
Preserving the Sports History of Chautauqua County



Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame

15 West Third Street - Jamestown, NY 14701

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2012 CSHOF INDUCTION BANQUET

The Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame will hold its 31st annual Induction Dinner on Monday, February 20th, at the Lakewood Rod and Gun Club.

Inductees on the Class of 2012 are **Betty Bartkowiak, Ben Bishop, Jim McElrath Sr., John O'Neil, Greg Peterson and Bob Schmitt.**

The guest speaker will be **Andre Reed**, former All-Pro receiver for the Buffalo Bills and finalist for the NFL Hall of Fame.

The CSHOF will also honor twenty-nine (29) of Chautauqua County's top teams and athletes for achieving New York State championships, All-American status or All-State status in their respective sports during the past year.

Nick Guarino	SUNY Fredonia	NCAA D3 Track & Field National Champion 800 m & 1500 m
Lindsay Beckstrom	JCC	NJCAA All-American swimming
Morgan Molfino	JCC	NJCAA All-American swimming
Lindsay Torres	JCC	NJCAA All-American swimming
Nikita Warner	JCC	NJCAA All-American swimming
Aubree Jones	Mt. Union College	NCAA D3 Track & Field All-American - javelin
South County Storm	YMCA	National Champions Level VI - cheerleading
Jo-Ann Love-Lewis	Bemus Point	NYS Trap Shooting Champ Ladies Single
McKenna Maycock	Chautauqua Striders	USATF Natl. Jr. Olympics All-American - pentathlon
Craig Howard	Chautauqua Striders	USATF Natl. Jr. Olympics All-American - decathlon

Craig Howard	Chautauqua Lake	New York State Div. II Champion – pole vault
John Strickland	Panama	New York State Div. II Champion – high jump
Girls Cross Country Team	Maple Grove	New York State Class D Champions
Megan Marsh	Maple Grove	First Team All-State Class D – cross country
Hope Pietrocarlo	Maple Grove	First Team All-State Class D – cross country
Holly Eliason	Sherman	First Team All-State Class D – cross country
Zack Fancher	Pine Valley	First Team All-State Class D – baseball
Zeddie Williams	Silver Creek	First Team All-State Class D – football
Dalton Peterson	Frewsburg	First Team All-State Class D – football
Dan Lictus	Clymer	First Team All-State Class D – football
Alex Grace	Maple Grove	First Team All-State Class D – football
John Nickerson	Maple Grove	First Team All-State Class D – football
Jason Pembridge	Maple Grove	First Team All-State Class D – football
David Waterman	Maple Grove	First Team All-State Class D – football
Nick Nocek	Fredonia	First Team All-State Class C – football
Tanner Hoose	Southwestern	First Team All-State Class C – football
Dan Petruccello	Southwestern	First Team All-State Class C – football
Jake Swan	Southwestern	First Team All-State Class C – football
Peter Trathen	Southwestern	First Team All-State Class C – football

Paul Beedle Construction Donates Labor



Paul Beedle Construction Company, Sugar Grove, PA, has installed the slotwall in the new exhibition areas at the CSHOF. “We are very appreciative of the efforts **Paul Beedle, Nolan and Jay Groves and Jay Anderson** (left to right in photo) contributed to our renovation project,” said CSHOF President Randy Anderson. “Their expertise and equipment made a big job go smoothly and without a hitch. The walls look great. We thank them for their support and friendship.”

Lory Lodestro - Inductee of the Month



Although just missing the major leagues, **Lory Lodestro** was one of the top pitchers ever to come out of Chautauqua County and gave countless hours to the youth of the area.

Lodestro was born on January 26, 1896, in Vallelunga, Italy, and came to Falconer when he was four. He attended school until he was 12 and then left to help support his parents and five brothers and a sister.

After World War I service in the Army overseas, Lodestro pitched very successfully from 1918-1923 in the minor leagues for such teams as Syracuse and Newark of the International League, which was just a step away from the majors.

Also, he hurled for Saginaw and Kitchner of the Michigan-Ontario League, Hagerstown of the Blue Ridge League and Petersburg and Rocky Mount of the Virginia League, Lancaster of the Mid-Atlantic

League and Lowell of the New England League.

Lodestro later became a player, coach and manager with numerous area baseball teams. He was also an outstanding volunteer as he taught baseball and football to area youngsters for 54 years.

He coached six Junior American League baseball teams to five county championships and one district title. Additionally, he guided three county association squads, the Falconer town team and several Babe Ruth teams.

Lodestro was the type of person whose main objective was sportsmanship rather than winning.

Nicknamed Larry Peel, Lodestro had several players he coached on the first Pony League team for Jamestown.

In his younger days, Lodestro played tackle for the semi-pro Falconer Merchants and one of his teammates was Henry Mosher, who died in World War I and has the Henry Mosher Post 638 in Falconer named in his honor.

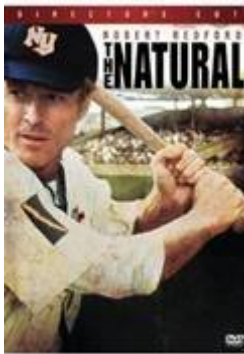
When a brochure was printed commemorating Falconer's centennial, it stated about Lodestro, "He taught us so well, and he died without an enemy in the world; he was low pitch, easy going, a strong man with plenty of courage and a dislike for any reference to star status." Lodestro was married to Grace Ognibene in 1923 and were parents of four children - Lorraine LaMancuso, Sally Gregory, Rose Marie Johnson and Lucian Lodestro and had 10 grandchildren.

Deceased *Post-Journal* Sports Editor Frank Hyde wrote in his 1977 "Frankly Speaking" column that "fellows like Lory Lodestro, the old furniture worker, come along periodically during a lifetime. Often their talents and their great personalities are overlooked until they pass on. Then

their true character is appreciated and missed. That was Lory Lodestro, who played sports and the game of life with the gusto of a true champion."

Lory Lodestro died in 1977. He was inducted into the Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame in 1994.

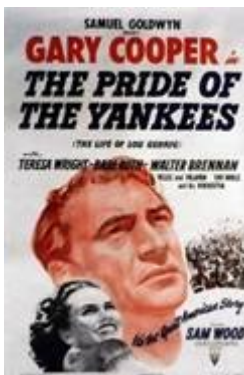
CSHOF to Screen *The Natural* and *Pride of the Yankees*



The Natural, the tale of unknown middle-aged batter named Roy Hobbs with a mysterious past who appears out of nowhere to take a losing 1930s baseball team to the top of the league, will be shown Wednesday, February 1, 7 p.m., at the Robert H. Jackson Center in Jamestown. Scenes from *The Natural*, were shot in Buffalo's War Memorial Stadium and South Dayton.

The Natural, starring Robert Redford, Glenn Close and Kim Basinger, originally released in 1984, will be the third classic sports film shown in a series of eight Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame movie nights that will be held on the first and third Wednesdays, from January through April at the Jackson Center. The movies are open to the public with no charge.

Lee Harkness, director of the Downtown Jamestown Development Corporation will introduce the film and relate his experiences in leasing horses to the production. Also, **Dave Roehmholdt**, Jamestown High School baseball coach, will explain the acting role his great-grandfather had in the film.



Two weeks later on February 15, *Pride of the Yankees*, starring Gary Cooper and Babe Ruth, will be featured according to CSHOF director Scott Kindberg, chairman of the movie night project. The 1942 biopic traces the life of Lou Gehrig, the hall of fame baseball player who played in 2130 consecutive games before falling at age 37 to ALS, a deadly nerve disease which now bears his name. Gehrig is followed from his childhood in New York until his famous 'Luckiest Man' speech at his farewell day in 1939. *Post-Journal* columnist and baseball fan **Paul Lombardo** will introduce the film.
