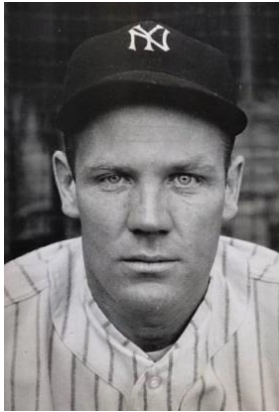


Under the category of Official, the NHIAA is pleased to welcome Donna Martineau into the Hall of Fame. Donna's introduction into the world of umpiring came as a result of attending her brother's Little League Baseball game in 1974. While in attendance, the need arose for an umpire. Donna quickly volunteered and this started the career which we are here to celebrate today.

Donna is a Nashua High School graduate, Class of 1977. Between her teaching and officiating, Donna still finds time to play competitive ice hockey on a senior women's travel team. After high school, Donna attended the University of New Hampshire and where she was a member of the Women's Ice Hockey team. Upon her graduation with a BS in Music Education, she began her teaching career. Currently, Donna is in her 36th year teaching 6th, 7th, and 8th grade mathematics and computer science to students at the Paul School in Sanbornville.

Current New Hampshire Softball Umpires Association (NHSUA) Supervisor of Officials Peter Perich states that Donna is one of the founders of the Umpires Association. Joining the Association in 1978, Donna quickly was rated one of the top officials in the state. This spring will mark Donna's 42nd year officiating Softball in New Hampshire. During that time she has been assigned to work countless NHIAA regular season and tournament games. Giving back to her association, Donna served as President from 1993-1994. Her peers recognized her significant contributions to the sport of Softball in 2018 with her induction into the NHSUA Hall of Fame. It is certainly fitting that the NHIAA follows the lead of honoring an individual who has given so much of herself to the student-athletes in the state of New Hampshire.

Red Rolfe, Athlete, Penacook

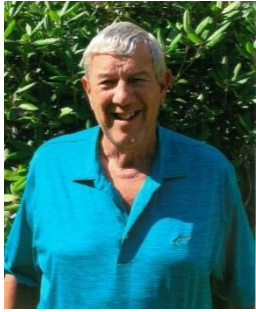


Under the category of Athlete, the NHIAA is honored to welcome the late Robert Abial “Red” Rolfe into the Hall of Fame. The “Pride of Penacook New Hampshire”, Robert, or “Red” was born on October 17, 1908. Throughout his life, Red made the most of his 5’11”, 170 pound frame, became a student of the game of Baseball, and was an integral player on the New York Yankees teams from the mid-1930s through his retirement in 1942.

Red was considered by those who know him as a good student and an even better athlete. Red played on the Penacook High School team as a 7th and 8th grader. The humble Red noted that he played as a 7th and 8th grader not because he was an exceptional player, but because there were not enough kids around to fill the team. In 1922, his team won the Merrimack Valley League Championship. During the 1925 season when he played for the Sunset Elks, Red won the honors of Most Valuable Player. During Red’s senior year in high school, the left-handed hitter and shortstop was considered the best player on his team. Upon his graduation, Red completed a post graduate year at Phillips Exeter prior to attending Dartmouth College. At Dartmouth, Red’s coach quickly recognized the shortstop’s talent. Due to the coach’s connection with the New York Yankees organization, Red was scouted by the Yankees early in his college career. By his senior year, pro scouts from across the country made the trip to Hanover, New Hampshire to see Red play. By the Spring of 1931, Red decided that playing baseball with Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig was an offer he could not refuse.

Red’s debut in pinstripes was as a defensive replacement on June 29, 1931. After a number of years in the minors and a change of position, Red became the regular 3rd baseman for the New York Yankees in 1935, a spot he would only relinquish upon his retirement in 1942. While the Yankees of the late ‘30s were setting records, the “Pride of Penacook” batted second and held down 3rd base for the team. Red spent 9 years with the Yankees, earned 4 All-Star selections, and boosted the organization to 6 pennants and 5 World Series Championships. The NHIAA is honored to welcome Robert Abial “Red” Rolfe into the Hall of Fame.

Dennis “Bucky” Tardif, Administrator, Timberlane



Under the category of Contributor, the NHIAA is proud to welcome Dennis “Bucky” Tardif to the Hall of Fame. Born in Lawrence, Massachusetts, Bucky attended Central Catholic High School and graduated in 1964. He went on to study Education at Suffolk University in Boston, Massachusetts.

Bucky began his coaching career in 1978 when he took over the Boys Basketball program at Timberlane Regional High School. In his 6 seasons as Head Coach, Bucky led his teams to tournament appearances in each season, reached the Semifinals, Finals, and took home 2 State

Championships. His teams won 31 consecutive games under his tutelage. While these serve as highlights of his career, Bucky notes the most satisfying win occurred in 1981, when his 16-1 Owls took on the 17-0 Central Catholic team, the #1 team out of Division I in Massachusetts. The Owls won the game by 1 point, and went on to win the Class I Championship that year.

Bucky took over as Athletic Director at Timberlane in 1985. He served on numerous NHIAA Committees, as well as the NHIAA Council. Bucky also served as the President of the New Hampshire Athletic Directors Association (NHADA) in 1989-1990. As an Athletic Director, Bucky sought to help his peers around the state by developing the Spring Athletic Director’s Conference for the NHADA, an event which still takes place each year. He also helped develop a Student-Athlete Leadership Program for the NHADA.

In 1995 Bucky returned to the sidelines, this time as the Girls Basketball Coach for the Owls. Bucky’s team completed the only undefeated regular season in Timberlane Girls Basketball history. In addition, his teams reached the Quarterfinals, Semifinals, and Finals under his leadership.

Bucky retired in 2010 allowing him to spend more time with Sue, his wife of 41 years, and his four grandchildren. Although he is a Massachusetts native, Bucky’s career speaks to his belief that New Hampshire is a special state where schools and athletic administrators work together to serve its student-athletes. Bucky worked hard to create a positive athletic experience for every student-athlete he came across. We are honored to welcome Dennis “Bucky” Tardif into the NHIAA Hall of Fame.