



NEW HAMPSHIRE INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

The NHIAA Hall of Fame Class of 2018:

William Ball, Coach, Exeter, NH



Under the category of “Coach”, the NHIAA is honored to welcome William “Billy” Ball into the Hall of Fame. For the past 40 years, Billy has roamed the sidelines as a coach for the Exeter Blue Hawks. His long tenure has made tremendous impact upon the lives of generations of Blue Hawk Student-Athletes.

Hailing from Melrose, Massachusetts, Billy attended Melrose High School where he was a standout football, basketball, and baseball player. Upon graduation from high school, Billy attended Norwich Academy, where he graduated with a BS in 1977.

Billy joined the faculty and staff at Exeter High School in 1987 as an English Teacher and began his coaching career that same year. Over his 40 years at Exeter, Billy spent ten years as an assistant coach, two years as the co-head coach, and the last 25 years as the boy’s football coach for the Blue Hawks. In that time, Billy’s football teams have amassed a record of 196-67 and won seven State Titles while competing for an additional eight titles. Perhaps more important to any Blue Hawk is a 20-6 career record against Winnacunnet High School. He has had the honor of coaching the New Hampshire Shrine team and was named the “All-American Coach of the Year in New England” in 2007. Billy is viewed as a “leader amongst leaders” and as such is constantly giving back to the sport of football in the state of New Hampshire. Whether it is holding coaching clinics for new coaches, or mentoring and helping struggling programs, Billy is willing to do whatever is necessary to help out a fellow coach.

While a mainstay on the football field, Billy also lent his coaching talents for 20 years to the freshman and junior varsity basketball programs at Exeter, he gave up basketball upon accepting the position of Athletic Director in 1998. When Exeter High School began offering unified basketball a few years ago, Billy made his return to the court winning two Unified Basketball Championships.

It is safe to say that few individuals have had such a profound and lasting impact upon the greater Exeter Community. As stated by one of his fellow coaches, “Bill Ball develops the whole student athlete in terms of character, commitment, and sportsmanship.” To these values he is uncompromising for they reflect his own character and philosophy. More than just student-athletes, Billy’s players are expected and called upon to be leaders beyond the walls of the high school. This expectation transcends the football program due to Billy’s role as the athletic administrator. As evidence of this, Exeter High School has been awarded the NHIAA Sportsmanship Banner nine times in the last 19 years. This shows a collective commitment by all of Billy’s coaches to practice what Coach Ball directly preaches to his football team. While wins are great and losses hurt, to Coach Ball, nothing is more important than the lessons learned through sports and their application to life beyond high school.

While the accolades are many, including the naming of the Exeter High School Stadium for him, perhaps his most important achievement is his family. SAU 16 certainly owes Billy’s wife Laurie, their son William, daughter Patty, and three grandchildren a debt of gratitude for all they have sacrificed so that their husband, father, and grandfather could fulfill his passion and make a lasting impact upon generations of Exeter Blue Hawks.

Patricia Dunn-Luoma, Athlete, Derry, NH



Under the category of “Athlete”, we are proud to welcome Patricia Dunn-Luoma into the NHIAA Hall of Fame. Born in Derry, New Hampshire, Tricia attended Pinkerton Academy where she was a standout field hockey and softball player for the Astros. Tricia’s fall and spring seasons were spent representing her high school and in doing so, earned much respect and admiration from her coaches, teammates, and competitors. Tricia was named captain of the field hockey team and scored the winning goal in the 1991 Class L State Championship Game. According to her coaches, Tricia was highly coachable and was elected President of her class and served on the Student Council. Although she would relinquish the role of President to focus on sports, she remained fully engaged with her fellow classmates.

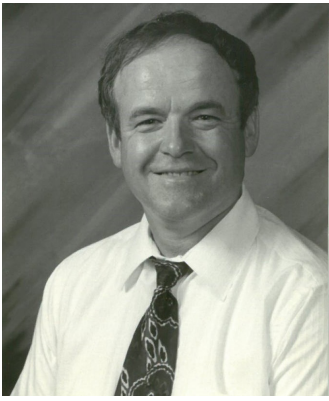
While field hockey and softball were passions born later in her formative years, Tricia vividly remembers being on skates at a very early age. Tricia’s mother recounts a story that the future Olympian brought home a learn to skate brochure she received in kindergarten and from there she was on the ice. Her mother recalls that she could always skate but she could not stop very well. Undeterred, Tricia competed on all-boys teams as all-girls teams were not established yet. Skating for one season with the mites in Derry, Tricia enrolled with the Manchester Flames Organization. During

her junior year at Pinkerton Academy, Tricia was able to join an all-girls team in Chelmsford, Massachusetts. Upon learning that women’s ice hockey would be included in the 1996 Olympics, Tricia became focused on the goal of becoming an Olympian to represent her country in the sport she loved. Upon graduation from Pinkerton Academy in 1992, Tricia attended the University of New Hampshire (UNH). During her career at UNH, Tricia played forward, scored 60 goals, 57 assists, and 117 points in 108 career games. In Tricia’s senior season, she was named to the all-tournament team after UNH won the ECAC Title in five overtimes against Providence College. Tricia graduated from UNH in 1996 with a degree in psychology, yet her playing career was far from over.

Upon graduation, Tricia tried out for and made the United States Olympic Team. As an Olympian, Tricia and the United States Team won a gold medal at the 1998 Winter Olympics in Nagano, Japan, a silver medal at the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, Utah, and a bronze medal at the 2006 Winter Olympics in Turin, Italy. Tricia’s US National Women’s team played in six World Championships and four times at the Three/Four Nations Cup. Tricia also played professional hockey with the Minnesota Whitecaps of the Western Women’s Hockey League.

With Tricia’s motto “If there were no tomorrow, how hard would you play today?” there is little question as to why a little 5 1/2 year old girl who brought home a learn to skate brochure in kindergarten grew into a highly successful high school, college, Olympic, and professional athlete. We are honored to welcome Patricia Dunn-Luoma into the NHIAA Hall of Fame.

William Makarawicz, Official, Hudson, NH



Under the category of “Official”, the NHIAA is proud to welcome William “Bill” Makarawicz into the 2018 Hall of Fame. A graduate of Nashua High School, Bill played varsity football for two years and played baseball for two years. Upon graduation from Nashua High School, Bill attended Keene State College where he played soccer all four years. Bill was certainly much more than a student-athlete, as he was elected President of his senior class and the student of the year in 1965. He was also the Treasurer of his fraternity, Alpha Pi Tau for two years. In addition, Bill served as the Keene State College Intermural Director for two years.

Prior to a 30 year teaching and administrative career at Alvirne High School, Bill served in the United States Army and is a Vietnam Veteran. At Alvirne, Bill taught math and was the school’s Athletic Director for seven years and Assistant Athletic Director for 30 years.

While his contributes to Alvirne High School are certainly worthy of much praise and appreciation, Bill’s contributions to the officiating world in the state of New Hampshire is without much comparison. For the past 48 years, Bill has been a member of the New Hampshire Baseball Umpires Association and the New Hampshire Basketball Officials Association. In addition, Bill has been a member of the New Hampshire Football Officials Association for the past 38 years and a member of the New Hampshire Soccer Officials Association for 30 years. If that were not enough, Bill was a member of the New Hampshire Volleyball Officials Association for 14 years and a member of the New Hampshire Softball Umpires Association for 40 years. Clearly Bill’s service to the student-athletes in the state of New Hampshire via the role of an official has very few rivals.

While longevity is certainly a hallmark of Bills, so too is his service to the various officiating organizations that he has long belonged to. Bill worked directly with schools as the Assignor for basketball for 24 years, softball for 16 years, and football for five years. Bill has served as the President of his local Basketball Officials Board 117 for two years and Vice President for six years. In addition, Bill served for four years on the overall state Basketball Officials Board. Bill served on the New Hampshire Baseball Umpires Board for 18 years, the New Hampshire Softball Umpires Board for 14 years, and the New Hampshire Football Officials Board for 12 years. Bill also served as the Commissioner of the New Hampshire Football Officials Organization for five years.

Over his illustrious career as an official in the state of New Hampshire, Bill has been chosen to officiate numerous NHIAA Tournament games and State Championships in soccer, baseball, football, softball, and volleyball. He was chosen to officiate the Shrine Maple Sugar Football game in 1993 and the CHAD Football game in 2012. Bill’s talents were not relegated to just the high school arena. Bill was also an NCAA Softball Official and lent his expertise to countless Pop Warner football games.

Bill has received the Lifetime Member Award in the basketball and football officials organizations, as well as the Larry Kleiner Baseball Service Award, the Union Leader John Clark Official Award, and the 2010 National Distinguished Active Official Award. It is most fitting that induction into the NHIAA Hall of Fame is added to Bill’s long list of accomplishments. Congratulations and thank you for all that you have given to the student-athletes in the state of New Hampshire.

Tara Mounsey, Athlete, Concord, NH



Under the category of “Athlete”, the NHIAA is proud to welcome Tara Mounsey into the Hall of Fame. Hailing from Concord, New Hampshire, Tara was a mainstay on two United State Women’s Olympic Hockey teams, yet her passion for the sports she excelled at was born during her formative years in Concord.

As her high school ice hockey coach stated, “Tara was a great hockey player, but also a great athlete. She would have succeeded in anything she tried.” As evidence of this statement, Tara was a standout student-athlete in field hockey, ice hockey, and softball during her years at Concord High School. As Tara attended high school in an era before girl’s ice hockey, she competed on the boy’s team for the Crimson Tide. Her skills and leadership were rewarded as she was named team captain her senior year. Her senior season concluded with a Class L State Championship in ice hockey and being named Class L Player of the Year. This is the only time that the player of the year award in boy’s ice hockey was won by a female student-athlete.

Upon her graduation from Concord, Tara attended Brown University, where she would eventually become a two-sport athlete. During her freshman year, Tara was named ECAC Rookie of the Year for her accomplishments on the ice for the Brown Women’s Ice Hockey team. After taking a year off from collegiate competition during the 1997-1998 school year, Tara returned to Brown where she was named 2nd Team All-Ivy League in Women’s Field Hockey and First Team All-Ivy League in Women’s Ice Hockey. In the 1999-2000 season, Tara’s senior year with Brown, she was named First Team All-Ivy League in both Women’s Field Hockey and Women’s Ice Hockey. Her 25 goals in field hockey placed her at the top of scoring for the Ivy League that year. As impressive as that single year was, in only two seasons of competition in field hockey, Tara left Brown as the school’s all-time leader in points (87) and goals (36). She was also a finalist for the Honda Broderick Award, honoring the four best field hockey players in the country and the Patty Kazmaier Award, given to the most outstanding Women’s Ice Hockey Player in the Nation.

Tara’s hiatus from competition at Brown during her sophomore year was to train for the United State Women’s Ice Hockey Team and compete at the 1998 Winter Olympic Games in Nagano, Japan. Tara and her teammates brought home gold medals that year, yet her Olympic career was not over. In 2002, Tara would once again wear the red, white, and blue and represent the United States at the Olympic Games in Salt Lake City, where her team won silver medals. Over Tara’s Olympic career, Tara scored 13 points in 11 games.

Tara is far more than an outstanding athlete. She has earned a degree in Neuroscience from Brown University and a Master’s Degree from Boston College. She has gone on to become a Nurse Practitioner working in a hospital in Massachusetts. While she has been known to still “lace them up” from time to time, the hockey outlet for this two-time Olympian, college, and high school standout student-athlete is coaching her two sons. It is with great pleasure and pride to welcome Tara Mounsey into the NHIAA Hall of Fame.

Jamie Staton, Contributor, Auburn, NH



Under the category of “Contributor”, the NHIAA is pleased to welcome Jamie Staton into the Hall of Fame. Jamie’s drive and determination to highlight the accomplishments of student-athletes in the Granite State are certainly worthy of induction. His commitment to teaching life lessons to the student-athletes via his position at WMUR shows what kind of a person Jamie truly is.

Jamie grew up in Windham, New Hampshire and attended Pinkerton Academy where he played soccer and baseball. Upon his graduation in 1986, Jamie attended Ithaca College and studied broadcast journalism. While his career began in Kentucky and West Virginia, in 1998, he jumped at the chance to return to his home to cover sports for the Granite State.

Since joining the team at WMUR, Jamie has covered everything from Super Bowls to regular season high school sporting events. He brings the same passion to the air each night regardless of the level of competition. Be it professional or high school sports, Jamie is there to highlight the accomplishments on the field of competition. According to a colleague, “Jamie gets just as excited to bring a local students’ accomplishments to the television audience as he is to run a national sports story.” For his dedication and skills at his craft, Jamie has earned numerous awards in his industry to include; Emmys, an Edward R. Murrow Award, and in 2017 was named Broadcaster of the Year by the NH Association of Broadcasters.

As far as high school sports in New Hampshire is concerned, as one of his colleagues put it, “Jamie is a huge advocate of New Hampshire high school sports and is the force behind the weekly fall broadcast of Friday Night Football.” He has proven that his is willing to travel to all corners of New Hampshire to find great stories about young student-athletes. His skill as a journalist is telling that story in such a way as to engage a greater audience into who that person is and just how special their accomplishments are.

Jamie is certainly a man who believes in giving back and utilizes his platform to do just that. The New Hampshire Battle of the Badges hockey game was his brainchild. Engaging New Hampshire police and fire departments in an ice hockey game all in the name of charity for the Children’s Hospital at Dartmouth has raised not only much needed funds, \$2.4 million to date, but awareness about countless young people struggling with life threatening illnesses. Jamie is a great supporter of Special Olympics in the state and works to raise awareness for this through fundraising and running the Boston Marathon to benefit these athletes. Jamie is also the driving force behind New Hampshire Tackles Hunger each fall for the past number of years. This initiative encourages schools to get involved in collecting donations for their local food pantries. Each fall, schools across the state collect thousands of pounds of food to help those in need.

Jamie Staton is certainly a home town guy who is teaching student-athletes to not only play well, but to also do well in their communities. As stated by a colleague, “Jamie loves watching our student-athletes do well. He is proud of them all and shows it in his work.” We are honored to welcome Jamie Staton into the NHIAA Hall of Fame.

Matthew Swedberg, Contributor, Moultonborough, NH



Under the category of “Contributor”, the NHIAA is honored to welcome Matthew Swedberg into the 2018 Hall of Fame class. Originally hailing from Washington DC, Matt, his six siblings, and his mother and father moved to the family homestead in Moultonborough when he was five years old. Matt attended Moultonborough Central School as an elementary student, then moved across the street and attended high school at Moultonborough Academy.

Upon his graduation from Moultonborough Academy in 1987, Matt attended Brandeis University for one year then transferred to Plymouth State University (PSU). It was at PSU where Matt established himself as a strong student-athlete and graduated in 1991 with his BS in Education with a Physical Education specialty.

It has been said that the name Matt Swedberg is synonymous with basketball in the state of New Hampshire. While at Moultonborough Academy as a five year varsity starter, Matt earned records which still stand today. He still holds the record for most points over his career (1722), most points in a season (627), most points in a game (50), most free throws in a season (150), most free throws in a game (19), and career rebounds (734). He was the team MVP three years in a row, named Mr. New Hampshire Basketball in 1987, and 1987 McDonald’s Boys Basketball All-American. Perhaps most importantly, however, Matt and his team won the 1987 NHIAA State Championship. While at Plymouth, Matt’s career 1062 points ranks him in the top 20 all-time scorers for the Panthers. He was named to the Little East Conference Honorable Mention team and team captain for the 1990-1991 season.

Since graduating from Plymouth State University, Matt has turned his love of sport into a highly successful career as a teacher, coach, and athletic administrator. At Pittsburg High School, Matt coached soccer, basketball, and baseball from 1991 to 1994. During the 1994-1995 school year, Matt served as the varsity boys basketball coach at Pittsfield High School. Matt arrived back at his alma mater in 1995 serving as the JV and assistant varsity coach and has been at the helm of the varsity program at Moultonborough since 1996. Since 1996, his teams have earned a combined record of 253 wins and 196 losses. His teams have won three Division IV State Championships and finished runner-up once. In 2005-2006, his team finished undefeated during the regular season and in 2011-2012 Moultonborough went undefeated during the regular season and throughout the NHIAA tournament. While his team accomplishments are what Matt treasures most, it is important to note that he has been named New Hampshire Basketball Coach of the Year four times.

Perhaps, most important of all is how humble Matt is as an individual and how dedicated he is to his family, his community, and to the sport of basketball. Together with his wife, Chris, they have raised five children, the two oldest have gone on to play collegiate basketball. As a coach, teacher, athletic administrator, he has instilled into all who have had the privilege of working with him not only the sound fundamentals of basketball, but a dedication and pride in the small Lakes Region town he has been honored to represent. It is with great pleasure to welcome Matt Swedberg into the NHIAA Hall of Fame.